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# THE PRESBYTERIAN PIPELINE

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## *Rediscovering Sabbath*

Aside from being one of the 10 Commandments, Sabbath has fallen by the wayside in our busy world. In my youth, I thought “remembering the Sabbath” meant going to church every week. Not only is Sabbath rest good for the soul, it is meant to be characteristic of what defines us as Christians. Sabbath is essential to setting limits on self-indulgence; it helps us find our place in the world; and it builds up our self-worth and the value of those around us. It is an intrinsic practice to living out the essential commands to love God and love neighbor as self.

The idea of Sabbath is as old as creation. In the beginning, God created for six days, and on the seventh, God rested. If God, the origin of everything, the Breath of Life, Creator of Chaos out of empty disorder, can trust that His good creation will function well one day without him, than our business in the world will certainly survive if we take a day off to focus on God and family.

This reminds us that we are not the center of the universe. No matter how important our work is, our souls deserve attention, too. A cycle of continuous giving, soon leaves us with nothing to give. It is essential to pause so that we can remember that we belong to God, to enjoy the families and loved ones that we work to support, and to be re-energized for a new week.

This includes worship, but it also includes time to step back from the pressure of the world to hurry up, do more and achieve more. God took the time to liberate the nation of Israel from the slavery of Pharaoh’s endless work cycle. When we celebrate Sabbath, we honor that freedom by acknowledging that we are not slaves to capitalism. We have the opportunity in Sabbath observance to re-evaluate our priorities and escape the anxiety that comes when there is no end to the things on our “To Do” list.

The goal for Sabbath is to set time apart to reflect on what is essential in life. Perhaps that means a break from electronic entertainment or screen time so family and friends can reconnect face to face. Perhaps it means a leisurely walk in the park. Perhaps it means watching the sunset together on the porch. It might mean time with the scriptures in prayer and meditation. It might mean not answering the phone for a few hours. On the other hand, it might mean making long-distance phone calls to loved ones.

Sabbath reminds us that even our rest is important to God. When we contemplate God’s concern for our well-being, it replenishes our personal aquifers of love and concern for each other, so that we can be more generous and loving in the world.

I hope that you are able to enter into a more dedicated and restorative Sabbath practice for yourself and for the glory of God.

*Rev Michele*



*Autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature*

Hard to believe it is already October – but here we are wishing Fall weather would find us and stay. We have some Fellowship opportunities in October and one that carries a bit of a bitter/sweet aura to it. On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, after church service we will have a potluck luncheon to bid our “see you later” to Tom & Pat Laney and to Lavonne Schauwecker. The Fellowship Committee is going to provide a stuffed pork loin as the entrée and we’re looking forward to all the delicious side-dishes, salads and/or desserts that you’ll bring to complement the meal.

As many of you know, Tom & Pat have moved to McKinney, Texas to be closer to children. They have sold their house here in Henderson. The house has been the thread that allowed them to be with us as often as they were during the transition time. And, Lavonne, sweet Lavonne, has moved to Tyler to be closer to her daughter. It only took six days we hear to sell her house so this “see you later” came on all of us very suddenly. While all of us are very happy for each of them as they move to the next new phase of their life in a new and exciting place with family and making new friends, we at FPC will always hold a place in our heart and a seat at our table for them. Please make plans to join us.

And aren't we clever – it is no coincidence that October 6<sup>th</sup> is also the grand opening of the new dog park in Henderson. The new “Fair Paws Dog Park” is located in the Fair Park just across from our church and our church and several individuals in our church have been avid supporters of this effort. In fact, Jan Pennal is one of the founding members of the Think PAWS-itive Foundation, the driving entity for this wonderful addition to our community and to our neighborhood. Soooooo – after we celebrate our time with and our love and best wishes for Tom, Pat and Lavonne, we hope that many of you will join us as we walk across the street and over to our new neighbor - the dog park - to help them celebrate the Grand Opening of Fair Paws Dog Park at 2:30. What better way to share a Sunday afternoon than with wonderful two-legged and four-legged friends. We do hope you'll stay and join in this celebratory event as well.

