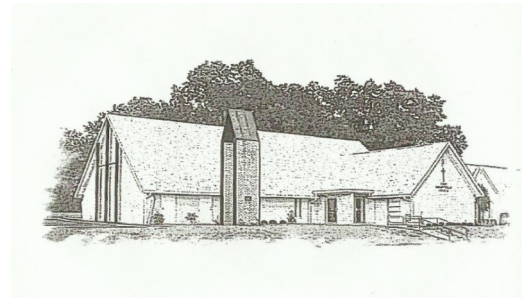




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Happy & Hot Summer!!

The **Building & Grounds** team sends “cool” thoughts to you as we continue to brace for the warmer weather of summer. The beginning of July begins the period known as the “dog days of summer.”

We find it interesting that the most popular and busiest sites in the United States during July are the US National Parks.

Closer to home, it is a little hard to think about the schedule for watering our gardens and yards with all the rain we’ve been receiving; however, it may be good time to check your sprinklers. When those “dog days” hit, watering your plants will become important.

Remember to do outside activities in the early morning to avoid the hottest part of the day. Also remember to keep your pets safe in the heat. And for all our pet lovers (and we have many, many), be aware that July 4th celebrations and noises may be enjoyed by many humans but not our four-legged friends and family pets. Take measures to keep them safe and calm.

Remember to support the local Farmer’s Market at Fair Park. They open at 7:00 am and remain until around noon. They also set-up in the pocket-park downtown on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00pm. We encourage you to buy local whenever possible and support our small farmers.

Take a minute from each day to enjoy God’s glory and creative hand at work all over the place including on our church grounds. Look around and take it all in.

Building & Grounds - Peace Out



Just an ever-so-gentle reminder of the glorious treasure we have in our FPC-Library. It is so much more than a room full of books – it is a room full of knowledge, history, adventure, past moments and future miracles. If you like having someone read to you – we have the audio book of the Bible. In addition, each book that the Sunday School class reads are included in our Library. So, spend some time with yourself and a book and experience the Library!

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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



May 2024:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$10,729	\$8,437	\$2,292	
April 2024:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$8,511	\$6,881	\$1,630	
Year to Date:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$44,630	\$46,069	-\$1,439	

DID YOU KNOW?

These brands sell tap water
in plastic bottles



When you buy “purified water”, it’s basically tap water in a plastic bottle. Nearly 64% of bottled water in the U.S. comes from municipal tap water sources, which means we often pay for water that we could drink for free from our tap. Companies that sell bottled tap water, collect the water and treat it before bottling.

However, while tap water is treated by water treatments plants and must meet a high standard of water quality, as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, bottled water companies do not have to meet these water quality standards. So basically, tap water is also purified water which has met quality standards. Researchers have found microplastics in both tap water and bottled water but higher amounts have been found in bottled water as microplastics can originate from the packaging itself.

Given the environmental impact of bottled water, people are turning to alternatives. The most popular alternative is filtered tap water. Adding a filter to your tap water, provides an extra layer of purification. Another alternative is the use of reusable water bottles. By using filtered water in a reusable bottle, individuals can reduce their reliance on single-use plastic bottles and contribute to a more sustainable future.

C.E. Green Team

The Water Depot, Quora, New York Rural Water Association, Easy Eco Tips,
secure.foodandwaterwatch.org, National Institutes of Health, ABC10



“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV)

Holidays, heat and summer family vacation time often find church goes worshipping outside the walls of the brick and mortar church walls. While we always enjoy seeing your smiling faces in the pews, we also understand there will be times. So, we’ve made arrangements for those times – you can catch us on Facebook. Watch live during service time or you go back and watch the service tape. Enjoy your time away and enjoy church service too!

We are very fortunate to have quality preachers filling our pulpit – and this month is no exception.

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| July 7 – | Steve Newton from Nacogdoches. We will share the Lord’s Table in communion. |
| July 14 - | Evan Dolvie from Longview |
| July 21 - | Jimmy Chapman |
| July 28- | Jan Spann an old friend returning |

We worship at 11:00 and would love to have you join us. We’ll save you a seat to share moments of fellowship, worship, wonderful music. See you on Sunday!

Please come and worship with us and bring a friend!

The Worship Team: Mary, Jimmy, Kathy, Lynn, Joshua, Liz, and Claudia

On June 7th, the Social Justice Arm of the **Christian Education Team** wore our orange shirts and held our annual prayer service. After that, we continued with time of community outreach. Under a tent in the parking lot, friends and church members gathered to provide information about support for gun safety. We handed out materials as well as gun locks to help make homes a safer place for everyone but in particular wee ones.



This month, the Sunday School class continues in its study of ***The Making of the Bible: From the First Fragments to Sacred Scripture***. This is a very interesting discussion of how the Bible came to be. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the discussion in the parlor at 9:45 each Sunday.

