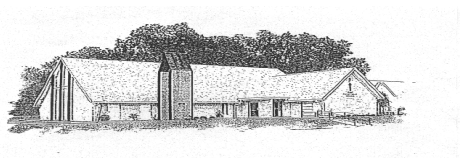


**ANOTHER TRIP TO BORDER PLANNED IN FEBRUARY, 2019**

During the initial Outreach Committee meeting, a mission trip to McAllen was discussed. Several members coordinated calendars and settled on leaving the morning of Sunday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and return Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the third mission trip to the McAllen area from FPC Henderson. We invite others to please consider joining us to assist the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in receiving asylum seekers and assisting them as they prepare for their journey to locations all over the United States. Lodging arrangements for us have been made at the FPC McAllen through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We take our own bedding; air mattresses are provided. We provide our own food, cook in the kitchen at the church and/or eat out. We also pay a small fee (\$100 per person) to the church for use of the facilities. I have volunteered at the Humanitarian Respite Center several times. McAllen is one of the safest cities in the United States and I've never felt threatened in any manner. We encourage you to consider joining us. You will encounter people longing for a safe environment to nurture their family. Should you have questions, contact me at 903-738-1346. If you are interested, I encourage you to visit with Jan Mims, Bert Lowe, Kathy Porter, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Lynn or John Ticken as they can share their previous experiences and answer questions you may have. If you do not plan to go, please consider sponsoring the expenses of someone else and keep our group in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
John Ticken



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Hello Saints,

This first month has been a delightful whirlwind. I confidently hoped from my time with the Pastor Nominating Committee that I would feel comfortable here. But I had no way of anticipating just how warm and welcoming the First Henderson community would be. You feel like the family I never knew. We are certainly cut from the same cloth!

As I make the rounds in committee meetings and Sunday morning study, I'm discovering that your love for one another and connection with God runs deep. I know I have big shoes to fill, and I welcome the challenge of your high standards. I am proud and honored to be your pastor.

You may not realize that you are a very special group of individuals. In helpful, gentle and appropriately pastoral terms, a couple of your "pulpit supply" ministers reached out to make sure that I knew how fantastic you are. It felt a little like a big brother asking questions of a suitor before a date with his little sister! Know that you are beloved even as you become more beloved by me.

You have been graciously patient with me as I am still learning names. I have enjoyed our one on one conversations and I hope more of you will drop by the office in your leisure time so I can get to know each of you better.

May the peace of the Lord fill your hearts,

Rev Michele



### **Fellowship Committee - Hospitality and Grace**

Is it February already. The beginning of the year is always so busy recuperating from the holidays, cleaning out closets and minds and getting all the resolutions in place for the fresh start. Then we blink, and it's February!

We are still welcoming members to sign-up to be part of our merry grace gathers and our Committee. We are fortunate to always have seasoned members as well as new members join us. There is a place for any and every one that wants to participate. To date, our Committee members include; Claudia Morgan-Gray-Chair, Jan Mims -Vice Chair, Lavonne Schauwecker; Katie Hurst, Judy Andrasko and Weldon Gray.

We will be putting together some great fellowship opportunities and we'll also be finalizing the long awaited reorganization of the kitchen! So stay tuned.

In the meantime, please **SAVE THE DATE** to join us for a "Soup Supper" prior to the Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a soup supper at 5:30 pm then proceed to service. Please also pencil in two additional dates in March: our Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup> and an installation reception for our Pastor – Rev. Michele Goff on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> after service.

If you would like to help serve on this Committee, our welcome mat is always out. If you have ideas you'd like the Fellowship Committee to take into consideration, please also feel free to share them with us.

But for now, keep love in your heart, peace in your soul and joy in every action toward your fellow people.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Did you know that there is a company turning plastic waste into fuel?**

A company by the name of Renewlogy in Salt Lake, Utah has found a way to renew plastic waste into fuel. Since China stopped taking the world's plastics for recycling for environmental reasons, recyclers worldwide have been scrambling for alternatives. Renewlogy is on a mission to renew waste, and it has found a way of turning all of those old yogurt containers, soda bottles and thin plastic bags into fuel.

