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Through annual pledges and financial commitments FPC supports James L. West Center; Senior Adult Day Program to be named in memory of Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser

Editor's Note: This article is a special contribution to The Penn Street Letter, by Cathy Neece Brown, VP of Mission Support, James L. West Center.

Fort Worth has been blessed with a plethora of gifted community leaders and volunteers who have given their time and treasure unselfishly. Among these were the Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser, a truly powerful team. Servants of the church, the Kinsers were also servants of the community. Rev. and Mrs. Kinser elevated the word "service" by cultivating a passion for identifying, discovering, and meeting community needs wherever they served.



Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser

Rev. Kinser served as a Presbyterian minister for 44 years, first in Menard and then Wichita Falls, Abilene, Bowie, and Nocona, before arriving at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth in 1970, where he served as Associate Pastor and then Associate Pastor, Emeritus, until his death in 2020. Dorothy, a lifelong Presbyterian, met Floyd at University Presbyterian Church in Austin. They married in

1951, and had three sons, Glen, Kevin, and Owen. Dorothy was a school librarian, serving at several schools in Fort Worth ISD. Dorothy died in 2021, just six weeks after Floyd.

A precursor to today's West Center, Floyd and the staff of First Presbyterian Church established a Senior Adult Day Care Program at the church to support the needs of families with loved ones diagnosed with dementia. Since that time, First Presbyterian Church has played a defining role in supporting persons and families in their walk with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

The seeds planted at FPC grew within the walls of Fort Worth's James L. West Center for Dementia Care. The Day Program, which has been touching lives in the community for the last 36 years, will reopen in a new stand-alone location

in Southwest Fort Worth, adjacent to Texas Health Harris Southwest Hospital. The move was necessitated by regulatory requirements for the Center to have a stand-alone quarantine unit in the event that Covid-19 impacts the Center's residents. This meant the Day Program would need to be relocated to another campus.

A comprehensive fundraising campaign began in September 2021, which resulted in the West Center's ability to purchase a 6,000 square foot medical building in southwest Fort Worth. Through

God's grace, the building formerly housed a day program for adults with intellectual developmental disability, as well as those

with cognitive impairment (dementia). Construction and renovation of the space, along with the completion of the capital campaign, will conclude in late spring 2022. The program plans to open to the community in early May 2022.

A generous gift of \$1 million (over three years) from First Presbyterian Church secured the naming of the building,

which will honor the program founders and visionaries the Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser. The naming recognizes and honors their shared vision to serve seniors, the church, and the community.

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their ministries served others in Fort Worth and beyond, are a result of their passion for the world of ministry and service. For these reasons and many more it is an honor and privilege to name the West Center's Adult Day Program



6050 Harris Parkway in southwest Fort Worth, which will house the Day Program.

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- James L. West Center CEO Cheryl Harding

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

With the month of March comes the season of spring and, also, this calendar year, the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, the forty days in which we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. And this month also marks the two-year milestone of this COVID pandemic, when the "before times" abruptly came to halt. The last two Lents have been unusual and disorienting, to say the least.

You may find yourself wondering: after these incredibly challenging years, in a season of so much loss and deprivation, what can Lent possibly offer? Can't we zip on past Lent and go straight to Easter this year?! We have already given up so much (though I don't think our forced deprivations enhanced our spiritual attentiveness as many Lenten practices do!), and we are tired.

And yet, maybe, Lent is exactly what we need this year: a space to engage our faith with attention and intention...a space to cultivate life-giving practices...a time to heal and forgive, a time to repent and renew.... a space to clear out all the head clutter and anxiety and weariness.

Just recently, I claimed a chair in our house as "my space." I didn't have an extra side table available, so I used a cardboard box and covered it with a tablecloth. On it sits my Bible, a journal, a devotional book, and a simple piece of art. What a difference this little corner has been for me spiritually as a constant invitation to reflect and meditate, to read and pray. And it was so simple to do! Metaphorically, what would it be like for us to clear away some space, some time in this Lenten season, to listen, to pray, to wonder, to serve with intentionality?

