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KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS SERVICE BRINGS A WEE BIT O' SCOTLAND TO FPC FEBRUARY 2

Worship at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary | Lunch at 12 p.m. in the Great Hall



Rev. Jim Wallace

Don't miss this annual service celebrating the Presbyterian Church's Scottish heritage, on Sunday, February 2, in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. A colorful procession of tartan banners opens this very special service and afternoon, which includes everything from bagpipes to shortbread, plaid to haggis! Wear your family tartan or favorite plaid in celebration of the day. If you'd like to carry a tartan banner during the processional, please call the church office (817.335.1231). A lunch featuring

traditional Scottish fare will be held in the Great Hall following the service. Entertainment will feature pipes and drums, as well as Scottish country dancers.

"Kirk" is the Scottish word for "church." Tartans, with their distinctive plaid, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments. The "Kirkin' of The Tartans" or "Churching of the Tartans" is the presentation of a Scottish family's symbol, its tartan, at church for blessing. The first formal "Kirkin" service in America was conducted at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., in 1941. Their minister at the time was Dr. Peter Marshall, born in Scotland, who was also Chaplain of the United States Senate. This year marks First Presbyterian Church's 22nd Kirkin', as the tradition began here in 1998.

This year, we are excited to welcome the Rev. Jim Wallace as our Kirkin' preacher. In addition to preaching, Jim will address the haggis at our brunch. Now that's a truly Scottish skill!

Jim is a minister of the Church of Scotland and his wife Catherine is a deacon and counselor. After sharing a team ministry in the central Scotland town of Falkirk they moved to the United States where Jim was senior pastor of the Setauket Presbyterian Church, Long Island. Catherine served at First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown, NY. After almost 10 years in the US they returned to the land of their birth when Jim was called to St. John's Kirk of Perth – the church where a sermon from John Knox sparked the Reformation in Scotland.

Our Associate Pastor Michael Waschevski first met Jim at St. John's Kirk in Perth, Scotland when Michael was teaching an Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary study course on Scottish church history. Jim was the pastor of St. John's, and Michael brought the Austin Seminary group there for Sunday worship. From that initial meeting, Jim and Michael have collaborated to lead two FPC tours to Scotland that Jim organized.

Over 60 First Presbyterian members and friends over two tours can attest to his passion and joy as he shares the Scottish experience with US church members. Jim has a delightful sense of humor, is a man of great faith, and is a pleasure to talk with. (And even with his Scottish accent, you'll understand a good 90% of what he says!) Make plans to attend the Kirkin' service on February 2 as we welcome Jim to the pulpit – and stay for brunch. The haggis awaits!

Don't miss the tradition and pageantry!



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear saints,

February may be the shortest month of the year, but is a full month at First Presbyterian Church! Mission and ministry abounds and God's grace and love will be shared with literally thousands on our campuses as we live out our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Worship and music will be a very special part of February from beginning to end.

On Sunday, February 2 we celebrate our Scottish heritage in the annual Kirkin' of the Tartans service. The Rev. Jim Wallace from the Church of Scotland will be our guest preacher, and special music and fellowship will be a part of this festive morning.

On Monday, February 3 we welcome the Nordic Choir from Luther College in concert as part of our Penn Street Arts Series. The Nordic Choir is one of the finest college choirs in the United States. (And I'm not just saying that because I am an alum!)

On Sunday, February 9 we celebrate the Lord's Supper in all three services of worship at Penn Street.

On Sunday, February 16 we celebrate Baptisms at 9 and 11 a.m.

On Sunday, February 23 our own music ministry is presenting a special concert as part of the Penn Street Arts Series. The Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, Fellowship Choir, Grace Notes, and Chancel Choir will inspire us with the beauty and joy of music.

On Wednesday, February 26, we gather for worship at 12 noon and 7 p.m. on Penn Street and 5:30 p.m. at Community Crossroads as we observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

May this month be one that inspires you and speaks to your soul as we worship and serve together.

God's peace to you,

Michael

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a focus on repentance. Marked with the sign of ashes, we begin with a posture of humility as we focus on God's love and forgiveness. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in each service, and the Chancel Choir will sing at the 7 p.m. service.

First Presbyterian offers three opportunities to worship.