And while not an official fellowship event, several of us have been car-pooling together to attend the monthly Theology on Tap in Longview on the first Tuesday of each month. For October, that will be October 1<sup>st</sup>. It begins at 6:00 pm. This month, Rev. Michele is the moderator for the discussion which will be on “How We Change.” All of us could use a little help with how to do change better. If you are interested in joining us, please let Rev. Michele, Kathy Porter or Claudia know.

In the meantime, if you can't find kindness in this world, then make and give some kindness of your own!

A graphic for "special\_offerings" featuring a group of people in a warm, golden setting. The text "Peace at all times in all ways." is prominently displayed, along with the reference "— 2 Thessalonians 3:16". The logo for "PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS" is at the bottom, with the tagline "SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION".

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It is Christ Himself, not the Bible,  
who is the true word of God. The  
Bible, read in the right spirit and  
with the guidance of good teachers,  
will bring us to Him. We must not  
use the Bible as a sort of  
encyclopedia out of which texts can  
be taken for use as weapons.

-C. S. Lewis

*"We can complain  
because rose bushes  
have thorns, or  
rejoice because thorn  
bushes have roses."*

*- Abraham Lincoln*

## WORSHIP TEAM

Your Worship Team met Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in their monthly meeting following worship. We continue to plan for special recognitions in the next few months. World Communion Sunday is October 6<sup>th</sup>; All Saints' Sunday is November 1<sup>st</sup>, Thanksgiving, Advent season, and then, of course, Christmas. Our pastor, Rev. Michele, and our choir director, Joshua Allen, constantly have their thinking caps on to plan meaningful and insightful ways to bring attention to these special times on our church calendar. We are so grateful for their expertise and ideas, paying attention to detail and including everyone in the planning.

The last Sunday of October, we celebrate Reformation Sunday, commemorating Martin Luther's "95 Thesis" posted on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517, the birth of the reformed church. Reformation of the church was what was intended; not doing away with the present one. Luther believed "there is more that unites us than divides us". One motto of the Presbyterian Church is "reformed, and always reforming".

We are part of God's eternity, united by God's grace with many whom we have fought in the past. We are here in this time and place to mourn divisions, but also to celebrate what unites us—whether we're Lutheran, Calvinist, Catholic, Baptist, or Pentecostal or other. We are here because God calls us here through Scripture and preaching to hear God's Word. We are here to remember Christ's death and his resurrection, believing that Christ died to give his people new life so that they can live close to God and closer to each other.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank you that you are still at work in the life of the church reforming us, reshaping us, and remaking us into your image. We pray for your church that we be a beacon of hope, grace, love and light in this world, putting your will into action. May our open doors reflect your open arms to all. May our arms and hands reaching out to those in need reflect your love for all. May our forgiveness of one another reflect your forgiveness for all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.



Worship Committee

*Into the Church Triumphant*

**Jack Gray**

10/06/1920 - 09/20/2019



We have received memorials in September in memory of:

Jack Gray

*Liturgists for October:*

10/06 John Tieken

10/13 Claudia Morgan-Gray

10/20 John Hillin

**DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

**Lynn Tieken**



# POWERING TEXAS

**Did you know?** South Texas is attracting major investments from wind industry and helping Texas lead the nation in wind energy.

- Texas has 146 wind farms online with over 13,000 turbines and 46 active manufacturing facilities. Many of these are located in South Texas where they employ hard-working Texans.
- Texas State Technical College in Harlingen is running a successful Wind Energy Technology program to help staff the fast-growing industry. Employment of wind turbine technicians is expected to grow 96 percent through 2026.
- The wind industry is still steadily growing in South Texas. Last month, E.ON opened it's largest wind farm yet, in Willacy, Cameron and Hidalgo counties.
- School districts and communities across South Texas benefit from economic development agreements with the state. Starr County, for instance, was struggling with debt, but now, thanks to a diversified tax base and new stream of tax revenue, is debt-free.