Blessing to all,
Jimmy, Steve, Claudia, Kathy, Lynn & Liz



“The webs we weave are like little strands of light leading the way” Michelle Irene



The Outreach Team says – Happy Summer to each and every one.

We are the only volunteers with the Meals on Wheels organization and we continue our faithful Friday delivery. And yes, it is an outreach in the community but the folks that we share those few precious moments with --- it’s priceless. We are glad to see and serve them and they are so glad to see us. Sometimes it is like a short visit with a distant aunt or uncle..... lovely. The Meals on Wheels Team is Lynn, Kathy, Kelly, Mary and Claudia and Rick. If you want to come be awesome with us, let us know.

We ***“Hustled Kindness”*** at the Rusk County Pets Alive facility on June 1st. It was a rewarding morning shared with people and pets. This organization is important to our community and participants and volunteers include members from our congregation: Kelly, Jan and Tammy. It was a wonderful morning shared.



We had a wonderful time representing our church at the ***Longview Pride*** event this year. Our table was a fan-favorite with our temporary tattoos, face-painting, buttons, and love. Thanks to Lynn, John, Kathy, Jimmy, Louise, Joshua, Ethan, and Sylvia for representing our church.

Our next ***Adopt a Block*** will be on Monday, **July 1, at 5:00 pm**. We have specifically decided to stay and bloom where we are – we walk the neighborhood around our church and visit with and check in on our neighbors. If you’d like to walk and visit with our neighbors – Come on and join us.

Keep your eyes on the changing outdoor sign..... words of wisdom. If you have something you’d like us to consider for the sign, let Jan or Claudia know. We are all within reach of grace, Claudia, Liz, Lynn, Mary, Kathy, Kelly, Jimmy, Louise, John, Jan, Weldon

Fellowship is of the Spirit.... And the Spirit is present at FPC Henderson.

Continuing our vibrant summer journey **‘Beloved Community’** – a season of sharing stories and lives, the Fellowship Team in concert with Outreach Team and Joshua, the Worship Arts Facilitator are inviting you to SAVE THE DATE and plan to attend the first of what we hope to be a monthly More Light Fellowship event. This first gathering will be a Potluck Dinner on **Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30.** We will share in fellowship and share table time; however, the event will be much more. We will share food, conversation and lead into focus time and open conversation about what it means to us within the church and to those friends of the church or interested parties of the church on what it means to us and for others that we are a More Light Church and Congregation. With elements of education and element of fun, we’ll explore and declare ‘we are who we say we are.’ Each month, we will address an element of the MORELIGHT designation.



- M= Mission
- O= Openness
- R= Reconciliation
- E= Education
- L= Love
- I= Inclusion
- G= Growth
- H= Healing
- T= Transformation

Come share the spirit with us. If you’re interested in attending or knowing more, please feel free to contact Claudia. We hope that the spirit will move you to come share more-light with us.

Always know, that each of you are with us always in mind, body and spirit even when we’re not together in person.

The Fellowship and Member Care Team
Claudia, Mary, Lynn, Kathy, Chris, Suzanne

The **Communications Team** met June 13th, with a full agenda. Key items we discussed included the virtual recordings of the church services. We agreed to continue as we are doing, and trouble shoot after each recording. We are also linking our Facebook page to Instagram and working to update our directory and brochure.

As is our norm each week your Communication Committee posts the church service bulletin to the website, assists with the streaming of the worship service, and posts songs used in the worship service to license companies as required by copyright laws. Also, we have continued to keep the church website updated and the Facebook page active with current postings.

Monthly we collect newsletter submissions, conduct multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and sign off on the newsletter for publication and distribution. If you have something to include in the newsletter, the submission deadline is the third Friday of each month. Please e-mail submissions to Liz and Claudia.

We remain resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation.

Team Members are Liz, Claudia, Weldon, and Kathy.



July 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 5:00 Adopt-a-Block	2	3	4 Independence Day  Office closed	5 Meals on Wheels	6
7 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion with Steve Newton Home Communion	8	9	10 6:30 More Light Fellowship Potluck Event	11	12 Meals on Wheels	13
14 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Evan Dolvie	15	16	17	18 2:30 L.E.A.N. Mtg.	19 Meals on Wheels Newsletter Deadline	20
21 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman	22	23	24	25	26 Meals on Wheels	27
28 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jan Spann	29	30	31			

Duty Elder for July:

Claudia

Liturgists for July:

7-Claudia

14-John H.

21-Kelly

28-Steve



July Birthdays:

18-JohnT.
19-Steve
19-Chris
19-Judy
20-Carolyn
23-Jan
27-Jimmy