

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## September 2021



## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

It seems impossible. September is here already. Where has the time gone? Summer brought much anticipated vacations and outings we didn't get to enjoy last year, along with HOT weather! Before we knew it school started, and now Fall. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are just around the corner. Where has the time gone?

The Church calendar is much like our personal calendars - the months fly by, and we are headed toward electing new officers, the Stewardship campaign, Stew Pot, and on and on. Fall is a busy, but fun time of year. The Nominating Committee will meet soon to elect new officers. Stewpot classes have already been planned, and the Stewardship Committee will meet to plan for the next year. Even though you may not serve on any of these committees, everything we do is with YOU in mind. Our goal is to elect officers who will be faithful in leading and serving you, the congregation. The Stew Pot classes are designed for fun, projects that need to be done around the church, Bible study, and education - all for you. And of course, the Stewardship campaign is based on you: for pledging and giving to the church, for meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the congregation, as well as ministries to the community.

All that is to say, we hope YOU, the congregation, will be involved in everything we do this Fall. There is a place for you here.

Faithfully yours,

Dianne

# SEPTEMBER 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

### WEDNESDAY, September 1

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

### THURSDAY, September 2

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### MONDAY, September 6

Labor Day - Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, September 8

5:10 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

### SUNDAY, September 12

11:00 a.m. Worship - Michael Odom

### WEDNESDAY, September 15

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, September 16

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
 6:00 p.m. Zelle/Moore PW Meeting

### SATURDAY, September 18

8:00 a.m. Church Work Day

### TUESDAY, September 21

10:00 a.m. Beck/Greisser PW Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, September 22

5:10 p.m. Evangelism Meeting

### THURSDAY, September 23

5:10 p.m. Session Meeting

### FRIDAY, September 24 - Sunday, September 26

Youth Quake

### THURSDAY, September 30

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

## *In Loving Memory*

*Rev. Clif Ford*

*September 17, 1957 - August 13, 2021*

*Edna Upchurch*

*March 13, 1928 - August 14, 2021*

*Wayne Rhoads*

*September 7, 1928 - August 17, 2021*

## Nominating Committee for 2024 Officers

Active Elder - Dan Boyles, Moderator

Deacon - Kevin Thompson

P.W. - Val Buster

Member at Large - Margo Strickland

Youth - Alex Sexton

Non-Active Elder - Danny Gray

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Matthew Johnson	20 Mikaylah Davitt
5 Brian Jackson	22 Denzer Burke
6 Shirley Cline	23 Bonnie Judd
9 Novella Hunter	23 Richard Peckham
10 Steven Burns	24 Aimee Gilliland
11 Adam Holmes	24 Molly Teague
13 Pat Davitt	25 Dean Ransdell
15 Mona Fomby	25 Richard Launius
15 Frank McClain	29 Brook Strickland
19 Corley Johns	30 Remica Gray
19 Sue Ellen Hall	

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY

18 Georgette & Richard Peckham



## Presbyterian Women September 2021

**Zelle/Moore Circle: Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom**  
**Beck/Greisser Circle (in-person and Zoom): Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall/Zoom**

The PW Bible study books are now available! Please pick one up in the office or contact Margo Strickland or Vicki Deskin if you need one delivered. We encourage all FPC women to take part in this study of the women of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. Circles are open to all, and you can choose the day or evening time.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the Men of the Church for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast served during our Rally Day Program.

*Congratulations on the birth of Lawson McCoy Langdon, born on August 30, 2021! The proud parents are Sarah & Brooks Langdon and the very proud great-grandparents are Peggy & Larry Davis.*

### Church Work Day

We are planning a church work day on September 18th., starting at 8 am and ending around 4 pm or whenever we get finished.

Target activities:

1. Clean out basement
2. Inspect and clear off flat roof of Sanctuary and Annex
3. Paint light poles
4. Paint and install basketball backboard
5. Clear out area behind wood fence
6. Seal gaps in concrete around Sanctuary
7. Sand and prep exterior doors of Annex and nursery for painting
8. Pull up shrub roots at NW corner of Sanctuary
9. Finish removing unused items from garage
10. Power wash sidewalk and steps around buildings

If you have something you would like to add to the work list, then please let us know.

Please contact Kurt Andrews if you are planning on participating in this work day.

This way we can plan for who will do what and be as productive as possible.

**Kurt Andrews**  
903-559-7416

### HERO'S PANTRY

Hero's Pantry, which helps to feed local Veterans in our area, welcomes donations of any non-perishable food items. Bins are set up outside of the Fellowship Hall in which you can place your items. They will be taken to Hero's Pantry at Trinity EPC during the third week of each month. FPC's challenge for September will be canned vegetables and soups.

Thank you from the Diaconate!

### Youth News

Hey church family!

The youth and Edward and I have been having a blast together.

Once we set up the office, we were onto our next project-paint! We got everything cleaned out of the youth room and started painting. It was a major undertaking, but they did so well! We had two lock-ins to be able to finish as much as we could (along with Kurt and Susan Andrews' help). It is now finished and we are excited to start re-decorating and getting furniture back in. As always, we are so thankful for you, and we look forward to your continuous support. If you would like to help our youth with either providing dinner for our Sunday night meetings, or by donation, please let Caitlyn, Edward, or Dianne know!

Thanks as always,  
Youth



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Rev. Dianne Brown, Pastor

Michael Odom, Organist-Choral Director

Caitlin Hernandez, Youth Director

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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**IT'S STEWPOT TIME AGAIN**

The Christian Education Committee will once again sponsor "Stewpot" classes beginning the 2nd week of September and will last for 4 weeks. These 30 minute classes, held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:00, include:

Bible Study - Genesis

A history of the Labyrinth and a walk around it

"Wednesday Night Workers" - painting, doing chores inside and outside

Cooking Classes - cultural dishes from Cajun to vegetarian

"How Do You Spell Presbyterian?" - newcomer class

The Stewpot classes are held during the Fall and Spring. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact any member of the CE committee.