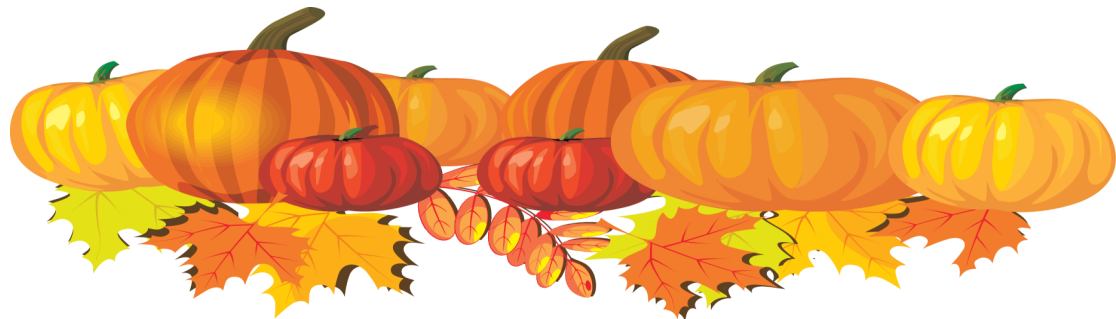


The Building & Grounds Committee wishes all of us a welcome to Fall.

It is a kind gesture but also a practical one as our air conditioners will not have to work as hard as they have been – and Lord knows they have been working as hard as they could.

As we mentioned last month, we have a few items on our “To Do” list and if you have noted something that needs to be done or looked at, please let us know.

We also mentioned last month and it, too, is worth repeating, please when you enter or exit the church using any of the doors -- Please make sure the doors close. Several of them are tending to stick a little and if not pulled/pushed shut they are not always closing completely. So, please, just that little extra check to make sure they close is greatly appreciated.



## COUNCIL ACTIONS SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

- **Worshipped and prayed together**
- **Reviewed and approved the Property, Liability, Directors and Officers Insurance with Church Mutual**
- **Reviewed and approved the Sexual Misconduct Policy of FPC**
- **Reviewed and approved the Child Protection Policy of FPC**
- **Approved usage of the Fellowship Hall**
- **Noted that Westminster Presbyterian Church had been praying for FPC Henderson the week of September 15-21**
- **Noted that a “See Ya Later” luncheon will be held on October 6 after worship for the Laney and Lavonne Schauwecker**

*Save  
the  
Date*

The Stewardship/Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for November 24th. Lunch will be provided by the Finance Committee. Watch for more information to follow.

*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

Members of the Congregation: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, the family of Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Mary Lowe, Cindy Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, and Sue Williams.

*All who need our prayers*

*Prayer*   
*Request*

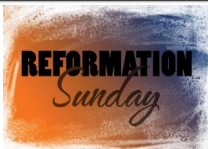


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# October 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Theology on Tap in Longview 6:00pm</i> <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i> Kim Miller	2	3 - Christian Education Meeting 11:30am - Fellowship Hall reserved at 2:00pm	4 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	5  Ryan Hillin
6 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> - "See You Later" Luncheon following service - Bring H.I.M. Donations - Fair Paws Dog Park Grand opening 2:30pm	7 <i>Home Communion Visits</i>	8 <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	9  Fonda Snow	10	11 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	12  Margaret Hillin
13	14 <i>L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm</i> <i>Adopt-A-Block 4:30pm</i>	15 <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	16	17 <i>Session Meeting 6:30pm</i>	18 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	19
20	21	22 <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	23	24	25 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	26
27  Judy Andrasko	28 <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	29 <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i>	30	31		
			<b>***Reminder***</b> <i>Bring H.I.M. donations the First Sunday of every month</i>			

