

THE Penn Street LETTER

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

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You are invited to the reopening and dedication of the Community Crossroads Outreach Center on Sunday, October 3, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Community Crossroads is First Presbyterian Church's mission outreach center located at 1516 Hemphill Street in Fort Worth's near South neighborhood. An expansion and renovation of the building, and the addition of a community learning garden, were recently completed. The newly completed space will allow for the expansion of existing ministries and addition of new ones. Come visit on October 3 and tour the newly renovated building, meet neighbors and volunteers, and learn about the many outreach ministries that serve those in need.



Kids Against Hunger

All youth and their families & friends are invited to join the FPC Youth Group for this special mission project to fight against world hunger on Sunday, October 3. Our goal is to pack over 25,000 meals for children who are hungry around the world! See schedule below, and be there! (It's a fun way to earn service hours too.)

- 2 p.m. Set up and unload trailer (small group needed, contact Josh)
- 3 p.m. Event begins (Youth Center)
- 3:30 p.m. Packing meals (Gym - 2.5 hours to pack meals)
- 6 p.m. Clean up
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner (physically distanced, to go option available)
- 7 p.m. Event finished, parent pick-up

Questions? Contact Josh Stewart (817.335.1231 ext. 251, josh@fpcf.org)



Mark your calendars for an All-Church Brunch after worship sponsored by the Evangelism Committee on October 10, which is also Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. Come, bring a friend, and eat brunch for free.



The Women's Fall Day Retreat is Saturday, October 16 at YMCA Camp Carter and will include a book discussion on Shauna Niequist's *Present Over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living*. For more information or to register, contact Celeste Falter (cfalter@fpcf.org) in the church office.

Also, mark your calendars for Tuesday Together on Tuesday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m., with lunch to follow at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is FPC's own Heath Brosi, Director of Hospitality and Food Service. For more information or to register, contact Celeste Falter (cfalter@fpcf.org) in the church office.



For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace... (Isaiah 55.12a)

Those words were spoken to Israel while in exile, and they brought hope as they began to envision a return to their land and their lives, even though things would be different. God's faithfulness was apparent. God was leading them back. It will be a time of joy and peace.

The Stewardship Committee chose this scripture from Isaiah for the fall campaign theme because it resonated with our experiences over the last year and a half as well. Following the difficult and painful first year of the pandemic, there was such hope as the vaccines were being administered and as transmission was declining. God was leading us, once again, back from our own exile experience as the church, even though things would be different. Even as the delta variant keeps us cautious, joy and peace are real as we move into God's future.

Soon you will be receiving pledge cards for adults and children in the mail. We ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge as we offer a witness of joy and peace to our community. How will you be inspired by what God is calling you to do in the year ahead?

Commitment Sunday is October 31.
Please come share our joy, and be led back in peace.



PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

It's Fall! I love this time of the year! It gives us a much needed respite from the heat of the summer and it brings us into a new season full of new schedules and new activities. As for me and my household, we love all things Fall — campfires, s'mores, evening walks, and even some college football. We've even already begun to decorate for Reformation Day (even though my children call it Halloween). We are in a great season of life!

At the church, we seem to love the Fall as well! Our Fall Kick-Off has given us a great start to programs and ministries and events of all sorts. With our sermon series, I have already had several great conversations about congregational vitality. With our youth events, I have already heard countless stories about life-sized Pac-Man and devotionals. The Presbytery Women had about twice the amount of women show up for their monthly gathering than they were having pre-COVID. Our Children's Sunday School classes were so full that first week that we had to borrow extra chairs from the other rooms!

Two nights ago, my Meg hosted one of our congregation's newly formed MOMS groups in our living room. Then last night, we held a Men's Book Study group formed by the Men's Ministry team in the same spot. It's Fall! I love this time of the year! We are in a great season of life!

Brian

THE HISTORY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The History Committee is calling all First Pres photographers to submit photos from the year 1980 to current. We are trying to collect high quality/resolution format photographs that we can use in the soon-to-be-released First Presbyterian Fort Worth History book. We have a shortage of photos from the most current years and are hopeful that the congregation can help! If your photo is a hard copy you may drop it off at the church office with Patty O'Brien, or (our preference) submit the photo electronically to Patty at pobrien@fpcf.org. The History Committee will make the decision for entry to the book, but all photos will be retained in the History room for future reference. We need your submissions by October 15, 2021 in order for it to be considered for the book.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10 a.m.:
Young Adult Church School
First Pres Room 234

October 5, 6-8 p.m.:
Young Adult Hosted Choice Pantry
Community Crossroads

October 12, 7 p.m.:
Young Adult Study & Discussion
Shaw's Patio Grill

October 23, 8 p.m.:
Young Adult Social Gathering
Bad Axe Throwing

October 26, 7 p.m.:
Young Adult Study & Discussion
Yucatan Taco Stand

October 31, 9:30-11 a.m.:
Last Sunday Brunch
Donuts @ Dream Park

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the NOVEMBER issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, OCTOBER 20**. 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@fpcf.org.