- 12 noon Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. WOW (1516 Hemphill St.)
- 7 p.m. Sanctuary

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the MARCH issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 19**. Submissions for the weekly Penn Street Online emailed newsletters are due the Wednesday prior to each week's issue. Please send to Pam Burkholder at pamb@fpcfw.org or bring by the church office.

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LENT 2020: FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS

During the season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26, the theme of being Face to Face with Jesus will be the preaching focus for Sunday worship and Wednesday Midday Prayers. Additionally, clergy and staff will lead Encounter groups for further reflection.

SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING SERIES

The Sunday morning preaching series and Encounter Groups will focus on six face-to-face encounters people have with Jesus in the gospel stories.

- Week 1: Matthew 4.1-11; Jesus and the Tempter
- Week 2: John 3.1-7, Jesus and Nicodemus
- Week 3: John 4.5-42, Jesus and the Woman at the Well
- Week 4: John 9.1-41, Jesus and the Blind Man
- Week 5: John 11.1-45, Jesus and Lazarus
- Week 6: Palm/Passion Sunday: Jesus faces Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY PRAYER

The Wednesday Midday Prayer preaching series will feature face-to-face stories with Jesus and unnamed people in the gospels.

ENCOUNTER GROUPS

The Encounter Groups are weekly small group experiences that delve deeper into the preaching texts and our encounter with them as individuals and a community. These one-hour groups will examine the six face-to-face encounters Jesus has in the gospel preaching texts from Sundays and how we encounter those texts from the contexts and stories of our lives.

To sign up for an Encounter Group, visit fpcfw.org/encounter. All Encounter Groups will meet at the Penn Street campus:
Sundays @ 10 a.m. (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5)
Sundays @ 4:30 p.m. (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5)
Mondays @ 5:30 p.m. (March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6)
Tuesdays @ 5:30 p.m. (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7)
Thursdays @ 12 noon and 5:30 p.m. (February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2)



APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 4:30 - 6 P.M. | ROOM 235

TAUGHT BY KYLE BERGER, Chief Technology Officer for the Grapevine Colleyville School District. Kyle is commonly heard on KRLD giving parent app updates and also presents around the US on topics related to parenting and technology. To register or for more information, contact the church office (817.335.1231).



First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth is sponsoring a six-hour workshop that quite simply is too good not to share with the rest of our community. The title says it all: Leaping High Toward God! Helping Yourself And Others Find Meaning And Purpose In Suffering

If you have suffered or are presently suffering in some way, this workshop is for you. If you are accompanying or ministering to others who experience suffering of any kind, this workshop is for you. If you think that some form of suffering could be in your future, or the future of those you care about, this workshop is for you. If you are a Stephen Minister, Sustaining Caregiver, Listening Post team member, spiritual director, counselor, chaplain, or health care worker, this workshop is for you. In the six hours we will deal with:

- *How suffering can be successfully processed*
- *How to tap the energy in suffering*
- *How suffering can be turned to healing and sustaining hope*
- *How to use prayer and meditation tools to transform suffering*
- *How to better understand the tasks and stages of suffering*
- *How Jesus embodies the meaning and purpose of suffering*

We are fortunate to have as our presenter Dr. Bob Gardenhire III. Bob is an ordained United Methodist minister, pastoral counselor, licensed therapist, and spiritual director. Many of you may know him as the founder of HeartPaths, a three-year training program in spiritual direction.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's work on suffering is at the heart of this workshop. Teilhard is one of the great 20th century thinkers. He brings a deeply spiritual perspective to suffering and its potential.

- **The workshop will be held on Leap Day Saturday, February 29 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the FPC gym. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.**
- **The cost is only \$10 to defray the expense of food and instructional materials. Payment is required to register.**
- **Register at www.fpcfw.org/leap or by calling the FPC church office at 817.335.1231.**
- **The deadline for registration is Friday, February 21.**
- **If you have questions or need more information, call the church office (817.335.1231).**

Sponsored by the FPC Spiritual Formation Subcommittee.

BE INSPIRED...

Below are some upcoming opportunities for being inspired into a life of discipleship through church events in the coming weeks.

Book People resumes Feb. 10

Book People will begin its sixth year of reading and discussion on Monday, February 10. The book for this meeting is *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward, a young writer, already winner of two National Book Awards. Book People meets on the second Monday at 12 noon in Room 226. Church members and friends are welcome. For questions or more information, contact Elizabeth Johnson Pense at ejpense@me.com.

