

# Presbyterian Trumpet



July 2017

## Pastor's Message

Grace, Mercy and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

I don't really believe it to be true but each year as summer approaches, the July newsletter seems like my last chance to get a summer and fall's worth of information out to everyone because Church attendance always drops off in the summer, right?

No! Our worshipping congregation has held pretty steady this spring and summer at around 50+ and that is a great way to head into July and August... I hope that wherever you vacation that you will worship and bring back bulletins and impressions of what other Churches are doing. I will be on vacation July 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 28<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Preaching July 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Katy Walters, Associate Pastor at New Braunfels Presbyterian Church. Bruce Glover, Retired Chaplain, USAF, will be preaching on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope you'll welcome back Bruce, a longtime friend of FPCS and also Katy, a new friend to us, as she begins at NBPC.

Also please remember that our 9:00 AM Discipleship Time will begin again on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Karrick Hall. We will use two of Ray Vander Laan's curriculums, "Clash of Cultures" and "Mission of Jesus", and then a 10 week study on Ruth after the first of the year.

Blessings for a great and relaxing summer, Pastor Dave



**No Circle Meetings will be held in July and August.**

**No Council Meetings will be held in July. The PW Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.**

**No Session Meeting will be held in July.**



**IN NEED  
OF PRAYER**

**Meet to Pray on Tuesday, July 11, at 11:00 A.M.**

**Please join us in the FPC Youth Room as well as praying daily.** Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for what God expects of us as a congregation. Pray for our homebound members – Al Berry, Carry Davenport, and Sue Guenther. Pray for our nursing/rehabilitation facility members – Doris Hammock at Windsor Nursing, and Curtis Rodgers at Remarkable Healthcare. Pray for our members – Bob Sebesta, Jim Tuten, Landa King, and Dustin Hegwer for healing graces and continued recovery. Pray for Mike DeLeon and Tom Stevenson whose wives died recently. Pray for missionaries in Zambia: Liezl and Arthur Pienaar, Charles and Melissa Johnson, Rev. Dr. Dustin and Sherri Ellington. Pray for Rev. Lovemore Nyirenda. Pray for God's guidance for our Church's participation in a mission to Zambia this summer and for persons to go on this mission trip.



## Christian Cupboard and Family Violence Shelter

Suggested donations for the Christian Cupboard are nonperishable foods (oatmeal, dried beans, jelly, and ramen noodles), checks, cash, empty egg cartons, and empty plastic bags. You may bring donations any time, but the first Sunday is our big push to help them meet their demands. The Family Violence Shelter can always use cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, paper towels, anything women and children might need if they leave their home in a hurry. Your donations are always appreciated.



...Our thoughts and prayers are with our homebound parishioners: **Mike DeLeon and Tom Stevenson**. Our nursing/rehabilitation residents are **Doris Hammock** at Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation and **Curtis Rodgers** at Remarkable Healthcare.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Landa King, Cloma Dodd, Bob Sebesta, and Jim Tuten** for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Dustin Hegwer** for continued recovery.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Carrie Davenport** for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Kristin Mueller, Sharon Durbin, and Rochelle Carter** for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sue Guenther** for continued recovery.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Linden Williamson** for continued recovery. Linden, granddaughter of Tome and Claire Walters, is now walking with the aid of crutches.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with all members of our church family who are having health difficulties.



Our choir will be taking a break the month of July for a much deserved vacation. We thank the choir members for their dedication and for the beautiful uplifting anthems they sing every Sunday. Also, what would our choir be if we didn't have the musical talents of our choir director, Lindsay Ackels, and our outstanding organist/pianist, Cristina Castro. We thank all for a job well done.



Since our choir will be taking a break in July, we will again have our worship service in **Karrick Hall every Sunday in July**. The worship service will be a very relaxed, friendly, and fellowship type setting. Hope to see you there!



**You are invited to enjoy the following musical events during Sunday worship in July.**

**July 2 ~ Dotsy Dwyer** is a very talented singer and musician with a true gift for music. We are very lucky to have Dotsy who is always wonderful and inspirational to hear.

**July 9 ~ Adrian Esquivel (clarinet/oboe)** has just graduated from Texas Lutheran University with a major in music. Adrian has accepted a band director position at Oak Run Middle School in New Braunfels. Cristina Castro will be accompanying him on the piano.