Priyanka Bakaya, CEO and founder of Renewlogy, says the that their solution is to chemically recycle the plastic by taking the plastics back down into their basic building block. Renewlogy shreds the plastic and feeds it into its processor, which breaks down the carbon chains in the plastics. "Essentially, we're heating the plastic in an oxygen-free environment and we're breaking down the material until it becomes a vapor," she explained. "Then we cool those vapors to make different fuels." She said about 70 percent to 80 percent becomes a liquid fuel product. The company makes diesel kerosene, and light fuels; and about 20 percent becomes natural gas, which is used to heat the process. In the end, less than 5 percent of the material is wasted. She also noted no toxic emissions are created.

The long-term goal is to build its Renewlogy systems at recycling facilities across the country and set up facilities there so that it doesn't have to be shipped all the way to Salt Lake City. The city of Boise, Idaho, recently contracted with Renewlogy to take its plastics No.3-No.7. Residents separate those plastics into separate bags that now go to Salt Lake City. Read more at [www.renewlogy.com](http://www.renewlogy.com).

The Christian Education Green Team





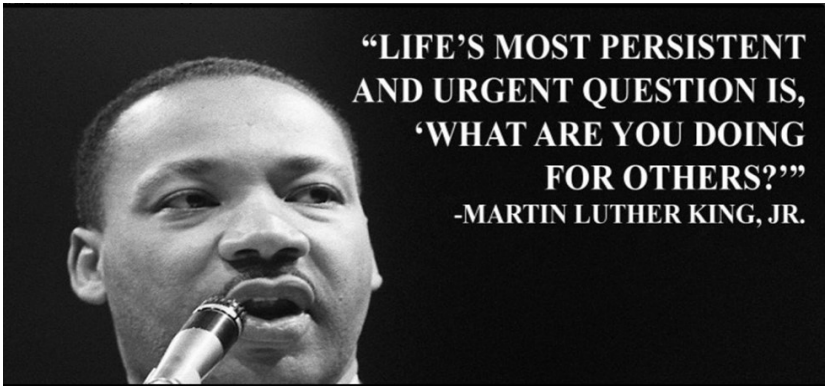
The Outreach Committee (now combined with Mission) met on January 21, 2019 for its initial meeting. We reaffirmed our goals and fine-tuned some budgetary items. We unanimously approved continuing participation in the four special offerings: **One Great Hour of Sharing focuses on hunger, disaster (PDA) and development and will be championed from March 6 – April 21; Pentecost focuses on children at risk, youth and young adults and will be championed from April 22 – June 9; Peace & Global focuses on peacemaking and reconciliation and will run from September 1 – October 6; and, Joy Gifts focuses on church leaders past, present and future and will run from December 1 – December 22.**

Through the Outreach Committee, we also assist many organizations that help make the world a better place including Grace Presbytery, Henderson Interchurch Ministry (HIM), Presbyterian Children’s Home, Rusk County Children’s Advocacy, Camp Gilmont. In addition and a little closer to home, our church through this committee, tends the garden of life of our neighborhood/community through our Adopt A Block program, our weekly Meals on Wheels delivery, our support of the School Supply Train, our commitment to help our neighbors through improve a block and celebrating annually during our Neighborhood Party.

We are helping to spearhead another trip to the Valley to help with the immigrant/ refugee welcoming. Several members of our congregation will be departing on February 24<sup>th</sup> and returning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the separate article in this Pipeline for more details.

We are excited about all the outreach ministries before us. We are grateful for the support and prayers of our congregation.

