

# THE Penn Street LETTER

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

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## Room in the Inn Returns This Summer



After a hiatus during the pandemic, Room in the Inn is returning to First Pres this summer! Room in the Inn (RITI) is a coalition of member congregations that provide hospitality for up to 14 men experiencing homelessness in Fort Worth one night a week during the coldest and hottest months of the year. We provide delicious food, a safe place to sleep and fellowship. The purpose of RITI is to build bridges of relationship, mutuality and respect between guests and hosts.

It takes a team to offer this hospitality so please consider using your gifts as a disciple to extend a warm welcome to guests this summer (Mondays, July 11- August 29). We are looking for 10 volunteer groups every week, people to drive the church bus on Monday afternoon (4:30-5:15 pm) to pick up our guests from True Worth Place, and on Tuesday mornings (6:45-7:30 am) to take our guests to True Worth Place. Other opportunities include greeting guests, setting up beds, and providing dinner. Above all, volunteers provide a warm welcome, friendly conversation, and service with dignity.

For more information on Room in the Inn, or to volunteer, visit [fpcf.org/riti](http://fpcf.org/riti).

## Welcome, Matt McGraw, Parish Visitor



First Presbyterian welcomes the addition of Matt McGraw to the staff as Parish Visitor. Joining Jennifer Regen, Matt will be providing pastoral care and visitation to members of our church community in homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and memory care.

Matt is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and an inquirer for ordination to Minister of Word and Sacrament. Having been born and raised in Fort Worth, Matt has returned home after living and working for several years in Louisiana where he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology and History at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) as well as graduate studies in Anthropology. In addition to serving as Parish Visitor, Matt is a student at Brite Divinity School at TCU. Matt and his wife Sydney live in Fort Worth.

Please be sure to greet Matt on your next visit to the office. You can also welcome Matt with an email to [mmcgraw@fpcf.org](mailto:mmcgraw@fpcf.org).

## Reception for Jennifer Pettey, June 12



On Sunday, June 12, you're invited to a reception on the Third Floor Concourse after 11 a.m. worship to thank Jennifer Pettey for her ministry at FPC. Jennifer served as one of FPC's two Parish Visitors for several years, and we are grateful for her ministry among us. A basket for cards and letters of appreciation to share with Jennifer will be available at the reception.



## ADULT SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

The Adult Christian Nurture Committee is excited to offer Adult Summer Church School classes during the 10 a.m. church school hour!

**Bible Study/Sermon Reflections** (Room 238) led by Mimi Siff, coordinator, from June 5 - August 14.

**Lives of the Saints (Companions for the Journey)** (Room 237) continued from May. June 5-26.

**Film Series** (Room 235) led by Dr. Steve Brotherton and Eric Varnon, July 10-14.

**Spiritual Formation Series: Boundless Compassion** (Room 236) led by Shirley Chambliss, July 10 - August 7. *(See the article on page 3 of this edition for more details and to register for this class.)*

**General Assembly Conversation** led by Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski, July 17.

**Church History: Colonial Christianity** led by Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski, July 24-31.

**Book Study: (Women and) The Art of Aging** (Room 310) led by Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove, July 31, August 7-14.

# PASTOR'S LETTER



Dear friends,

On Mother's Day, my wife shared two pieces of note paper with me that contained a written conversation she had with our son during worship. It went something like this (for simplicity's sake, I'll italicize Annie's words, capitalize our son's words, and correct the spelling of some key words):

"Hi Shep! How are you? GOOD. Are you excited about going to today's TCU baseball game? YES YES YES MOM. Will you try to catch a foul ball? YES. [Insert various math problems.] CAN I GO TO THE WATER FOUNTAIN? When everyone stands up. WHY? So you don't bother Brian while he is preaching. BUT IT IS AN EMERGENCY! Wow! You are super thirsty! What will happen if you don't get water? I WILL SCREAM! Whoa! That would really bother the sermon then! Why does being thirsty make you scream? BECAUSE IT IS A NEED. Good point. I think the sermon is almost done. Also, I like the T-Rex charm you gave me for Mother's Day - why did you pick it? I GIVE UP, I'M GOING."

We all know the truth. It's difficult to keep young people in church. Holding their attention is getting harder and harder. They love their water fountain breaks, screen time, and soccer games. Sunday is no longer a holy day in our culture. To make matters more complicated – the older our children get, the more complicated their schedules become. Sticking with church is not easy.