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CLOTHING ROOM UPDATES

by Lynda Richey, Community Crossroads volunteer

We are currently hard at work getting our beautiful new Clothing Room ready for the Community Crossroads Grand Reopening on Sunday, October 3.

The Clothing Room needs a name! We'd love to hear your suggestions - send them to lkrichy@gmail.com.

We will begin accepting clothing donations again after October 3. Below is a list of clothing items that we are accepting, as most of our neighbors are looking for "everyday" clothes:

- Jeans and casual pants for men
- Shirts and T-shirts for men
- Tennis shoes, casual shoes, and work boots for men
- Jeans, casual pants for women
- Blouses, T-shirts for women
- Tennis shoes, low heel shoes, casual shoes for women
- Coats, caps, and gloves for winter

We want to thank all the volunteers. We appreciate their hard work and prayers, and we appreciate the advice and suggestions from former volunteers who have cheered us on! If there is a time in the future you would like to be part this the team, please let us know.

2022 NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Would you like to serve on an FPC Committee? Know someone who would? The Nominating Committee has begun meeting to update the membership of church committees for 2022.

Please take a minute to nominate yourself or someone you think is interested in sharing their gifts with the church on a 2022 Committee. You may use the form below and return the completed form to the church office. You may also submit nominations online at fpcf.w.info/nominations. If you have questions, please contact Nominating Committee Co-Chair, Charlie Gibbs (charlie222@yahoo.com).

The following is a list of FPC committees: Adult Christian Nurture Committee, Children's Christian Nurture Committee, Youth Christian Nurture Committee, Communications Committee, Congregational Care Committee, Evangelism Committee, Fellowship Committee, Finance Committee, Mission Outreach Committee, Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, Property Committee, Stewardship Committee, Wellness Committee, and Worship and Music Committee.

NAME: _____

COMMITTEE: _____

ANY COMMENTS: _____



Something New is Coming to FPC!

In response to PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 Initiative and its emphasis on facilitating personal transformation, the Spiritual Formation Subcommittee of Adult Christian Nurture is inaugurating a new venue for adult education, The School of Spiritual Formation.

Whereas everything we do and learn here at FPC can be formative, the current time frame of 45-minute class periods does not lend itself to the depth experiences conducive to Christian transformation, the letting go of the power of our ego-selves and the putting on of ever-greater Christ-likeness. It is this transformation that Paul alludes to when he says, "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2.20) It is this journey into a Christ-centered life that the spiritual journey is all about.

Classes offered in the School of Spiritual Formation will directly address this transformational process. They will be 1.5 hours long, a time frame that will allow for experiential learning and depth reflection. They will be offered on Sunday mornings, and will work this way:

- Participants will covenant to worship together at one of the three worship services.
- They will attend class for 90 minutes during the time the other two services meet.
- Scheduling will be rotated so that congregants can worship at their preferred service and still have an opportunity to experience all content over time.
- This format will begin on December 5, with the start-up of the winter quarter.

Watch for the upcoming curriculum catalogue around the church, and for the winter schedule in upcoming newsletters.

The First Christmas Book Study: October 24 through December 19

As we enter Advent, please consider joining a small group reading experience revolving around the familiar stories of Christ's birth. Are we too familiar with these stories? Do we connect with the emotional power of these incarnational stories about the beginnings of the Christ story and the Christ life? Or, are we so caught up in the cultural busyness of the season that we overlook what's really there in the gospel text?

Join us for a 12-week study of *The First Christmas* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Together, Borg and Crossan trace the historical and theological meanings of these stories with a focus on understanding what they suggest for religious commitment today. The study will meet weekly on Sunday mornings, October 24 through December 19, at 9 a.m. To register, visit fpcf.w.info/firstchristmas.