Peace & Grace from our grateful Committee,  
Bert, Claudia, John, Kathy, Jan P, Jan M, Jimmy, Lynn, Mariella, Katie & Rev. Michele



**On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion Baptist Church hosted the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. FPC Henderson was honored to be invited to not only attend but also participate in the MLK celebration. Bert Lowe, accompanied by Joshua Allen, paid tribute during the ceremony with a rendition of “His Eye is on the Sparrow.” It was beautiful! We hope to host this event in our sanctuary again.**

## WORSHIP

**Your Worship Team met for the first time this year with our new pastor, Rev. Michele Goff. We look forward to this New Year with joy and hope. We planned for upcoming special observances on the church calendar. Rev. Charlie Hornes` will fill the pulpit and officiate the Holy Communion Service on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, as Pastor Michele will be away. We invite the church to the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Dallas, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church as Pastor Michele will be received into Grace Presbytery. Perhaps a large group of us can carpool and caravan to express our joy in God’s gift to us, so please make plans now. Recently, final plans for Pastor Michele’s installation as Minister of the Word and Sacrament of FPC, Henderson, were finalized. The date is Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**On January 20<sup>th</sup>, our four newly elected ruling elders for 2019/2020, (Kelly Weaver, Steve Lowe, Kathy Porter, and Jan Mims) were received and installed. Jan Mims was ordained. Currently serving for the class of 2018/2019 are Claudia Morgan-Gray, Bert Lowe, and Lynn Tieken. As a congregation, we agreed to pray for all these elected officers, to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ.**

**The Worship Team planned for an Ash Wednesday service on the evening of Wednesday, March 6, 2019.**

**Current members of the Worship Team include Margaret Hillin, Cindy Ratliff, Jan Mims, Jimmy Chapman, Kathy Porter, Kelly Weaver, Scott Hurst, Pastor Michele Goff, and Lynn Tieken, Chair. Our organist/choir director provides needed input. We welcome new members as this is a very active committee. We meet monthly to continue providing worshipful and meaningful services glorifying our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**



*Worship Committee*

## GOOD NEWS!

The Henderson Recycle Center at 1203 Highland Drive is now open every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The newspaper bin is on the right side. Plastic, cardboard, tin, and aluminum are on the left side.



### *Liturgists for February:*

02/03 Lynn Tieken  
02/10 John Tieken  
02/17 Claudia Morgan-Gray  
02/24 Fonta Conway



Everyone please check your information in the FPC Directory and let us know of any updates or corrections. We will be revising and distributing a new directory in March.

**DUTY ELDERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:**  
Lynn Tieken & Jan Mims



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



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee now consists of Kelly Weaver, chairperson, Lynn Tieken, vice-chairperson, Carol Scoggins, Treasurer and Tom Weaver.

What does this committee do? According to our Book of Order, *“The session shall prepare and adopt a budget and determine the distribution of the congregation’s benevolences. It shall authorize offerings for Christian purposes and shall account for the proceeds of such offerings and their disbursements. It shall provide full information to the congregation concerning its decisions in such matters.”*

We are charged with the responsibility of being good stewards of all gifts given to our Church, all given for the Glory of God.

*Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.* 1 Peter 4:10



**We have received memorials in  
January in memory of:**

Bob Schauwecker  
Nayles Baake

Jane Fahle  
Joyce Henneke



**Rev. Michele Goff**  
She is here and on the job!  
Thanks be to God.

### **HAVE YOU MET OUR NEW PASTOR?**

Rev. Michele R. Goff has Office Hours on  
Wednesday & Thursday  
from 9:30am to 12:30pm.  
Or anytime by appointment.  
She can also be reached by email:  
ReverendGoff@gmail.com  
Or text/call her cell at: 918-232-6422





To date, the 2019 Christian Education (CE) Team are Bert Lowe, Team Leader; Claudia Morgan Gray, Vice Team Leader; Kathy Porter, Tolly Dill, Jimmy Chapman, and Ex Officio Rev. Michele Goff.

Our mission/goal is to grow disciples of Jesus Christ through the study of the Word and through books that provoke thoughtful contemplation and discussion. We also provide daily devotional books for members of our congregation, and oversee the contents and use of our Church Library and History Center. We also select and approve all educational curricula, including Sunday school lessons, nursery books, and New Member Class instruction. We also serve as the catalyst and contact with the PC(USA) for legislative and social issues; and we are proud to be the core members of the "Green Team" within the church.