In our church community, during Sunday morning worship, at Worship on Wednesdays, and in covenant groups, we will allow the verses of Psalm 23 to strengthen and encourage us. During our half-hour Midday Prayer services at noon, we will explore the words of the psalmists before a half hour organ concert. Spiritual practices like meditation or gratitude or prayer, readings from the Bible, or acts of outreach and service strengthen this season of spiritual renewal.

Receive the invitation of Lent this year as an opportunity to find renewal, to deepen your commitment to love God and neighbor as you are strengthened through God's grace and mercy.

Peace,

Robyn



Ash WEDNESDAY worship

Wednesday, March 2

12 noon in the Chapel | 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lent is a time of deep reflection on the Christian life of faith. Ash Wednesday begins this journey with a focus on repentance and renewed commitment to faithfully living out our faith.

Both Ash Wednesday services include the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance and recognition of our mortality, and the Lord's Supper to nourish us on the journey.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the **APRIL** issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, MARCH 23**. 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.

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On Sunday, February 6, members and friends celebrated FPC's 25th annual Kirkin' of the Tartans, a service celebrating the Presbyterian Church's Scottish heritage. The festive service included a colorful procession of tartan plaid banners, bagpipes, and drums.



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building in their honor. I am truly amazed at the insight and energy that Rev. Kinser and his entire family poured into his ministries, and into the West Center in particular," says James L. West Center CEO Cheryl Harding. "Even in these most recent years, he served the West Center as the weekly preacher for chapel services and was a voice we could rely on for solid advice on how to serve our senior population facing dementia and Alzheimer's. Long before the national trend of support for caregivers Rev. Kinser and his wife recognized that caregivers themselves need a break from the stresses of caregiving."

Thank you to the members of First Presbyterian Church for your longstanding support of the James L. West Center for Dementia Care. The Center looks forward to welcoming the FPC family to the soft opening of the program, slated for late April/early May 2022. Watch for continued updates in upcoming issues of *The Penn Street Letter*, *Penn Street Online*, and on social media.

ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

Sunday, March 27 at 12 noon
in the FPC Great Hall

Come enjoy a delicious FREE meal, an art show for all ages, visit the playground, and learn more about FPC's Early Education Center!

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church's
Early Education Center

Boomers fellowship ministry Dinner on the Patio

Mexican Buffet, tea and water included, cash bar.
\$10 per person
RSVP by Friday, March 4
fpcfw.info/onthepatio

Tuesday, March 8
at 6 p.m.

The Original
Mexican Eats Cafe

BE INSPIRED...

Below are some upcoming opportunities for being inspired into a life of discipleship through church events and education opportunities.

LENT COVENANT GROUPS BEGIN MARCH 6

During the season of Lent, worship will be centered around a preaching series on Psalm 23. Preaching on the verses and themes of the psalm, hymns and anthems of various musical settings of the psalm and supporting liturgy will be a rich experience. In addition to worship, several Covenant Group opportunities led by clergy and staff will allow for deeper reflection on Psalm 23 as a Lenten discipline. The following meeting times are available, and you are welcome to register at fpcfw.info/covenantgroups or by calling or emailing Celeste (cfalter@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231) in the church office.

- Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in person
- Mondays at 12 noon in person (you are welcome to bring a lunch)
- Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in person
- Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in person (meeting at Community Crossroads)
- Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in a hybrid format (in person or Zoom)

Bible In-Depth: Revelation begins in March

Beginning March 6 and 9, the Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove and the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski will be teaching Revelation. This fascinating, and often misunderstood, book of the Bible has inspired and perplexed Christians from the time of its writing to present day. To register, visit fpcfw.info/bidrevelation or contact Celeste (817.335.1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org) in the church office. The Sunday class meets at 10 a.m. in Room 237 and the Wednesday class meets at 10:45 a.m. in a hybrid format (either in person or on Zoom.)



