

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## August 2021



## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

As you know, the session voted unanimously a few weeks ago to establish a committee to do planning for the future of the church. We will establish a plan for several areas that we believe are important for future growth, especially in the area of young families. Such things as a new website, new and more visible signs inside and outside the building, a more welcoming atmosphere within the building itself, and among our members are only a few of the things to be studied. The members of the committee are:

Kurt Andrews, moderator of Building and Grounds

Dan Boyles, Treasurer

Susan Andrews

Margo Strickland

Dee Dee Pope-McHenry

Molly Teague

Seth Sexton

Anthony Emerson

Dianne Brown, Michael Odom, Caitlin and Edward Hernandez, Staff members

Please be in prayer for these people as we do our best, with God's help, to plan for the years ahead of worship and ministry to our community.

*And on another note...*

The Presbytery of the Pines will be meeting at our church on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9. That will be the first in-person meeting since Covid began more than a year ago. Before that date there are many "chores" to be done around the building and the yard. We will also need volunteers to be at the registration table, plan and prepare a reception in the fellowship hall following worship on Friday night, as well as lunch on Saturday. It will take all of us working together to put our church's best foot forward! Kurt Andrews has already come up with a list of building and grounds projects and we will begin working on that soon. Ladies, you will be contacted (or you can volunteer!!) about the food and hospitality needs. I am incredibly proud, not only our building, but especially of you, the members, and I take every opportunity to brag! I know already many of you will roll up your sleeves and help prepare for this event.

Faithfully yours,  
Dianne

# AUGUST CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class  
 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (live-streamed on Facebook)  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

### MONDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Annex

### WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Card Ministry  
 6:00 p.m. Family Night Potluck Supper  
 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (in-person & Zoom)  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

### THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SUNDAY, August 1

- Long Communion  
 9:00 a.m. Destination Dig VBS

### WEDNESDAY, August 4

- 5:00 p.m. C.E. Meeting

### THURSDAY, August 5

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, August 8

- 9:00 a.m. Destination Dig VBS  
 12:00 p.m. VBS Luncheon

### WEDNESDAY, August 11

- 5:10 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

### SUNDAY, August 15

- 9:00 a.m. Rally Day Breakfast  
 Worship - Commissioning of Educators

### WEDNESDAY, August 18

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, August 19

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
 5:15 p.m. Session Meeting



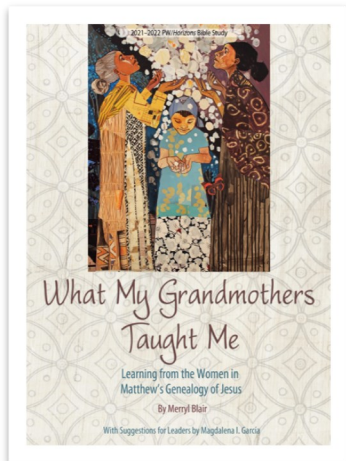
Please join FPC on Sunday, August 15 for Rally Day. We will start off at 9:00 a.m. with a breakfast in honor of our Sunday school teachers and students. During worship the new teachers will be commissioned and all ages of students' backpacks will be blessed for the upcoming school year. Bring your friends and families and help us celebrate the outgoing and incoming teachers and our amazing students as they make their journey to an exciting year full of blessings!

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Vicki Deskin       | 19 Missy Parks       |
| 2 Nancy Jackson      | 28 Jamison Hernandez |
| 17 Stephanie Jackson | 30 Becky Thompson    |
| 18 Ronnie Walraven   | 30 Bunn Fawcett      |
| 18 Dannel Burke      |                      |

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 Remica & Danny Gray    | 16 Cynthia & John Wesley |
| 7 Alicia & Norman Lash   | 17 Dianne & Greg Brown   |
| 12 Beth & Charles Morgan | 25 Kathy & Dan Boyles    |
| 15 Peggy & Larry Davis   | 27 Pat & Buford Willis   |



## Presbyterian Women

Did you know? PW includes all the women of First Presbyterian Church! Whether or not you have been attending a circle, you are part of us! We are very excited about the upcoming Bible study, beginning this September. Since many of us are grandmothers (or grand aunts!), or we love genealogy and family stories, this should be a very fruitful and interesting study...

If you aren't sure which circle you belong to or if you'd like to change to either the morning group (Beck/Greisser which meets on second Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall and Zoom) or the evening group (Zelle Moore which meets on second Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom for now), please contact Sue Ellen Hall. Study books will be available later this month.

*What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*

By Merryl Blair with Suggestions for Leaders by Magdalena I. García

### Welcome to the 2021–2022 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study!

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

Merryl Blair teaches at Stirling Theological School in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and is active in the worldwide ministry of women of faith.

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## Youth Updates from FPC's New Youth Director, Caitlin Hernandez

Recently, the youth have been working with Edward, my husband and Co-Youth Director, and I on revamping the office. We worked several hours to insure that we had a great place for us to meet for Sunday school, feel safe and be comfortable conversing with one another. We look forward to many good memories shared within those office walls.

Additionally, we will be working on the youth room next. We have plans to have a lock-in Friday-Saturday the 6-7th and Friday-Saturday the 13-14th in order to clean, prime, paint, set up, and finish off the entire youth room. We are so grateful for the donations to the youth, which have made this whole process possible. If you would be interested in signing up to provide Sunday night dinner or fund snacks or desert for our back to back weekend lock-ins, please contact me. We would be very grateful for your help!

☺ We love our youth group! ❤️

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## HERO'S PANTRY

Hero's Pantry is an organization that helps to feed local Veterans in our area. FPC will have a monthly challenge that will be announced each month in the newsletter. We will have a bin set up outside of the fellowship hall in which you can place your items and they will be taken to Hero's Pantry on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are interested in volunteering by putting the boxes together you can show up at Trinity EPC at

9:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. FPC's challenge for August will be macaroni & cheese.



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Edward Hernandez, Technical Director

Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Roy Thomas, Custodian

Nancy Jackson, Clerk of Session

Susan Andrews, Moderator of Diaconate

Dan Boyles, Church Treasurer

Betty Anthony, Church Co-Treasurer

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**DESTINATION DIG VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021**  
**Sunday morning 9:00 - 10:30 August 8**

For the last few weeks our kids have been exploring where Jesus walked and examining artifacts that bring the Bible to life, learning about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way, they have been unearthing the truth of Jeremiah 29e :13 — that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

**Sunday, August 8, they are inviting us to join them for a VBS presentation and lunch after worship, and there may even be a special guest! Please come for a light lunch prepared by members of the PW.. And many thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who have been part of VBS this year!**