An initial meeting of the CE Team will be scheduled soon to approve our application for PC(USA) recertification as an Earth Care Congregation, set dates for hosting the upcoming summer Vacation Bible School and to review curriculum needs. We will also be making plans for other important upcoming dates for advocacy: Earth Day (April 22, 2019) and Gun Safety Awareness Day/Wear Orange (June 7-9, 2019).

If you are interested in being a member of the CE Team, please sign-up on the committee sheet in the Narthex or contact Bert (903) 657-3248 or Claudia (903) 646-0506. We'll be delighted to have you join us!

The CE Team



SESSION NEWS.....

Kathy Porter was re-elected as Clerk of Session.

Carol Scoggins was elected as Treasurer.



**February 5** --- Our neighboring PC(USA) churches in Longview are continuing their Theology on Tap series. Each month, on the first Tuesday, they gather at Oil Horse Brewery at 6:00 pm for informal panel discussions. February 5 the topic will be Biblical Inerrancy. Future topics include a Race Relations conversation informed by Steve Miller's work. Anyone interested in carpooling from the church parking lot? Contact Rev Michele.

**February 10** --- First Methodist Church is hosting a Concert Series February 10 at 2:00 pm our own Choir Director Joshua Allen will be featured. Plan to attend. Other upcoming performances in the series: Jon Starling on March 24; Gene Evans on April 14; and soprano Hayley Scoggins on May 12.

**February 24** --- Border Trip Outreach is putting together a trip to McAllen, Texas, for February 24 thru March 1. John Tieken is already in contact with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to make our arrangements. If you would like to be a part of this trip, let John know.

**March 31** --- Installation for our pastor has been set for Sunday March 31 at 4:00 in the afternoon.

*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

Members of the Congregation: Carolyn Boren, Debbie Castro, Fonta Conway, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, and Lavonne and the family of Bob Schauwecker.

Connected Family: Billy Tapley (Bert's brother) and Bill Caldwell (Katie Hurst's father)

*All who need our prayers*





# February

2019

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

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31   | 1<br><i>Meals On Wheels</i>                     | 2<br><br>Groundhog Day |
| 3<br><i>Welcome to the Pulpit</i><br>Rev. Charlie Hornes`<br><br><i>Communion</i><br><br>Travis Reynolds           | 4   | 5<br><i>Choir Practice</i><br>6:00pm<br><br><i>Theology on Tap series</i><br>in Longview 6:00pm | 6   | 7<br><br><i>Christian Education Meeting</i><br>10:00am                                     | 8<br><i>Meals On Wheels</i>                     | 9   |
| 10<br><i>Worship Team Meeting</i><br>following service<br><br><i>FUMC Concert featuring</i><br>Joshua Allen 2:00pm | 11<br><br><i>Adopt-A-Block</i><br>4:00pm  | 12<br><i>Choir Practice</i><br>6:00pm<br><br>Bill Stanley                                       | 13  | 14<br> | 15<br><i>Meals On Wheels</i>                    | 16  |
| 17   | 18<br> | 19<br><i>Choir Practice</i><br>6:00pm   | 20  | 21<br><i>L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm</i><br><br><i>Session Meeting 6:30pm</i>                  | 22<br><i>Meals On Wheels</i><br><br>Briar Hurst | 23<br><br><i>Rev. Goff received into</i><br><i>Grace Presbytery</i>                                       |
| 24<br><br><i>Outreach Trip to McAllen</i><br>2/24 - 3/1  | 25<br><br><i>Pipeline Deadline</i><br><br><i>Outreach Trip to McAllen</i><br>2/24 - 3/1   | 26<br><i>Choir Practice</i><br>6:00pm<br><br><i>Outreach Trip to McAllen</i><br>2/24 - 3/1      | 27<br><br><i>Outreach Trip to McAllen</i><br>2/24 - 3/1 | 28<br><br><i>Outreach Trip to McAllen</i><br>2/24 - 3/1                                    |   |   |