The Last Week Lenten Study begins March 6

The Gospel according to Mark is the first detailing of the last week of Jesus the Messiah. Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan follow Mark's account in their study guide, *The Last Week*, to describe each day of that last week, relating the events and acts of Jesus that week to earlier scriptures in Old Testament, to other Jewish writings, and to the political and economic reality of the Jewish homeland. This nine-week Lenten journey begins March 6 during the church school hour (10 a.m.) on Sunday mornings. Join in and add your questions and insights about the life and death of Jesus. Visit fpcfw.org/spiritualformation for more information and to register.



MOMS Night Out: March 10

MOMS (Mothers Offering Mothers Support) is a ministry of First Presbyterian Church for all mothers of children of all ages. 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 entire meeting — let MOMS fit your busy life.

Join MOMS for a Night Out at Board and Brush, 4620 Bryant Irvin Road, on Thursday March 10 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$20. Snacks provided, bring your own beverages. Create a personalized mini wood sign with other FPC moms. Stay connected while you are being creative! To register, visit fpcfw.org/moms. (Pre-registration is required to prepare supplies in advance. Please sign up at least 24 hours in advance.)

MARCH EVENTS

MARCH 2022

March 1: Young Adult Hosted Choice Pantry
Dinner at Firehouse Subs 5 p.m.
Community Crossroads from 6-8 p.m.

March 6, 13, 20, 10 a.m.: Church School
First Pres Room 234, Topic: Gospel of Luke

March 8, 7 p.m.: Study & Discussion
Shaw's Patio Bar & Grill
Topic: Safety & Peace Are Not the Same Thing

March 15, 7 p.m.: Social Gathering
Backyard Campfire & S'mores at Eric's house

March 22, 7 p.m.: Study & Discussion
Yucatan Taco Stand
Topic: The Cult of Comparison

March 27, 9:30 a.m.: Last Sunday Brunch
Pearl Snap Kolaches

March 29, 6-8 p.m.: 5th Tuesday Fun
Heim BBQ (White Settlement Road)

For more information about FPC's Young Adults, contact Eric Varnon, Director of Young Adult Ministry, at evarnon@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231 or visit fpcfw.org/youngadults



ENGAGE THE WORLD...

Below are a few ways we engage with others through church events and outreach opportunities.

Women of the Movement discussion: March 22 and 29



Women of the Movement is a six-part series based on the true story of Emmet Till and Mamie Till-Mobley. Stream for free on Hulu or at abc.com. Each episode is about 45 minutes in length. Register to attend the Zoom discussion on Tuesdays, March 22 and March 29 from 6-7 pm. We will discuss the first three episodes on March 22 and the last three episodes on March 29. To register, visit fpcfw.org/circlesofchrist.

APRIL 9, 2022

**VICTORY OVER
VIOLENCE**

5K/1K WALK/RUN



25 YEARS
THE WOMEN'S CENTER
OF TARRANT COUNTY

NEXT TEAM FPC EVENT: VICTORY OVER VIOLENCE WALK/RUN



Inspiring Disciples...Engaging the World

The next Team FPC Wellness event is the Victory Over Violence walk/run on Saturday, April 9, 2022. This event includes a 5K walk/run as well as a 1K fun run through Trinity Park in Fort Worth.

Victory Over Violence is an all-ages annual fundraising

event consisting of a 5K walk/run and 1K fun run and benefitting many of The Women's Center's anti-violence initiatives. These services give survivors the tools to heal from the devastating effects of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and other violent crimes, as well as empower the community by providing education centered around these issues. This family-friendly event also features a dedicated Kids' Zone area and K-12 school teams.

For more information and to register for Team FPC and this race, visit fpcfw.org/wellness.



On Saturday, February 12, members and friends gathered in the FPC gym for an All Church Morning of Service and assembled 1,000 lunches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter.



The clothing ministry at Community Crossroads needs a few extra hands to help sort and categorize clothing donations. Donations of men's sneakers are also needed. Please contact Lynda at lkrichey@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering with the clothing ministry.