Men's Retreat

The annual Men's Retreat will be held Saturday, February 22 at Camp Carter, Fort Worth. This year's day-only retreat promises to be filled with food (breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served), fun (scheduled time for recreation and activities inside and outside, weather permitting), and fellowship for all. Robert Hall returns as the retreat speaker bringing the theme *The Power of Relationships: How We Develop Them, How They Make Us Happier, and How We Use Them to Fulfill Jesus' Command to Love Thy Neighbor*. For schedule and registration, visit fpcfw.org/mensretreat.

WHAM Spring Classes

What's Happening in Art & Music? WHAM Spring classes are open for registration! Classes include Ukulele with Laura Collins, Drawing 101 with Austin Stubblefield, Woodworking with Pete Van't Slot, and many options for younger choir! To learn more, see a complete schedule, and register, visit fpcfw.org/wham.

MOMS Meetings for 2020

**1st Thursdays & 3rd Wednesdays
11-12:30 p.m. in the Parlor**
MOMS (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) is a ministry of FPC for all mothers. Gather with other mothers for support, encouragement, Bible study, fellowship, and friendship. For working moms, stay-at-home-moms, and all moms in between! Come as your schedule allows, no need to attend every meeting or the whole meeting. Lunch included (\$7). Free childcare available. Please RSVP at fpcfw.org/moms.

Men's Breakfast

The men of First Pres gather on the third Thursday of each month for intentional conversation or a special speaker, a shared meal (\$5 per person), and prayer with other FPC men. You'll find connection here! For reservations or more information, visit fpcfw.org/men.

Grief Group

**Sundays, March 1 - April 5
4 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 312**

First Presbyterian Church is offering a six-week Grief Support Group led by the Rev. Dawn Hood-Patterson. The group offers a supportive and encouraging space in which to experience God's presence, comfort, and strength.

Dawn is a Chaplain at Cook Children's Medical Center, and is completing her PhD in Pastoral Theology, at Brite Divinity School, TCU. We are delighted to welcome her to First Presbyterian Church.

This group is free and open to members and friends of FPC and the community. To register, contact Celeste in the church office (817.335.1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org).



RAISE YOUR HANDS! Elder Nominations Sought

Raise your hand if you sense in another First Pres member gifts for ministry and God's call to ordained life.

It's time for the Nominating Committee to collect suggestions for the next class of Ruling Elders. Any active member of the congregation may suggest other active members to be considered for nomination. A suggestion does not constitute nomination. However, your suggestions are essential to the work of the Committee. Together with the hard work of the Nominating Committee, your suggestions make for a healthy church leadership which honors spiritual gifts and brings mature decision-making. The Ruling Elders elected will serve a three-year term beginning January 2021.

If someone you know at FPC can offer wisdom, maturity, and ministry gifts exercised in ordained service, please submit your suggestions online at FPCFW.ORG/ELDER-NOMINATIONS or turn them into the church office by February 23, 2020.

ENGAGE THE WORLD...

Below are a few ways you are invited to serve others through First Presbyterian Church mission and outreach efforts in the coming weeks.

Join the FPC Shuttle Ministry



How often have you wondered what a six-passenger golf cart is doing wandering around FPC on Sunday mornings? Well,

here's your answer! It is "shuttling" people from Trinity Terrace and the various FPC parking lots to the worship services and church school at FPC. Rain or shine, hot or cold, the shuttle is out there every Sunday morning from 7:35 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., patrolling the area and transporting people. Occasionally for special events (such as Christmas Eve), the shuttle also does extended duty.

The shuttle is staffed by a loyal group of drivers on a two-shift basis, 7:35 to 10 a.m., and 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Driver scheduling is tailored to fit everyone's availability. The drivers are a co-ed, equal opportunity volunteer group. All are welcome and qualifications are minimal.

We have recently experienced some attrition within the group of drivers and could use "a few good folks" to bolster the crew and reduce the frequency of service any individual driver needs to perform. Currently, there are twelve regular drivers.

Shuttle drivers are a volunteer group, and the rewards are the smiling faces of the folks that would otherwise have a difficult time attending church without the shuttle. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or volunteer, please contact Terry Adams, shuttle coordinator (817.454.5261 or rtadams1@sbcglobal.net), or speak with any of the drivers on Sunday morning.