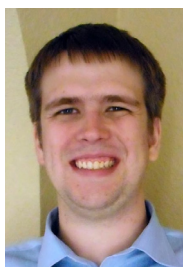
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Mary Elizabeth Austin (Elder) has been a member of FPC since 2014. She has served on the Children's Christian Nurture and the Personnel committees, participated in MOMS, been a PW Circle member, and been a faithful adult Church School participant. She loves that FPC has such strong programming for all ages, making it a wonderful community for her entire family. Her fondest memory of her life at First Pres is connecting with other mothers through

the Mothers Offering Mothers Support (MOMS) Ministry. Outside of serving her church, Mary Elizabeth likes to cook and spend time with her boys.



Steven Zaborowski (Elder/Trustee) joined the church in 2011. He has been very active in the youth ministry of the church, serving on the Youth Christian Nurture Committee, as a mentor and teacher for the confirmands, and as a high school youth sponsor. Steven has previously served on the Session, has been part of the Evangelism Committee, and participated in the Men's Ministry events.



Ralph Reece (Elder) joined FPC in 2008 and has previously been ordained as an elder in the church. He is currently retired from the workforce, but has put in many years of service to the church, serving as a Trustee, as well as on the Personnel, Property, Mission and Outreach, and Evangelism Committees, a number of ministries in Congregational Care, and as a CPR/AED volunteer for Wellness. What Ralph loves about First Pres is the sense of belonging

to something bigger than himself. His fondest memory is of the mission trips to Cuba and Haiti. The trip to Haiti to install solar panels to provide electricity to a high school was a special highlight. When not at the church, Ralph loves to read and play golf.



Claire Schmid (Elder) has been a member of First Pres since 1984 and has served on the Christian Nurture, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship and Music, Personnel, and Nominating committees. She volunteers in the First HAND clothing room and WOW at Community Crossroads, and in other ministries of our church. Claire loves the people of First Pres – members, children, ministers, musicians, teachers, and church staff – her church family.

She loves watching the variety of ways we are called to serve. Her fondest memory is of making visits to church families prior to the baptism of their children. She always loved walking the parents

through the liturgy and pointing out the promises that would be made for their child. These visits helped to put the parents at ease so they could fully experience the baptism moment. Outside of church, Claire enjoys playing tennis, reading, walking, and spending time with friends and family.



Austin Stubblefield (Elder) joined FPC in 2018. He has served various roles in the church, including multiple areas of the youth ministry and participated in a number of Adult Christian Nurture classes and events. Austin loves FPC's diverse and intergenerational programming, as well as the focus on serving the community. While he has many favorite memories in the church, Austin has especially enjoyed his work with the children, from teaching Church School,

to leading a worship service in children's church, to hanging out with the kids in youth, and teaching an art class for WHAM. He loves seeing how the children engage. Austin's view is that faith is not something that just happens all at once but is a lifetime of experiences. Seeing a young adult that he taught when they were a child become an active member in the church is so rewarding to him. Outside of church, Austin's family is the center of his days. He also enjoys woodworking and painting.



Dawn Shepard (Elder) has been a member of FPC since 2019 and has previously been ordained as an Elder. She formerly served on the staff of First Pres as the Director of Community Crossroads. Dawn has been a member of both the Westminster and Journeys adult church school classes and has participated in numerous Christian nurture groups for her own growth and spiritual formation. After almost four years of serving as the Director

at Community Crossroads, Dawn is now the Community Center Director at Broadway Baptist Church. She continues to volunteer at Community Crossroads, having been called to serve as a youth leader there at WOW (Worship on Wednesdays). Dawn loves the leadership of this church and that there is always an opportunity to serve. Outside of church time, she's a huge sports fan with baseball at the top of the list. Attending games with friends is a favorite past time.



Martha Newman (Elder) has been a member of First Pres since 2008, coming from Emmanuel Presbyterian where she served as an ordained deacon and as a Stephen Minister. She has continued her Stephen Ministry work here at FPC. Martha also is an active member of the Spiritual Formation Subcommittee, teaching/facilitating classes on spiritual growth and

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critical social justice issues. With education and a background in sociology and social work, she completed HeartPath's 3-year course for training in Spiritual Direction and is pleased to serve as one of the Spiritual Directors in and for our congregation. Martha loves caring for the congregation. Outside of church ministry, she enjoys travel, reading, and spending time with her three grandchildren.



Herd Midkiff (At-Large Trustee) joined First Pres in 2012, and he has previously been ordained as an elder, serving on the Finance Committee. Over the years, he has also been active in Spiritual Formation, Virtual Faith Formation, and the Growing Families of Faith class. Herd loves the people and the community that are First Pres. His fondest memories about the church focus around discovering God through the Bible and growing in his faith through worship and fellowship.