Recently, we celebrated high school graduates at our annual Senior Dinner (don't miss their bios in this newsletter as well as the display case outside the sanctuary). Seniors are the busiest people on the planet, so I am always amazed and grateful for the seniors and their families who make time for this milestone event. Volunteers prepare lovely decorations, underclassmen serve seniors a fancy dinner, folks volunteer to make fun senior survival kits (i.e. ramen noodles, candy, duct tape, etc.), and there's a fun slideshow that helps us reminisce together on these young people who have grown up right in front of our eyes.

It is always meaningful to celebrate the students who have stuck with church through the years and made youth group a conscious priority in their lives. Personally, my favorite part of the Senior Dinner program is when I interview each of our graduates on the Youth Center stage. With a microphone in hand, seniors answer questions I've given them ahead of time, but I offer some surprise questions too. What stuck out to me this year were the comments our seniors made when asked,



"What advice would you give to a rising 6th grader or someone new to youth group?" Here were some of their answers, and I find these to be universally profound for our life together as a family of faith:

"Well, I feel like every year everyone says, 'Just go to the events.' But it's true. Especially when you're in middle school, I feel like you should try to go to as much as you can. Sign up for things. Even if you need financial help, this church can always help. Do as much as you can."

"Come to all the stuff you can. Be outgoing. Make as many friends as you can because they'll be with you throughout your time here. It's cool to make new friendships."

"Go on mission trips. Find a way to get involved in the church. Whether it's on a committee or in choir or something else, find a way. I guarantee it will be worth it."

"Put yourself out there. I was really shy, so I understand this well. It can be hard to talk to new people and really participate. You may be apprehensive toward it. But once you get over that initially, it becomes so much fun! It makes such a difference to be actively involved rather than stay home. It's so worth it no matter what fears you might have. The outcome is always way better than you imagine."

"Don't be afraid. Whether it's not being afraid to be your true self or that you're not going to make friends. Remember our youth group motto, 'Everyone is welcome.' You don't have to be afraid here because everyone is so welcoming and you're always going to find your place."

What wonderful reminders! I don't know about you, but these young disciples inspire me to put myself out there, take more risks, and get busy living this life of faith! Thanks to Jesus Christ, there is a place for me here. There is a place for you too. The hardest step to take is always the first step, and what a gift it is that we are never alone as we travel this faith journey together.

Keep on keepin' on,

Josh

Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart, Associate Pastor – Youth

## SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the JULY issue of the Penn Street Letter are due **Wednesday, June 22**. 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](mailto:pamb@fpcfw.org).

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## Summer Choir begins June 12

From June 12 through July 17, Summer Choir returns to offer inspiring anthems at the 11 a.m. service. Summer Choir is comprised of singers from high school age through adult. Singers of all experience levels are invited to participate. Summer Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary and again from 10-10:30 a.m. Sundays. Summer Choir is great for those unable to sing throughout the year or who would like to try choir for the first time. If you are interested in Summer Choir or have questions, contact the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski (michaelw@fpcfw.org).

## Children's Ministry Family Gathering: June 12

Let's cool off with a summer treat at Steel City Pops! You're invited to meet at the Waterside location (5924 Convair Drive #400, 76109) on Sunday, June 12, from 3:30-5 p.m. to enjoy the pops and fellowship together. Questions? Contact Ann Nielsen (anielsen@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231).

## Tasty Third Thursdays: June 16

You're invited to this monthly garden-to-table cooking class on Thursday, June 16, 5:30 p.m. at Community Crossroads (1516 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth). Come learn how to shop for and prepare delicious and nutritious foods on a budget! Topics include: cooking demonstration, key nutrition and budgeting tips, fast and easy recipes including apple wraps, barley jambalaya, and pasta with roasted vegetables. Register in person at Community Crossroads, or by contacting Community Crossroads (817.921.3955) or Keri in the church office (817.335.1231).

## Taize Worship & Labyrinth Walk

You're invited to the monthly Wholeness and Healing worship service in the manner of the Taizé community in France on Sunday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The elements of this contemplative service include scripture, prayer, and simple music.

Following this service, the Labyrinth Guild invites those who would like to continue time in contemplation to walk the church's outdoor labyrinth.

## Wellness Balance Workshop: June 30

The Wellness Committee has scheduled another class on improving balance and tips on how not to fall. The class will be led by FPC's own David Norris, whose career has been Physical Therapy. The class will meet Thursday, June 30 at 5:30 in the gym. Suggested exercises will be handed out for practice during the month. The plan is to meet in June and then resume monthly in September. To register for the class, visit [fpcfw.info/wellness](http://fpcfw.info/wellness) or contact Keri (kcasari@fpcfw.org or 817.335.1231) in the church office.