Kids HOPE USA

On behalf of Kids Hope USA and DeZavala Elementary, thanks to Presbyterian Women and the Mission Outreach Committee for their generous donations! **We are still in need of several items:** hand sanitizer, Lysol disinfectant wipes, Kleenex, Expo markers, Ticonderoga #2 pencils, clipboards, and treasure box prizes (pre-K through 5th grade).

First Presbyterian Church has partnered with Kids Hope USA at DeZavala Elementary School since fall 2015. Kids Hope USA is a national non-profit that facilitates one-on-one relationships through church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk children in supportive, mentoring relationships.

A Typical Day at Community Crossroads

Did you know:

- That our neighbors may only participate in either the sack lunch program or the grocery program, not both. Neighbors decide which program best fits their immediate needs.
- Between 2018 and 2019 the number of people receiving sack lunches increased from 1,106 to 1,535. That is an increase of 39%, or 429 more people.
- Beginning in 2018, FPCFW added a third day (Monday) to the number of days our neighbors could receive a sack lunch. Neighbors may receive three sack lunches per week; one each day on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Between 2017 and 2018 sack lunch distribution increased from 6,491 lunches per year to 8,433, an increase of 1,942 or 30%.

To learn more about how you can help at Crossroads, contact Dori Al Hammami (dalhammami@fpcfw.org).



PW February Tuesday Together

On February 18, PW Tuesday Together will host the Stayton Strummers - The Ukulele Band from The Stayton at Museum Way. You will not want to miss this musical program filled with songs of LOVE in celebration of Valentine's Day. PW's own B.J. Hoskins is a member of this group so you know it will be fun! RSVP to Celeste Falter in the church office (817.335.1231, ext. 261 or cfallter@fpcfw.org) by Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Prayer During the Pastoral Search

The Session commends the following prayer written by the Spiritual Formation Subcommittee for our use during the pastoral search. Please pray it frequently in your own personal prayer time and in committees and gatherings of the church.

Holy God,

We praise and thank you for your steadfast love of our church and humbly ask your guidance and blessing as you lead us to the pastor you are calling to this place.

Nurture and guide your servant for sharing ministry among us. Prepare our hearts to receive his or her gifts.

Give us the courage to speak truthfully and compassionately, so that we might be a building up of Your church. Teach us all the way of Jesus: to walk humbly with you, seeking justice and mercy.

Joyfully, we thank you for your Holy Spirit who enlightens and enlivens the path for each of us.

*In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.*

Session Highlights

At its Stated Meeting of January 19, 2020, the Session:

- Opened its meeting with reflection on Romans 12.1-18 and prayer
- Heard an update on the Community Crossroads Renovation progress
- Approved the 2020 Ministry Budget
- Reviewed Sunday Morning Security plans*
- Received reports from the pastors
- Engaged in conversation with the Susan Beaumont Task Force on recommendations for action in February, including a reduction in the size of the Session*
- Prayed for the Pastor Nominating Committee using the Common Prayer Session recommended to FPC during the pastoral search

*see articles below for more detailed information

Sunday Morning Security Update

The Property Committee of the Session is charged with an annual review of security procedures at First Presbyterian. At the Stated Session meeting on January 19, 2020 the Property Committee reported on their review. Considering recent events in Fort Worth, the review was a timely one and the Session shares the following update with the congregation.

Recent practice for Sunday morning security on the Penn Street campus has been to provide a uniformed Fort Worth police officer from 8 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Depending on the seniority of the officer for Sunday morning, a marked police car may also be present. The officer is here both for safety as well as a deterrent. This practice has been in place since 2017 when the Session affirmed the recommendation of a Special Task Force that First Presbyterian does not allow open or concealed guns on campus. The same policy applies to Community Crossroads. Community Crossroads is served by two Fort Worth police officers during its gathering hours. An initial training opportunity was offered to the congregation in the fall of 2018 on security procedures as well as other safety procedures (fire and tornado).

Based on its review, the Property Committee is adding an additional Fort Worth police officer on Sunday mornings and increasing their hours to include 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. An officer will also be present on Sunday afternoons from

3:15 – 7:15 p.m. during other church events (children, youth, concerts, etc.) Additionally, an officer will be present for evening services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, etc. The Session affirmed the policy of not allowing open or concealed carry of guns on our campuses.

