

# Presbyterian Trumpet

July 2018



## Summer “Goings-On” at the First Presbyterian Church

The July and August worship will be in Karrick hall as last year. We have placed more comfortable chairs around some of the tables, because the folding chairs can be too hard for some. For special music in July we will be having a Brass Quintet on July 1, 8, and 22. Megan Cox on July 15<sup>th</sup>. On the July 29<sup>th</sup> will be Scott Duncan. August will see the choir back in action in our much more relaxed and casual summer worship. Hope to see you in worship!!

We will be concluding our summer 9:00 AM adult time in July. There are two more lessons to cover, so there's still time to join us as we look more in-depth at “The Prodigal God” by Tim Keller.

Rally Day this year will be on August 26<sup>th</sup> which will be our first Sunday back in the sanctuary. You will be able to keep track of all that's going on with our new Church Sign!

Blessings for a great July and happy 4<sup>th</sup>!!! Pastor Dave



**No Circle Meetings will be held in July and August. The new study year will begin in September 2018.**

**PW Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 A.M. at FPC.**



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

## Meet to Pray on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

**Please join us in the FPC Blue 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, and Sue Guenther. Pray for our nursing/rehabilitation facility member – Doris Hammock at Windsor Nursing. Pray for our members – Esther Cuellar, Melanie Wright, Jim Tuten, Landa King, Dustin Hegwer, Ann Hodges, Tom Paterson, and Anaya Diercksen for healing graces and continued recovery. Remember Doris Rodgers in pray who whose husband, Curtis, and Tom Wright whose wife, Joyce, died recently. Also, remember the Davenport family in prayer for their recent loss of Carrie Davenport. Pray for missionaries in Zambia: Liezl and Arthur Pienaar, Charles and Melissa Johnson, Rev. Dr. Dustin and Sherri Ellington. Pray for Rev. Lovemore Nyirenda and Rev. Elijah Mwandila, Pastor Katete, Zambia church, his family, and congregation. Pray for God's guidance for Christian work in Zambia. Pray for Andrea Moreno who is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, Africa and says on Facebook “that she is loving it”.



## Summer Reading Program

In June and July, we are partnering with Seguin Public Library's summer reading program for grades K-5. Our goal is to serve the children in our neighborhood who can't walk to the main library. Libby Williamson, the Walters' granddaughter, will manage the program which starts on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Our library – 600 children's books, will be open on Tuesdays from 8:00 – 11:00 A.M., Thursdays from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M., and Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.



## Christian Cupboard and Family Violence Shelter

At the present time with children out of school for the summer, there is a great need of boxed cereals (Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, etc.). We are still asking for monthly donations to the Christian Cupboard and the Family Violence Shelter. Other 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.



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

**July 1 ~ Brass Quintet** consisting of Marcos Cordova, Kiah Johnson, Brian Kingsbury, Lacey Peschel, and Linsey Rios.

**July 8 ~ Brass Quintet** consisting of Marcos Cordova, Kiah Johnson, Brian Kingsbury, Lacey Peschel, and Linsey Rios.

**July 15 ~ Megan Cox**

**July 22 ~ Brass Quintet** consisting of Marcos Cordova, Kiah Johnson, Brian Kingsbury, Lacey Peschel, and Linsey Rios.

**July 29 ~ Scott Duncan**



## 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 are studying the book of Isaiah. We conclude at 8:00 A.M.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

## Worship Committee

Are you ready for summer and meeting in Karrick Hall? We are providing comfy chairs for those who have difficulty sitting in the metal chairs. Please test drive the chairs and if you find one that fits your comfort, put your name on it. We will do our best to reserve that seat for you for all of July. If you have a "spare chair" you would like to loan, we will help move it to the church. Contact Carol at 379-8565.



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

## Administration/Personnel Team

The Committee continues its work to meet several goals. We met June 5<sup>th</sup>, and will have our next regular monthly meeting for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. In June we presented, and had approved, at the Session meeting review documents for the Interim Minister, which will be included in the Church Handbook. We also presented guidelines for the already-approved Cross Wall to the Session, along with a proposed flyer, and requested a change of location, which was approved. This project will be presented to everyone in late August. We prepared and presented a new form ("Request for Check or for Reimbursement"), which Session approved and will be utilized starting this month. We have much more work to do on other current projects, as well as continuing our personnel and administrative tasks.