## Circles of Christ Summer Events

On Sunday, June 26, you're invited to a free, private tour of Kinfolk House (1913 Wallace Street, Fort Worth 76105) for their exhibition, "Congregate." After the tour, we will enjoy refreshments. Questions? Contact Steve Christian (817.994.8978).

On Sunday, July 17 at 2 p.m. we will go to see the new Kimbell Art Museum exhibit, *The Language of Beauty in African Art*, on this free admission day (also Family Festival Day with live performances, ice cream, and art).

Visit [fpcfw.org/circlesofchrist](http://fpcfw.org/circlesofchrist) for more information and to register for these events.

## Spiritual Formation: Boundless Compassion Class

Boundless Compassion is "full immersion in the condition of being human". Joyce Rupp, the author of the book *Boundless Compassion*, shows us the way step by step. The course is a guide to creating a way of life that offers compassion as our response to all – all people, all of creation, all suffering in the world, and all of ourselves.

In the 6 weeks of class (July 10-August 7) we will immerse ourselves in Joyce's work, and discuss ideas and means to practice and live compassionate lives.

This class will meet on Sundays from 10-11 a.m. To register, call the church office (817.335.1231) or visit [fpcfw.info/boundless](http://fpcfw.info/boundless).

## Mission on the Move: July 25-28

Mission on the Move returns this summer for all rising 4th-8th graders. Upper Elementary and Middle School Youth are invited for a weeklong (Monday-Thursday, July 25-28) immersion experience focusing on housing in our community and working hands-on with local organizations.

Sunday, July 24: All Mission on the Move participants and their families are invited to attend 9 a.m. worship together and then head over to Quail Trail. We will enjoy lunch together with their residents, play games, and learn more about what Quail Trail is doing in our community.

During Mission on the Move we will take several off-campus field trips: Tuesday, July 26 to Habitat for Humanity; Wednesday, July 27 to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services in Itasca; and Thursday, July 28 to Community Crossroads.

To wrap up the week, all Mission on the Move participants and their families are invited to the All Church Pool Party at Forest Park Pool on Friday, July 29 from 7-9 p.m.

Register at [fpcfw.org/kidsummer](http://fpcfw.org/kidsummer).



# CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!

## MORGAN BANGERT



High School: Paschal High School  
Plans: I plan to attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall to study Early Education on the path to pursue teaching!

Favorite Memory: There's so many good memories that come to mind, but one of my favorite memories at First Presbyterian was volunteering at VBS throughout multiple summers.

Thank you: I want to thank everyone at First Presbyterian for always being encouraging, loving, and leading me in my faith for the past 18 years.

Encouragement: A bible verse that encouraged me throughout school is Jeremiah 29.11, which reads, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## CONNOR HADLEY



High School: Paschal High School  
Plans: Next year I will be attending Texas A&M University. I am majoring in business with a minor in communications.

Favorite Memory: My favorite church memory is the mission trip we took to Cuba the summer going into my sophomore year. I became closer with a lot of the youth and made friendships with the children in Cuba, despite the language barrier.

Not to mention all of the food was delicious.

Thank you: I would like to thank everyone that has helped me along my journey of faith. Thank you to all of the high school sunday school leaders, the sponsors who have accompanied us on the ski trips and mission trips, and all of the youth who have made bible study and youth group very fun. Lastly, I would like to thank Josh for being my mentor during confirmation, helping me with my senior sermon, and guiding me through my faith journey.

Encouragement: A bible verse that has encouraged me throughout my middle and high school years is 1 Peter 5.10: "After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you."

## CAROLINE LACINA



High School: Trinity Valley School  
Plans: Caroline is attending TCU, and will be studying in the Honors College. She is a Nursing major.

Favorite Memory: One of my favorite memories in youth group has been the intense dodgeball games we played during youth group.

Thank you: I want to thank my church family for their support and kindness. I have made so many life-

lasting friends during Colorado ski trips and other events which involved the church.

Encouragement: Do everything in love. (1 Corinthians 16.14)

## GRACE LACINA



High School: Trinity Valley School  
Plans: Grace will be attending Baylor University as a Nursing major.

Favorite Memory: One core memory of youth group that I have is when we played hide and seek where we were able to hide anywhere in the church. Although it took a while for everyone to be found because there were so many places to hide, it was very fun.

Thank you: Encouragement: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

## ELIZABETH MCCARTNEY



High School: Timber Creek High School

Plans: I will be attending Texas Woman's University in Denton in the fall. My life was shaped by the doctors and nurses who helped me to grow and succeed when I was in the NICU. I am interested in the health sciences, and how I can help other children and families in turn.

