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June is a transitional month for Christians. The fifty days between the Resurrection of Christ and the Day of Pentecost are coming to a close. Those fifty days of Easter are a time of rejoicing in the life of the church. They contain seven Sundays and the Seventh Sunday of Easter is June 1, on which we will celebrate the sacrament of communion. Pentecost Sunday arrives on June 8 and the liturgical color is red; so all of us are encouraged to wear red on Pentecost Sunday morning. "Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord. Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. June 15 is both Father's Day and Trinity Sunday. This Sunday celebrates the nature and mission of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. On June 22, we begin the season of Ordinary Time wherein the liturgical color becomes green for a very long time—almost to Thanksgiving. More on Ordinary Time next month.

The following persons will be in our pulpit for the month of June:

June 1—Steve Newton, Communion Sunday

June 8—Jimmy Chapman, Pentecost Sunday

June 15—David Reeder, Fathers' Day and Trinity Sunday

June 22—Steve Newton

June 29—Brendan McLean



Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Worship Committee

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

FPC's building and grounds committee remains active with several projects that are ongoing. John, Charlie, John H., Steve, Tom, along with Kathy and Jan are staying current with maintenance on our A/C units as we approach summertime. There is also discussion on how to permanently correct the courtyard flooding problem we have been experiencing for sometime, and cleaning up the overhang of trees and shrubs behind our church is soon underway.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

May 25, 2025

- Prayed and shared joys and concerns together
- Adopted an Anti-Racism Policy as required by Presbytery
- Decided to make a donation to the Building Campaign of Camp Gilmont
- Gave permission for the Fostering Collection to use our Fellowship Hall on a Wednesday for the beginning of their Sensory Walk (Date to be determined)
- Heard plans for cleaning the fence line in the back of the church with the help of the neighbors
- Decided to have a “garage sale” in order to clear out unused items in the storage rooms in the back of the Fellowship Hall (Date to be determined)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School class which meets in the parlor at 9:45 will finish its excellent study of the book *Faith Unraveled* by Rachel Held Evans on June 1.

On June 8, we will begin a study of *Appreciate These Things—8 Ways to Cultivate Compassion* by Jill Duffield. Reverend Duffield was the editor of The Presbyterian Outlook for several years and is now the senior minister at a large Presbyterian Church in North Carolina. She is an excellent writer; the class has already studied her books on both Advent and Lent, and is looking forward to this new one. If you are interested, please join us in the church parlor at 9:45 AM on any Sunday.