Women's Fellowship

## Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering

**Presbyterian Women's Summer Gathering on Saturday, August 4, 2018** ~ The Presbyterian Women will have their Summer Gathering on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at 11:30 A.M. Please RSVP by July 31<sup>st</sup>, by contacting Norma Jean Colunga at 830-305-6991, or email [njctxgrl@yahoo.com](mailto:njctxgrl@yahoo.com). This year's theme is "A Home for Every Child". We will hear from Allison Harris, spokesperson for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. Allison Harris is Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services primary representative in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Central Texas. She enjoys working connecting PCHAS friends to its Christ-centered services for children and families in need. Allison maintains a commitment and passion for youth development in underserved communities. A native Texan, Allison holds a master's in public administration from the University of North Texas and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Religion from Austin College. She currently lives in Austin and is a member of University Presbyterian Church.

We will be collecting school supplies for the children. Beverages water, tea, and coffee provided by the church and dessert 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 unwrapped school supplies. Acceptable school supplies are as follows:

### 2018-2019 School Supply Needs

#### Listed in the order of the GREATEST Need:

- 1' or 1½" three-ring binders
- Folders with pocket & brads
- Composition books (please no spirals)
- Strong canvas backpacks
- Dry Erase/EXPO Markers
- Notebook dividers (prefer 5 write-on tabs)
- Map pencils (colored pencil sets of 8-12 colors)
- Adult scissors (high school students only)
- Highlighters
- Kleenex
- Clorox wipes
- Gallon &/or Quart size zip-lock baggies
- Index cards (lined 3.5" x 5")



## Summary of May Session Meeting

The session met on Sunday June 17, 2018 at 12:15 p.m. The Reverend David V. Diercksen opened the meeting with prayer. Our thoughts are with the following members as they continue to recover. Cliftine Dwyer is continuing rehabilitation at Nesbit in room 305. Afton Carter is having outpatient surgery on Monday, June 18, 2018. Dan Willmann is recovering from surgery and is continuing rehabilitation at home. Healing graces continue for Sue Guenther, Al Berry, and Doris Hammock. We were glad to see Esther Cuellar at church today. Thanks to Claribel Sebesta and Mildred Finch for helping to visit those in need. Our thoughts and prayers are with all members of our church family who are having health difficulties.

Reverend David V. Diercksen provided devotional thoughts from the Devotion Prodigal Son-Prodigal God. The theme for the devotion was repent of righteousness before God. The clerk presented the minutes from the May session meeting. William Dwyer made the motion to approve the minutes and they were approved by common consent. The Presbyterian Women's Liaison report focused on the least coin and the new business of the cookbook and the last Farmland cluster meeting.

Callan Carter reported that the financial committee has been meeting with him to review a history and progress of reports to help prepare for future budgeting concerns. He has also been meeting to discuss future Stewardship goals.

We received \$8,502 in Total Income in May, including \$3,021 in cash offerings and \$5,230 in pledges—well below normal. That caused a deficit of \$6,521 for this month. Updates are being reviewed for pledge information to reference previous pledges as well as to be able to designate a pledge to a specific location. The session also reviewed recommendations for the allocation of the Tom Wright donation.

Pastor Dave is on continuing education this week and is working on information requested from the worship committee. His report included the summer reading program and modifying publicity for the event. The Phillippian's Project retreat is September 15, 2018 for elders or for the strategy team on developing Leadership.

The electronic ministry was discussed and the specific details are still to be decided.

Gail Streun presented the Cross Wall project. The location and presentation date of the Cross Wall was discussed. The location of the Cross Wall has been moved to the walls of the corridor rather than the north wall of Karrick Hall. The session approved Rally Day for putting up the Cross Wall. An update of being able to specify a budget category for expenses was made to the Request for Check or for Reimbursement. A position description, evaluation policy, and evaluation forms for Pastor Dave were discussed.

The new business items are the worship committee would like to put together a "get to know us" table for Rally Day, and reviewing per capita expenses for the church.

The next session meeting is July 29, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully, Brandi Becker

### Pastoral Assignments



The following Liturgist list is for 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...

Claire Walters – 7/1/2018  
Callan Carter – 7/8/2018  
Chunky Harwell – 7/15/2018  
Risa Ware – 7/22/2018  
Melanie Wright – 7/29/2018

Katie McLean – 8/5/2018  
Travis Anderson – 8/12/2018  
Paul Jamison – 8/19/2018  
Bob Sebesta – 8/26/2018