Scot Pierce (At-Large Trustee) joined FPC in 2003. Scot is an attorney. In his years at FPC, he has served on the Stewardship, Children's Christian Nurture, and Nominating committees and worked with the Capital Campaign. He has been an At-Large Trustee for one year. When asked what he loves about First Pres, Scot said, "I like that we use actions more than words to show people who we believe God is." Scot's fondest memory of FPC life is the comfort of

attending church on Sunday mornings with people who generally approach religion the same way he does, even though we do not all come to the same conclusions.



Ashley Parsons (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been a member of First Pres since 1998 and has served as an ordained elder. She has been part of the Nominating Committee as an at-large member collectively for 5 years. Ashley has worked as a middle school sponsor and confirmation mentor. She has also served on the Children's Christian Nurture and Stewardship committees and been active in Presbyterian Women. Ashley loves

the intergenerational relationships she and her family have with members at FPC. Her fondest memories in the church are actively participating in baptisms during the worship services – the commitment our congregation gives to everyone who is baptized is important to her life in the church. When not involved in church work, Ashley loves walking in her neighborhood looking for every hill she can find.



Paula Hawpe (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been a member of First Pres since 2016 and very active in Presbyterian Women, serving as a circle chair and a Bible leader. Paula has also served on the Mission Outreach Committee. Paula "loves First Presbyterian Church so much." She loves seeing the special members focusing on Jesus and his agenda above their own. She describes First Pres as a caring church, and she feels that the church members treat one another like family. Fondest memories at John Knox Presbyterian Church (where she grew up) included Sunday evening fellowship with the youth – meeting new people, great food, and bowling parties that were a blast.



Judith Kinser (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been a member of FPC since 1970 and is currently retired as the Director of Admissions at Trinity Valley School. Over the years at First Pres, Judith has been very active and served on many committees and activities including the Nominating and the Children's Nurture committees, Presbyterian Women, and Congregational Care Teams. She has served as a Spirit Formation facilitator and sings in the Chancel Choir. Judith is an ordained elder and served as a Trustee. FPC is her second home, supporting her through a lifetime of growth and development even as it evolves as well. Judith's milestone events in life are her fondest memories in the church, her marriage, her children's baptisms, and serving communion to her parents when she first was ordained as an elder. Judith loves serving on committees because it's such a great way to get to know people.



Marcus Newman (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2008. Since joining, Marcus has served on the Nominating, Mission Outreach, and Finance committees. He has volunteered with WOW, Habitat for Humanity, the Refugee Family Welcome Team, and Room in the Inn.



Steve Christian (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined FPC in 1979. He was previously ordained as an elder and is currently serving on the Mission and Outreach Committee, as well as an at-large member of the Nominating Committee. Steve is also a Steering Committee member for the church's Circles of Christ covenant partnership with Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. In addition, Steve serves as Board Chair for New Leaf Community Services, a nonprofit developing permanent

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supportive housing for chronically homeless and disabled adults in Fort Worth, and he is a board member for DRC Solutions, a nonprofit which provides case management and housing services for homeless individuals and families in Fort Worth. What Steve loves about First Pres is our heart for mission, compassion, and inclusion. Some favorite memories of the church are the Hemphill Presbyterian Fellowship youth group and running club and the Circles of Christ partnership with Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. His time away from church events includes traveling with family and friends.



Michael Martin (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined FPC in 1998. He has been active as a youth group sponsor and served on the Fellowship and the Worship and Music committees. Michael has also previously served on the Nominating Committee and has volunteered at the Presbyterian Night Shelter with the young adult playgroup. Outside of church, Michael is an avid golfer.



Robert Smith (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2008. He has served on the Nominating Committee for the past year and has also served as a Stephen Minister, a member of a Congregational Care Team, a CPR/AED Volunteer, an usher, and he sings in the Fellowship Choir. What Robert loves about First Pres is the people. When asked about his favorite memory at FPC, he said "there are too many for superlatives."

Outside of church, Robert likes music, family, and friends.



Sidney Goodfriend (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been at First Pres since 2012 and she and her husband Brian are raising two precious little boys here at First Pres. Sidney's involvement in the church includes serving on the Evangelism Committee. She actively participates in the Formula and Diapers (FAD) ministry at Community Crossroads, MOMS group, a PW circle, and Room in the Inn (pre-pandemic). Some of Sidney's fondest memories at First Pres have been going to the women's retreat. When she's not at church, she likes to spend time with her family and reading.



