

Presbyterian Trumpet



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It is hard to believe that I'm writing the newsletter article for June 2017. Where is the time going? This reality highlights for me, the urgency we have for our strategy team to help us set the goal for us 10 years from now so that when we get there, we'll know we have arrived.

For me, in 2027, I would like to see us, First Presbyterian Church Seguin, with a membership of between 150 - 200, with strengths in the 3 following areas:

- **Financially Sustainable** – This means that we will have a balanced budget and that our stewardship (financial support) will allow us to continue with a F/T Pastor. This will require a yearlong stewardship education effort for the adults, but also a plan to educate our youngest members about giving that is grateful. We will need to recognize stewardship as an investment in God's future.
- **Outwardly Focused** – This means that we will continually be discerning where God is already at work in our community and how we might participate. Being outwardly focused will require us to become comfortable with "Away Games", where we interact with others where they are most comfortable, not where we feel most comfortable (in the church). We will increase our visibility through our presence in the community.
- **Discipleship Making** – This means that the overall direction of our worship, education, fellowship and outreach is to make disciples for Jesus Christ, not merely to get numbers, have lots of activities or to just be busy. This is very much a "hands-on" emphasis that I'd like to see include: mission opportunities – locally, nationally and internationally, a young adult/youth leader (pastor?), and a shepherding use of our volunteers.

I would sincerely welcome you sharing your 10 year vision for us, please email me or let's get together and dream... Blessings and see you in worship, Pastor Dave



Evening Angels Circle Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 11th, immediately following the worship service. This will be a makeup lesson for May.

Faith and Ethel Circles will not be held in June, July, and August.

No Council Meetings will be held in June and July.

Pentecost Sunday on June 4, 2017



Pentecost

For 40 days following his resurrection, Jesus taught the disciples about the kingdom of God, then Jesus ascended to God, leaving his disciples watching in awe. Then for 10 days the disciples prayed and praised God in the Temple. On the 50th day the Holy Spirit descended from heaven and filled the disciples with the Holy Spirit.

For the church that was born on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came in audible and visible form and miraculously filled the disciples with God's power, Pentecost became real when the disciples and believers shared everything and no one had any needs. The mark of God's Pentecost of being filled with God's Spirit is, "How much do you care for the people who need for what God gave you?"

The church of Jesus Christ remembers that God's Pentecost means that no one has needs, because of God's abundant generosity, and the church acknowledges that God's Pentecost is still a long way off.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

P. S. – If possible, please try to remember to wear red on Pentecost Sunday.



Christian Cupboard and Family Violence Shelter

Suggested donations for the Christian Cupboard are nonperishable foods (particularly 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 the Christian Cupboard meet their demands. The Family Violence Shelter can always use our help with cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, paper towels, anything women and children might need if they leave their home in a hurry. Please look for the tubs to place your items in the narthex or the hallway next to Karrick Hall. Your donations are always appreciated.



...Our thoughts and prayers are with our homebound parishioners: **Mike DeLeon, Tom Stevenson,** and Windsor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center resident, **Doris Hammock.**

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Curtis Rodgers** who is at Resolute Care Hospital and **Jim Tuten** who is in Northeast Methodist Hospital for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Bob Sebesta** for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Landa King and Cloma Dodd** for healing graces.

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Brandi Becker** for continued recovery.

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

...Our thoughts and prayers are with **Carrie Davenport** for continued recovery.

...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 Church Family extends their condolences to **Glenn Pape's family, Wayne and Kathy Pape,** at Glenn's passing. We will miss Glenn very much...

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



Session Summaries

The session of the First Presbyterian Church, Seguin, Texas met for its regular monthly meeting on April 30, 2017, at 8:30 A.M. There was a discussion about the members of the congregation who need prayers and visits. The minutes of the March 26, 2017 session meeting were accepted as printed. The Presbyterian Women's Liaison report was accepted as printed.

Session Action Required: Building request for Karrick Hall made by Dotsy Dwyer for June 24, for a shower was approved.

Christian Education: Adult Bible study will begin on May 7 with a study about Jonah. The youth will begin classes in August, but will be participating in various activities through the summer for team building.

Fellowship: There will be a Bingo Event on May 21 after the worship service. There will be prizes and finger foods will be served.

Mission: The committee is planning on collecting unused school supplies and sending them to Mexico. One person from our church, Lorrell Wright, will be going with Covenant Presbyterian Church to Zambia.