Jimmy Chapman—Moderator of Christian Education

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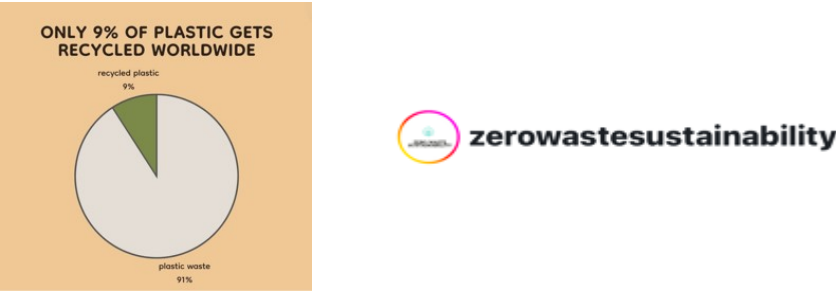
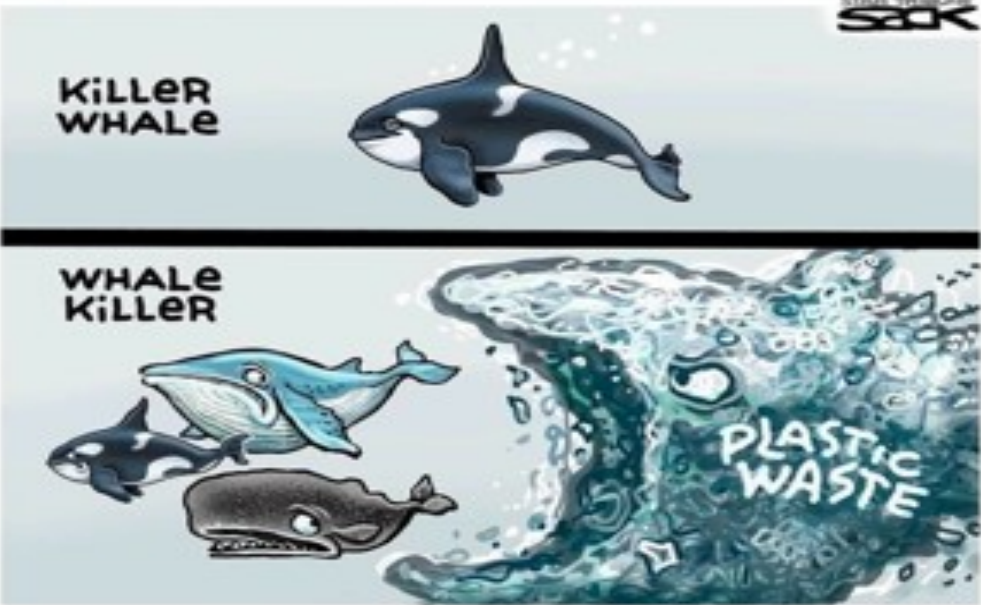
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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



April 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$8,250	\$6,226	\$2,024
March 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$8,650	\$14,064	-\$5,414
Year to Date:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$31,057	\$31,639	-\$582

DID YOU KNOW?



C.E. Green Team

Thank
you! 

We received “thanks” for our support from:

- ◇ Presbyterian Hunger Program
- ◇ Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services
- ◇ More Light Presbyterians
- ◇ Camp Gilmont
- ◇ Rusk County Children’s Advocacy Center

FELLOWSHIP

The next catered fellowship luncheon will be on Sunday, July 13. Our team motto is simplicity with excellence in all we do. This will be our second gathering of 2025 and you can be assured the food will be tasty, the time together will be true!

Kathy, Mary, Suzanne, Kelly and Jan hope you will plan on worshipping God and sharing a meal together. See you there!

OUTREACH



Louise, Lynn, John T., John H., Jan, Kathy, Sylvia

May activity – May 5, committee meeting, May 8, attended Chamber Mid-morning coffee, May 13, Hustled HISD School Board with sweets

June plans – June 12, 9:30 AM, attend Chamber Mid-morning coffee at Hershell’s; June 28, 9:30 AM, Adopt-A- Block, everyone welcome, meet at the church.

The **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** remains busy as each month we collect newsletter submissions, conduct multiple proofreads of the newsletter draft, and sign off on the newsletter for publication and distribution.

We update the church website each month, and we are working to update the membership directory.

If you have something to include in the monthly newsletter, the submission deadline is the **fourth Monday** of each month. Please send e-mail submissions to Liz and Kathy.

We are honored to serve the congregation.

Your Communications Team:

Liz, Kathy, Louise



June 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Communion with Steve Newton Home Communion	2 11:00 Worship Meeting	3	4	5 Office Closed (staff vacation day)	6 Meals on Wheels	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jimmy Chapman 	9 11:00 Worship Meeting	10	11	12 9:30 Chamber of Commerce Mid-Morning Coffee @ Hershell's	13 Meals on Wheels	14
15 Fathers' Day 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder	16 11:00 Worship Meeting	17	18	19 2:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition Meeting	20 Meals on Wheels	21
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Steve Newton	23 11:00 Worship Meeting Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26	27 Meals on Wheels	28 9:30 Adopt-a-Block
29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Brendan McLean	30 11:00 Worship Meeting					



Liturgists for June:

1—Suzanne

8—Kathy

15—Louise

22—Carol

29—Steve



June Birthdays:

30—Mariella