D'Anne Dorrough (At-Large Nominating Committee) has been a member of the First Pres family since 1974. She has served on a Congregational Care Team, volunteered with our Food Pantry at Community Crossroads and as a Kids Hope Volunteer, and been active in Presbyterian Women. D'Anne has spent many years as a member of the Children's Christian Nurture Committee and especially enjoyed her time volunteering with the children's ministries

and programming where she got to be a part of her daughter's life in the church. D'Anne loves that the First Pres community is so supportive and genuine and says "it's a wonderful family to be a part of." Outside of church time, D'Anne likes to spend time at home and in the yard.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please join the Evangelism Committee in welcoming the following new members, who recently joined First Presbyterian Church.



Barbara and Bill Holmes joined on Sunday, September 19, by transfer of membership. Barbara and Bill have been visiting FPC for several months, and have already been actively engaged in choir, Presbyterian Women, and as part of the usher team.



Fred Oberkircher joined on Sunday, September 19, by transfer of membership. Fred is retired from TCU. He was previously a member of FPC and recently relocated back to Fort Worth from Tennessee.



Richard Talley joined First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 29, by transfer of membership. Richard is a long-time Presbyterian and originally from Midland. He enjoys organ music and looks forward to joining us in worship and Bible study.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of September 23, 2021. To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant their permission.

Our loving sympathy to...

Mike and Julie Henry on the death of his aunt, Mary Smith, on August 21 in Palestine, Texas. Other surviving FPC family are **Emma Henry** and **Will Henry**.

Family and friends of **Mildred Fender**, who died August 26.

FPC Early Childhood Education Director, Mindy Samples on the death of her sister, Melody Samples, who died September 4 in Clarksville, Georgia.

Family and friends of **Pauline Dick**, who died September 9. Surviving FPC family are **Kimberly and Randy Ferguson**, **James Ferguson**, and **John Ferguson**.

Family and friends of **Irene Torrez**, who died on September 16. Surviving FPC family are **Becky and Rene Saldivar**, **Cecilia Elizondo**, **Diego Saldivar**, and Olivia Romero.

Family and friends of **David Nation**, who died on September 21.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Bill Holmes, **Bettye Kinard**, **Susie Kuipers**, **Jere Robertson**, **Larry Kinard**, **Paula Robertson**, **Janet Ragsdale**, **Bill Gordon**, **Dick Dinsdale**, **Ann Florsheim**, and **Mike Millar**, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

Marilyn Love, **Paul Campbell**, **Catherine Elkins**, **Glynda Coffey**, **Sarah Graham**, **Jim Goble**, **Karl Kuipers**, **Jerry Brownlee**, **Janelle Eklund**, **Frank Stewart**, **Karl Travis**, **Marilyn Wilson**, **Emma Coley**, and **Frances Blake**, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Jo Gordon (daughter-in-law of **Pat and Bill Gordon**), Travis Gordon (son of **Pat and Bill Gordon**), Sue Quinn (mother of **Jaci Travis**), Tahji Hoffman (great niece of **Rachele Williams**), Ross Gordon (son of **Pat and Bill Gordon**), David Sloan (father-in-law of **Murray Hilyard**), Victoria DeLay (niece of **Jamie Downing**), Cora McCoy (mother-in-law of **Lesley McCoy**), Paula Perkins (sister of **Susie Kuipers**), Audrey Hart (great-granddaughter of **Bob and Jane Trask**), Ann Welch (sister of **Andrea Frankenfield**), Mike Bryan (son-in-law of **Mary Alice Dobesh**), Nancy Hatfield (mother of **Sarah Haddock**), Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); **Bill Neil** (brother of **Marilyn Love**), **John DeMore** (son-in-law of **June Sprott**), **Kathy Kline** (**Maxine Kruse's** daughter), and **Susan Chenault**.

Prayers for peace in our world, for the safety of **Lt. Rolf Tilley**, who is serving in the US Air Force, deployed in Japan. Rolf is the son of **Katie and Jaret Tilley** and the grandson of **Janelle Eklund**. For the safety of **Pape Russell**, who is serving in the US Navy. Pape is the grandson of **Barbara Russell**. 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**. For the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar**, who is serving in the US Navy; Diego is the son of **Becky and Rene Saldivar**. Also, for the safety of **Nathan Gunter** (nephew of **Russell and Vivian Norment**), stationed in Korea, and **Cullen Cline** (grandson of **Bill and Glinda King**) who is serving in the US Navy.