Outreach: The committee evaluated the Health Fair and made plans to increase participation. They are planning a children's literacy program for the summer and are looking at having a movie night on the grounds of the church.

Stewardship: The Treasurer reviewed the March financial statement.

Building & Grounds: Reviewed the work that has been done on the new youth room and the new parlor.

Pastor's Report: Reviewed the notes from the Philippians Project Retreat on April 21-23. Talked about the Adult Bible class curriculum. Three new members will be accepted into membership during the worship service: Lorrell Wright and Chunky & Sue Harwell. Old Business: The session voted to accept Lorrell Wright into membership by Reaffirmation of Faith.



The session of the First Presbyterian Church, Seguin, Texas met for its regular monthly meeting on May 21, 2017, at 7:30 A.M. There was a discussion about the members of the congregation who need prayers and visits. The minutes of the April 30, 2017 meeting were accepted as printed.

Session Action Required: The Session approved assigning the payment for the microphones and the monitor for the choir to capital outlay instead of the worship committee budget.

Building Use Requests approved: June 2 - wedding rehearsal for Sarah Bittner and Casey Reinhart. July 1 - Karrick Hall for a baby shower for Alyssa Jenke. September 29-30 for decorating the sanctuary (9/29) and wedding (9/30) for Erica Foster.

Fellowship: The committee is continuing to work on the photo directory.

Mission: Lorrell Wright will not be part of the mission trip to Zambia, but she will be giving the children's sermon on July 16 to explain the bracelets that will be passed out to remind us to pray for the Zambian team. The committee is planning on sending \$750 to aid in the education of Rev. Lovemore Nyrienda who is working to become the first pastor in Zambia to have a degree in education and to teach the children in the Christian faith. This is a tremendous step forward for Christian growth in Africa. The committee is requesting a \$500 check for the Christian Cupboard from the local mission funds. In June, they are planning a food drive which will be in competition with the Second Baptist Church.

Stewardship: The Treasurer reviewed the April financial statement.

Worship: The committee got information about percussion instrument lessons and the cost of some of the instruments, as they investigate how this addition would enhance the music program during worship. The "ailing" organ was discussed and some of the alternate solutions we could use. Holy Week and Easter services were reviewed and improvements were suggested for next year. Church services will be in Karrick Hall during the month of July. Discussion about how to provide music when Cristina is absent. The committee is planning to order the instrumental recordings for the hymnals. Building & Grounds: Reported on the touch-ups and cleaning of the doors in the church. Most of the furniture for the youth room and the parlor have been ordered. Table and chair caddies will be ordered for Karrick Hall. Dan Willmann and Tome Walters raked and bagged leaves from the flowerbeds and the gutters.

Christian Education: The committee feels that we need to actively pursue hiring another nursery attendant to create a more productive learning environment for all of the children. They would also like to pursue getting someone to lead the youth in order to generate more energy and enthusiasm for learning, working, and socializing together. Kara Stewart, TLU Chaplain, is interested in Trey Davies leading a Bible study at FPC for TLU students. Kara Stewart is also interested in TLU students getting involved with the summer literacy program at FPC for Seguin children.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dave has been talking with the TLU Chaplain about the Bible study for TLU students and the summer literacy program for Seguin children. He has spent a lot of time visiting Curtis Rodgers and Doris Hammock. The Monday meetings at Court Street Coffee Shop have been successful for networking in the community. He briefly outlined what the Strategy Team is working on for the projected church in ten years. New Business: The church has been asked to help provide food for the Presbytery meeting on June 23-24 in New Braunfels. Pastors from The Philippians Project will be meeting two days before the Presbytery Meeting and at that time, Dave will encourage them to have more meetings with the session from all of the churches throughout the three years.

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.



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.



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 organist/pianist, Cristina Castro. We thank you 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!



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

Dave Cook – June 4

Paul Jamison – June 11

Bob Sebesta – June 18

Jim Frost – June 25

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



Fellowship Committee

Just a Reminder!!! We are still updating our Church photo directory and we want you to be in it. Please come by Karrick Hall after worship on any Sunday in June to get your photo made and fill out your information sheet. **We want to complete this project by the end of June.** Please see Sue Bierman for further details or questions.



Reminder from your Administration/Personnel Committee

If you like to do your banking on line, you can make donations this way also. Just go to our website: <http://www.firstpressequin.org/Index.html> scroll down a little and on the right hand side you will see the "donate" button. After you have put in the amount of your donation be sure to click on "instructions to merchants" and tell us what it is for as pledge, offering, building fund, etc.