

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## May 2021



## Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

Since 1922 the Presbyterian Women have been providing grants through the Birthday Offering, including ones to Evergreen Ministries and Solar Under the Sun. Although we're having to postpone our annual dinner for one more year, we hope you will continue to support these vital ministries chosen to receive grants for 2021. You might even consider donating an amount equal to some important 'birthdays' in your life! Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

### **Garden Gate Ranch, Inc.**

Education Center Renovation, Des Moines, Iowa

Garden Gate Ranch is a Christian organization that provides safe housing and restorative and transitional services for sexually-exploited women and their children. The Birthday Offering will assist Garden Gate Ranch in their mission by providing a separate education center for programming, therapeutic services and vocational rehabilitation.

### **Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.**

Gymnasium Capital Improvements, Stone Mountain, Georgia

Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc., a partnership between the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and six other churches, provides a welcoming environment for many vibrant ministries. The Birthday Offering grant will provide a desperately needed roof to replace one that leaks onto the gymnasium floor where sewing, karate, dance, frisbee, badminton, basketball and other after-school activities take place, ensuring that it can continue to provide a place of welcome to diverse worshipping communities and innovative community services.

### **Nkhoma Mission Hospital**

Women's Health Center/OBGYN Theatre, Nkhoma, Malawi

The Nkhoma Mission Hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi (located in southeastern Africa) offers affordable, accessible healthcare services for all, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ. The Birthday Offering grant will provide funds to build an obstetrics and gynecology-specific operating room next to the existing prenatal and maternity wards, expanding the surgical services that are offered and living into its vision of being a leader in quality, Christian healthcare and training in Malawi.

# MAY CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class  
 11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary (live-streamed on Facebook)

### 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)  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

### THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SUNDAY, May 2

Communion

### SUNDAY, May 9

Mother's Day

### MONDAY, May 10

1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting - Zoom

### TUESDAY, May 11

10:00 a.m. Beck/Greisser Circle - Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, May 12

10:00 a.m. Card Ministry  
 5:15 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

### THURSDAY, May 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
 6:30 p.m. Zelle/Moore Circle - Zoom

### SUNDAY, May 16

Senior Sunday

### THURSDAY, May 20

5:15 p.m. Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, May 23

Pentecost Sunday

### WEDNESDAY, May 26

10:00 a.m. Card Ministry

### THURSDAY, May 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### MONDAY, May 31

Memorial Day-Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER AND BIBLE STUDY

As you will notice on the calendar, we are getting back to our traditional potluck Family Night Supper at 6:00 followed by the Bible study at 6:30. We will observe social distancing, wearing masks except when eating, but still be able to gather in person to share a meal and a time of Bible study. Please join us in-person or via Zoom for this time of fellowship and study.

*Please keep the family of Elsie Sybil Johnson, Don Johnson's Mother, in your prayers. She passed Away April 14, 2021*

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Susan Andrews	16 Nick Johns
3 Gene Cogbill	20 Lilly Teague
6 Ethan Jackson	22 Anthony Emerson
8 Dianne Brown	
11 Sarah Emerson	
15 Conner Humphrey	
16 Cynthia Wesley	

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

23 Mona & Mark Fomby  
 25 Ruth & Buddy Bell



## Presbyterian Women

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**PW Coordinating Team (Zoom): Monday, May 10,  
at 1:00 p.m.**

**Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, May 11 at  
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall**

**Zelle/Moore Circle (Zoom): Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

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## WELCOME HOME GIFT CARDS

As has been our habit lately, the Diaconate will once again be accepting donations for the \$50.00 Welcome Home Gift Cards to be given to those people moving from Randy Sams to a real home. We will be collecting donations through the month of May. Please help us give help to these people who are going out on their own!

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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 May will be canned tuna.

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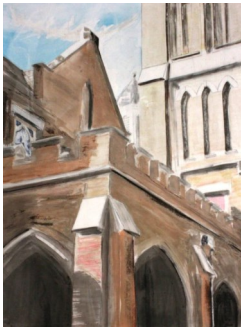
## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The C.E. Committee is sponsoring Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, during worship. Regrettably there will not be a breakfast before Sunday School as there has been in years past. The graduates are:

Chris Gilliland – graduating from Texas High. He will be attending UT Dallas majoring in computer science.

Taylor Sexton – graduating from Baylor University with a B.A. in Corporate Communications. He will attend Austin Seminary this Fall where he will pursue a Master's Degree in Divinity.

There will be a basket located in the Church's foyer and in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Foyer for you to leave graduation cards for these young men. Remember to put their name on the envelope. Chris and Taylor will be given the cards during their recognition.



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Nancy Jackson, Clerk of Session

Susan Andrews, Moderator of Diaconate

Dan Boyles, Church Treasurer

Betty Anthony, Church Co-Treasurer

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## ***THREE SUNDAYS OF CELEBRATION***

May Sundays will be full of excitement during the worship service! On Sunday, May 9, we will honor our ladies with flowers to celebrate Mother's Day. May 16 is Senior Sunday and our two graduating seniors will lead in worship that day. Taylor Sexton, who will be attending Austin Seminary next fall, will preach and Chris Gilliland will be the liturgist. Please be in worship that day to support and congratulate them. Last, but certainly not least, is May 23 which is Pentecost Sunday. Many of us dress in red to celebrate the birthday of the church.

We hope to see you there!