Prayers for those affected by the coronavirus pandemic including medical professionals and healthcare providers.

Prayers for **Cindy Corell**, our mission co-worker in Haiti. We pray also for those affected by disasters and political turmoil.

Our congratulations and best wishes to...

Grant and **Leigh Ann Redrow** on the birth of **Lucy Leota** on August 26. Proud FPC grandparents are **Karen Redrow** and **David Hamre**.

Elizabeth Bewley and **Brian Goldsmith** on the birth of **Matthew Beck** on September 8. Matthew joins big brother **Wesley**. Proud FPC grandparents are **Mary Stewart** and **Ed Bewley** and great-grandmother is **Peggy Stewart**.



Below are some highlights of special events happening in October. For a complete calendar, visit fpcf.org.

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Church School for All Ages
- 11 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 2 p.m. WHAM Worship Arts Classes
- 2:45 p.m. Children's Choir
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Bell Choir
- 4 p.m. Grief Group
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 6 p.m. High School Youth Groups

WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 5:30 p.m. WOW! Worship and To-Go Meal at Community Crossroads
- 7:30 p.m. High School Bible Study

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 12:30 p.m. Community Crossroads Reopening
- 3 p.m. Kids Against Hunger Project

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- All Day PW Circles meet
- 7 p.m. Young Adult Study & Discussion

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7 p.m. Grades 4-5 Service Under the Stars (overnight event)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

- All Day Women's Day Retreat at Camp Carter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

- All Day Peanut Butter Sunday (donations collected)
- 9 a.m. Jazz Sunday in Great Hall (livestream at 11 a.m.)
- 12:15 p.m. Grades 1-3 Fall Festival
- 6:30 p.m. Taize Worship in Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9 a.m. Children's Playdate in the Park
- 5 p.m. Penn Street Arts Concert: Southwestern Adventist University Orchestra and Singers
- 8 p.m. Young Adult Social Gathering

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 4 p.m. Circles of Christ Gathering

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 7 p.m. Young Adult Study & Discussion



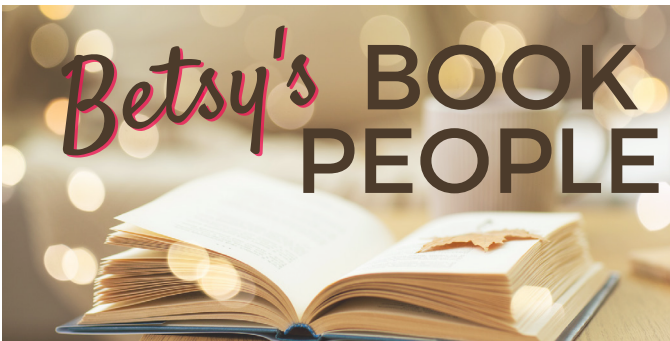
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The members of Book People have chosen to rename the group Betsy's Book People. This change is to honor Betsy Pense, who founded this group of book lovers in February 2015. It is the group's hope that with the addition of Betsy's name, members will continue to be reminded of her legacy as the first female Presbyterian pastor ordained in North Texas, and for her love of books. As new members join the group, they will learn about Betsy and be inspired by her story.

Betsy's Book People meet on the second Monday of selected months at noon in the Church Parlor. The books for the next months are: October 11 *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline; November 8 *The Midnight Library* by Matthew Haig, and January 10 *The Queen of Paris* by Pamela Binnings Ewen.

If you have questions about Betsy's Book People, contact Ellen Peck (ecrowl7672@aol.com) or Barbara Reece (reecebk@aol.com).



Celebrate Connection with Circles of Christ! Come together for a shared meal and a time to deepen, renew or begin your connection with Circles of Christ, a partnership with Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist at First Presbyterian Church.

Enjoy dinner, activities, and fellowship with members of our two churches on Sunday, October 24, 4-6 p.m. on the Great Hall porch. RSVP at fpcfw.info/celebrateconnection.

This year celebrates the 2 year anniversary of Circles of Christ. We partner together both by inviting one another to share in existing ministries of our congregations, and through new engagements specifically designed to enhance and deepen our dialogue about racial injustices and shared solidarity. For more information on how you can be a part of Circles of Christ, visit fpcfw.org/circlesofchrist or contact Robyn Michalove (robyn@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231, ext. 266).