**July 16 ~ Steve Starnes** (a gifted guitarist and vocalist, a Grammy award winner in the audio production field, and a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Music at TLU) will be providing the music along with Cristina Castro.

**July 23 ~ Sue and Chunkie Harwell** will be singing and providing the music.

**July 30 ~ To be determined**



## Men's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday at 7:00 A.M. at the GRMC Cascades Cafe for a time of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer together. We conclude at 8:00 A.M.



## Worship Committee Meeting on July 23, 2017

There was no meeting in June. We will meet next on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00 noon. Be ready to plan for the fall and Christmas services. We need members and this is a good spot to serve God through serving others. If you are new to our church family, the Worship Team is a great place to get to know people and be on the “inside” planning of Sunday services.

“We are happy you are here. Welcome Home!”

Sanctuary Beautification – The Worship Committee will be cleaning the sanctuary on Thursdays during July. Since we are using Karrick Hall this month, we need many helping hands to work on detail cleaning such as windows, ledges, and pews. We will work from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., taking a short lunch break. Please bring your favorite cleaning supplies, step stools, and small ladders. No need to haul them home, just leave them so they will be there next week. If you would like to help, but can’t make the 10 – hours, call the office or Carol Willmann at 379-8585 and someone will open the church for you. A list of projects will be posted in the sanctuary.

Again, the dates are July 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Thank you for your service.



and



The makeover of the Youth and Blue rooms continues. The Youth Room furniture is in and gets a thumbs-up from them! There is now a conference table and 8 chairs in the Blue Room and available for your meetings. We’ll install a new

TV and video player to watch DVD’s soon. A love seat and three arm chairs should be delivered this month to make a comfortable seating area and complete the room.

While that was underway, Building and Grounds also cleaned out the center courtyard gutters, raked leaves, cleaned exterior doors, and did some repainting of the inside of those same doors.



## Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering

The Presbyterian Women will have their Summer Gathering on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at Noon. Please RSVP by August 10<sup>th</sup> by contacting Norma Jean Colunga at 830-305-6991, or email [njctxgrl@yahoo.com](mailto:njctxgrl@yahoo.com). This year’s theme is Welcome Baby with a baby shower. The guest speaker will be Janice Weaver, director of South Texas Pregnancy Care Center. Beverages water, tea, and coffee provided by the church and desert will be provided by Ron and Norma Jean Colunga. A special treat, a door prize will be given to a lucky lady. Bring a salad to share and an unwrapped baby gift. Acceptable gifts are; onesie, bib, infant socks, baby washcloth, sleeper, receiving blanket, hat, hooded towel, diapers, board book, rattle or other small toy, or pacifier.



The following Liturgist list is for June, July, and August. Thanks again for helping to lead worship and as usual, if you have a conflict with your date, we can switch around to make it work...

The liturgists for the month will also be in the Newsletter and Calendar for quick reference.

Blessings, Dave

Robin Dwyer – July 2  
Claribel Sebesta – July 9  
Rochelle Carter – July 16  
Claire Walters – July 23  
Callen Carter – July 30

Tome Walters – August 6  
Melanie Wright – August 13  
Katie McLean – August 20  
Travis Anderson – August 27



## **Zambia Mission Continues**

The Mission team of the Session is supporting mission work in Zambia in a new form this year. Starting July 16 we will offer wrist bands before worship and during the fellowship time to wear as reminders to pray for the team from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin as they travel to Zambia in August to attend the conference to train Christian adults there how to teach children about Jesus and to establish Good News Clubs for children and youth. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM AND THIS WORK IN ZAMBIA. When you receive your wrist band you may also make a donation which will go to Rev. Lovemore Nyrienda who is studying at Justo Mwale Theological College in Lusaka, Zambia. He will receive a Master in Children's Ministry and be the only pastor in Zambia with this degree.

### **More From Zambia**

from Liezl Pienaar, June 24, 2017

The faces of kids pressing in, worshiping God! We had 625 kids at our GoodNewsClub today. 46 gave their lives to Jesus and we ministered to 118 more who received healing and were filled with the Holy Spirit! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped control the crowds. And most of all thank You Jesus!



## **Boxtops for Education**

Please save your Boxtops for Education! These Boxtops are used by schools to provide extra events or materials in the classrooms. Each Boxtop can be redeemed for 10 cents and they will add up quickly with your help. The box to put your Boxtops in will be in Karrick Hall.