As part of its review, the Property Committee also reviewed the Active Shooter Policy. The Property Committee is planning opportunities for the congregation to be trained on the Active Shooter policy and other safety policies (fire, tornado) and is encouraging committees and small groups of the church to build in training time within their regular gatherings as well. Property committee members and church staff are available to resource these small group trainings.

Should you have questions, you are welcome to speak with the Property Committee Chair, Elder Mike Turner or the Church Administrator, Dana Fickling. Also, please take an opportunity to express your appreciation to the officers on our campuses as they serve among us.

Task Force Recommendation on Session Size

In 2018 the Session engaged the services of church consultant Susan Beaumont to review our governance and leadership structures at First Presbyterian. After receiving her report in the fall of 2018, the Session appointed a Task Force to evaluate her report and lead the session in a process of making decisions on her recommendations. The Task Force began its work in late 2018.

The Task Force, however, was asked to become the Interim Pastor Search Committee in January 2019, after Karl Travis's resignation due to health reasons. After bringing that process to its conclusion, the Task Force was then asked to serve as the Mission Study Team in preparation for electing a PNC. They concluded that work in August 2019. They then returned to their original charge concerning the Susan Beaumont Report and recommendations.

During the fall of 2019 the Task Force engaged the Session in review of the report, their prioritizing of recommendations within the report, and the categorizing of decisions best made now, and decisions that should wait on the involvement of the new Pastor/Head of Staff.

At the January 2020 meeting of the Session, the Task Force made a report with recommendations it is asking the Session to approve at its February Stated meeting. Their recommendations focused primarily on the size and function of the Session and expanding leadership in the committee structure of the congregation.

The Susan Beaumont Report noted that the size of the Session at First Presbyterian Church (currently 45-47 elders) is too large for strategic thinking and in-depth discussions to occur at Session meetings. In fact, our Session is one of the largest in the Presbyterian Church USA. Currently all committees of the church are chaired by Elders serving on Session, which demands a great deal of an elder's time and energy that is needed for strategic thinking outside of committee business. Elders chairing all committees limits the broader involvement and development of church members in leadership in the ministries for which they are passionate and committed. Allowing most committees to be chaired by members not serving on the Session expands involvement of members in the fuller life and governance of the church. Session members would serve as liaisons to the committees to ensure good communication with the Session.

The Session is being asked to reduce the size of the Session to 23 elders. (3 classes of 7 elders, and the provision that currently exists to allow up to two elders under the age of 21 to serve a 2-year term.) The Congregational Bylaws grant authority to the Session to increase or decrease the size of the Session. Should the Session adopt this recommendation, the Session would be reduced in size over a three-year period, as no incumbent elder elected by the congregation may have their term altered.

An additional recommendation related to the size of the Session is to keep the Board of Trustees at 9 members. Currently the Bylaws of the congregation require all 9 Trustees to be Ruling Elders in active service on the Session. The Session will act on the recommendation of the Task Force to require 6 of the Trustees to be Ruling Elders in active service on the Session and 3 of the Trustees to be Ruling Elders not in active service in the Session. Should this recommendation be approved, a change in the Bylaws would be required and a Congregational Meeting would be called to approve that change.

You are welcome to contact any Ruling Elder on the Session as well as the members of the Susan Beaumont Task Force with any questions you have about the proposed recommendations. Task Force members include Tim McKinney, John Mitchell, Efton Park, Merianne Roth, and Jessica Scott.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of January 22, 2020. To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant their permission.

Our loving sympathy to...

Family and friends of **Bob Atcheson**, who died January 19. Surviving FPC family includes wife, **Marthanne Atcheson**.

JoAnn Law Davis on the death of her husband, John Davis, on January 17.

Bill and Michelle Goodwin on the death of his uncle, Randall Goodwin, on January 15 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Other FPC survivor is **Natalie Goodwin**.

Austin and Courtney Stubblefield on the death of his uncle, Patrick Boykin, on January 12 in Gainesville, Florida. Other FPC survivors are Ava and Avery Stubblefield.

Jack and Vickie Walker on the death of his father, John K. Walker, Jr., on January 10 in Jackson, Mississippi.

Amelia Haltom and Kirby Haltom on the death of her sister-in-law, Dolores Hinson, on January 2, in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Mike and Mona Bailey on the death of his sister, Patricia Bailey Reed, on December 28 in Azle.

Velma James on the death of her brother, Ralph Nixon, on December 18, in Clearwater, Florida.