Between September 15 and December 31, 2021, the clothing room served 642 individuals. Between January 1 and December 31, 2021, the food pantries served 9,209 individuals, and 6,613 sack lunches were distributed. Formula and Diapers Ministry served 1,109 children.

Community Crossroads is First Presbyterian Church's mission outreach center at 1516 Hemphill Street in Fort Worth's near South neighborhood. For more information, visit fpcfw.org/crossroads.



We can't wait for Summer 2022! After two summers of not being able to gather for our normal summer programming, we are excited for the ways we will be able to learn, grow and have fun together. Registration begins on March 1 for all FPC summer programs (VBS, Music and Arts and Mission on the Move). For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit FPCFW.ORG/KIDSSUMMER.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates & times: June 20-24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages: For 3 years old (by January 1, 2022) through 5th grade

Cost: \$20

This summer our VBS farm theme will focus on seeing ourselves as part of the global family and gaining a deeper appreciation of the ways in which Heifer International helps people, animals, and the environment live in harmony as God's great creation. Our curriculum, Animal Crackers, will offer an incredible opportunity for kids to make a deep connection between growing in faith and practicing their faith in the world. Come learn, serve, spend time with friends, and strengthen your connection with God.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

Dates & times: June 20-24, 12 - 5 p.m.

Ages: Entering 1st through 6th grade (Fall 2022)

Cost: \$75 (Optional daily lunch for \$12/week)

Come sing, say, dance, and play as we prepare to present the family classic *Where the Wild Things Are!* During this week of creative fun and exploration, we will play percussion instruments of all kinds, learn a few new dance moves, polish our acting skills, create works of art, and so much more! Come ready to get creative and learn!

PRE-K MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

Dates & times: July 25-29, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages: 4 years old (by July 25, 2022) through entering Kindergarten

Cost: \$50

Carnival of the Animals will be the theme for this year in Pre-K Music and Art Camp. Campers will dance, sing, play instruments, and create works of art based on *The Carnival of the Animals* by composer Camille Saint-Saëns. He composed this music following many visits to the zoo in Paris. The closing performance will take place at 12 p.m. on the final day of camp.

MISSION ON THE MOVE

Dates & times: July 25-28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages: For entering 4th through 8th Graders

Cost: \$50 per child

Upper Elementary and Middle School Youth are invited for a weeklong (Monday-Thursday) immersion experience focusing on housing in our community. We will work hands-on with local organizations. On Friday evening we will cool off with a pool party at the Forest Park Pool.

MO-RANCH CAMP

Dates & times: July 10-16, Overnight Camp

Ages: For Ages 8-15 Years

Cost: See below

Location: Mo-Ranch Camp in Hunt, Texas

FPC has a long history of children attending Mo-Ranch summer camps, and the church pays a portion of camp costs for our members who attend. The majority of FPC kids attend Session 6. Parents are responsible for drop-off and pick-up. Registration for camp and required paperwork is coordinated by Mo-Ranch. Parents must sign up through Mo-Ranch and then contact the church office to receive the scholarship forms.

ECO CAMP

Dates & times: July 17-22, Overnight Camp

Ages: For entering 2nd through 7th graders

Cost: \$150 per child

Location: Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas

Eco Camp gives children affiliated with any PCUSA church in Grace Presbytery a summer camp experience in which to learn about the environment and how to be a friend in God's creation. Camp includes green themed activities, sustainable practices, along with traditional camp fun with swimming, fishing, ECO Camp games, etc. Held at Ferncliff, the first Green Certified Camp in our denomination.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Following are the joys and concerns shared as of February 17, 2022. To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant permission. Are you in the hospital or dealing with an illness? Let us know by contacting Parish Visitor Jennifer Regen in the church office. Let us keep the following persons in our thoughts and prayers this week...

Our loving sympathy to...

Mark and Margaret Sudderth on the death of his mother, **Amelia Sudderth**, on January 21 in Waco, Texas. Other FPC family members are granddaughters, **Anna Sudderth** and **Martha Sudderth**.