Family and friends of **Taylor Yoakam**, who died December 13. Surviving FPC family: wife, **Joni Yoakam**.

Steve and Catherine Elkins on the death of his father, Willie L. Elkins, Jr., on December 10, in Corsicana. Other FPC survivors include **Kiera Elkins** and **Conner Elkins**.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Joel Salazar, Ann Florsheim, Francisco Menchaca, Jay Dickson, Mary Farmer, Diane Satterlee, Brent Comstock, Bob Wilson, Jerry Brownlee, and David Nation, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

Ann Chappell, Janelle Eklund, Elizabeth Johnson Pense, Sue Barham, Frank Stewart, Bob Gorham, Karl Travis, Rush Hart, Marilyn Wilson, Phyllis Propes, Emma Coley, Lisa Shiner, and Frances Blake, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Nancy Hatfield (mother of **Sarah Haddock**), Patrick Denton (nephew of **Bill and Pat Gordon**), Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); Bill Neil (brother of **Marilyn Love**), Janet Laminack (cousin of **Julie Sphar** and **Vance Laminack**), John DeMore (son-in-law of **June Sprott**), Lisa Koenig (niece of **Wanda Williams**), Kathy Kline (**Maxine Kruse's** daughter), and Susan Chenault (**Frances Chenault's** daughter).

Prayers for peace in our world, for the safety of Nathan Gunter (**Russell and Vivian Norment's** nephew) who is stationed in Korea. Also for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar**, who is serving in the US Navy; Diego is the son of **Becky and Rene Saldivar**. And for the safety of **Thomas Shelby**, who is serving in the US Navy, deployed in Japan. Thomas is the son of **Ellen Buck** and the grandson of **Vance and Donna Laminack**.

Prayers for Cindy Corell, our mission co-worker in Haiti. Prayers for peace and resolution for the people of Haiti.

CALENDAR

Below are a few highlighted events in February. More at fpcfw.org/calendar.

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Church School
- 11 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Youth Group Activities and Dinner

MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 3 p.m. Room in the Inn

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 9:30 a.m. Wellness: REFIT Class
- 5:30 p.m. Worship On Wednesdays (+ dinner, classes) at Community Crossroads
- 7 p.m. Middle School Girls Group
- 7:30 p.m. High School Bible Study

FRIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 9:30 a.m. Wellness: Yoga Stretch
- 10:30 a.m. Wellness: Tai Chi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 11 a.m. Kirkin' of the Tartans
- 12 p.m. Kirkin' of the Tartans Luncheon
- 5 p.m. Youth Group Big Game Party

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 7 p.m. Penn Street Arts: Nordic Choir Concert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- All Day PW Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:30 a.m. Sweets & Treats (until 10:45 a.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Taize Worship Service of Wholeness & Healing

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- All Day Men's Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 3 p.m. Penn Street Arts: FPC Music Ensemble Concert
- 4:30 p.m. Apps Parents Should Know

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 12 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. WOW Worship (1516 Hemphill St.)
- 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 9 a.m. Leaping High Toward God Workshop

Sweets and Treats

Because we all deserve something a little sweet every once in a while!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 8:30 A.M. TO 10:45 A.M.

3rd Floor Concourse near Joyful Java

Share a favorite sweet (made or purchased) and browse the table for a treat for yourself.

Sign up at fpcfw.org/sweets and bring your treat to the table any time after 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 16.





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REMAINING IN THE 2019-20 SEASON:

Monday, February 3 at 7 p.m.

Nordic Choir of Luther College

The Nordic Choir is one of the premier collegiate choral ensembles in the United States.

Sunday, February 23 at 3 p.m.

FPC Music Ensemble Concert

This concert will feature the Chancel Choir, Fellowship Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir, (also Combined Choirs) and Grace Notes.

**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25
and April 1 at 12:30 p.m.**

Lent Afternoon Organ Concerts

immediately following the Noon Lent services in the Sanctuary. A light lunch will be served after each concert at 1 p.m.

Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Duo Organ Recital

featuring European organists Simon Menges and Eun-Hye Lee. This concert is also co-sponsored by the Fort Worth American Guild of Organists. Reception before the concert at 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m.

Southwestern Adventist University Singers

Back by popular demand, the Southwestern Adventist University Singers and Orchestra will be back for the complete Jubilate Deo by Dan Forrest for choir, orchestra & organ.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
FPCFW.ORG/CONCERT-SERIES**