Jeff Morrison on the death of his father, **John Morrison**, January 25 in Arlington, Texas.

Family and friends of **Sam Day**, who died January 28. Surviving FPC family is his wife, **Manning Day**.

Family and friends of **Maxine Kruse**, who died January 30.

Family and friends of **Jim Ewing**, who died February 16.

Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...

Velma James, Marion Lester, Mike Bailey, Barbara Holmes, Susie Kuipers, Paula Robertson, Janet Ragsdale, and Mike Millar, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

Lucy Redrow (daughter of **Leigh Ann and Grant Redrow**), **Mary Ann Gardner, Mike Bryan, Betty Dunham, Marilyn Love, Paul Campbell, Catherine Elkins, Glynda Coffey, Sarah Graham, Jim Goble, Jerry Brownlee, Frank Stewart, Karl Travis, and Frances Blake**, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

Our caring prayers for extended family include...

Carolyn Brewer (sister of **Liz Barber**), **Jo Gordon** (daughter-in-law of **Pat and Bill Gordon**), **Tahji Hoffman** (great niece of **Rachele Williams**), **David Sloan** (father-in-law of **Murray Hilyard**), **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**), **Nancy Hatfield** (mother of **Sarah Haddock**), **Lynn Prater** (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); **Bill Neil** (brother of **Marilyn Love**), and **John DeMore** (son-in-law of **June Sprott**).

Prayers for peace in our world and for the safety of **Capt. Rolf Tilley** (son of **Katie and Jaret Tilley** and the grandson of **Janelle Eklund**), who is serving in the US Air Force in Japan. Prayers for the safety of **Pape Russell** (grandson of **Barbara Russell**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of **Thomas Shelby** (son of **Ellen Buck** and the grandson of **Vance and Donna Laminack**), who is serving in the US Navy in Japan. Prayers for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar** (son of **Becky and Renee Saldivar**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of **Nathan Gunter** (nephew of **Russell and Vivian Norment**), who is stationed in Korea. Prayers for the safety of **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.

We pray for our mission coworkers: **Cindy Corell** in Haiti, **Jed and Jenny Koball** in Peru, **Cathy Chang** and **Juan Lopez** in Manila. We pray for our partner congregations: **Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist** in Fort Worth and for the congregations of **Buen Pastor, Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches** in Cuba.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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

SUNDAYS IN MARCH

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
3:30 p.m.	Youth Choir
4:30 p.m.	High School Bells
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
5:30 p.m.	Youth Dinner
5:30 p.m.	Lent Covenant Group
6 p.m.	Middle School Bells
6 p.m.	High School Youth Group

MONDAYS IN MARCH

12 p.m.	Lent Covenant Group
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TUESDAYS IN MARCH

5:30 p.m.	Lent Covenant Group
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WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

10:45 a.m.	Bible In Depth: Revelation
12 p.m.	Lent Midday Prayer & Organ Concert
5:30 p.m.	WOW! Worship & Meal (Community Crossroads)
6 p.m.	Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Lent Covenant Group (Community Crossroads)
7 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m.	Grace Notes Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	High School Bible Study

THURSDAYS IN MARCH

6:30 p.m.	Lent Covenant Group
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TUESDAY, MARCH 8

10 a.m.	PW Day Circles
7 p.m.	Young Adult Study and Discussion

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

9 a.m.	Family Service Saturday
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SUNDAY, MARCH 20

All Day	Peanut Butter Sunday (donations collected)
9 a.m.	Jazz Sunday in Great Hall (livestream at 11 a.m.)
6:30 p.m.	Taize Wholeness & Healing Worship in Chapel

FRIDAY MARCH 25

All Day	Youth Camping Trip (through Sunday, March 27)
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February is National Children's Dental Health month and the Early Education Center hosted Heather Scoggins from Fort Worth Children's Dentistry to help our kids learn about good oral health.

For more photos and videos of FPC in action, FOLLOW at...