Favorite Memory: I loved growing up with the children and youth music ministries here at FPCFW. It's especially meaningful to get to sing on special occasions with my family in the Chancel Choir.

# CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!

Thank you: I want to thank Melinda Van't Slot for sitting with my brother and me during worship for so many years, Carol Sweeney for being my Confirmation Mentor, and especially our ministers and church family for being there for my family after my dad's accident.

Encouragement: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6.8)

## CAROLINE PIERCE



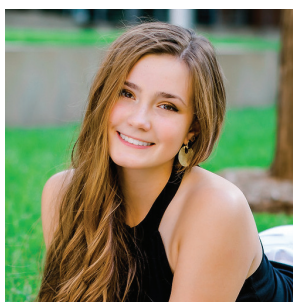
High School: Trinity Valley School  
Plans: I will be attending Southern Methodist University in the fall.

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories are the ski trips!

Thank you: I want to thank my church family for their guidance and compassion throughout my childhood years. I also want to thank them for the many opportunities to serve the church and the community.

Encouragement: I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength. (Philippians 4.13)

## EVELYN RICHEY



High School: FWCD  
Plans: I will attend the University of Texas at Austin to study business.

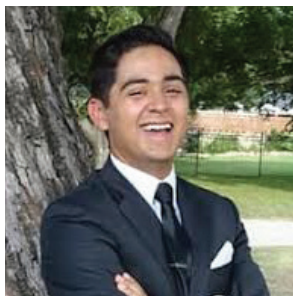
Favorite Memory: My favorite memory was the day the youth group tie dyed shirts outside.

Thank you: I have so much thanks for the support and stability the church has always provided me!

Encouragement: My favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40.31, this verse

became important to me through attending Camp Ozark.

## ALEJANDRO SALAZAR



High School: Keller Central High School

Plans: I will be attending UT Arlington to major in Nursing. I believe that the field needs to have change and I want to be a part of that. I also believe that the nursing field fits my love and passion for helping others.

Favorite Memory: My all time favorite Youth/Church memory was Youth Mission trip to Cuba in the summer of 2019. I've never felt so close to God in a place so far from home. My experience in Cuba is what inspired me to not only continue, but increase the intensity of my service to God.

Thank you: I'd like to thank my church family for everything they've done for me. I have been given so many opportunities by this church to live my life through God and for God.

Encouragement: Genesis 3.19. Though most people interpret this as a darker verse of Genesis, I enjoy viewing it as inspirational. I see it as a command to live my life to service in God. This verse reminded me why I was taking the actions I took, throughout high school and middle school.

## CHARLIE SCOTT



High School: Paschal High School  
Plans: I plan to attend University of Arkansas to study architecture at the Fay Jones School of Architecture.

Favorite Memory: I have a hard time deciding between the ski trip and the Cuba trip.

Thank you: Thanks to the First Pres family for making me feel welcome here from the moment I moved.

Encouragement: Galatians 6.2:

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

## LAUREN STARK



High School: Central High School  
Plans: I plan to attend Austin College to major in History and minor in Education

Favorite Memory: My favorite youth trip was SHYC 2019. We had a big group that got to really come together through energizers, small group, and delicious Pupusas.

Thank you: I am so thankful to my church family for molding me into the

person I am today.

Encouragement: 1 Corinthians 16.13-14: Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.



# WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please join the Evangelism Committee in welcoming the following new members:



Lauren Black, who joined FPC by transfer of membership on Tuesday, May 10. Lauren is a lifelong Presbyterian and an ordained elder. She is active in FPC's Young Adult program and is Director of Aquatics at Nolan Catholic High School.



Rosalyn Blackmon, who joined FPC by reaffirmation on Sunday, April 24. Rosalyn works in sales with Luxottica Target Optical and is a part-time dance instructor. She has worshipped with FPC several times, and is the niece of FPC member Taleesa Van Tassel.



Allison Brockett, who joined FPC by transfer of membership on Tuesday, May 10. Allison has been visiting FPC for several months now, and is an ordained elder. She is active in FPC's Young Adult program and is a speech-language pathologist for Fort Worth ISD.



Catelyn Devlin, who joined FPC by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, April 24. Catelyn is a social worker with CASA of Tarrant Co. She and her wife, Hazel, have two boys, Oliver (4) and Archer (2), in FPC's Early Education Center.



Beverly Dobesh, who joined FPC by transfer of membership on Sunday, April 24. Beverly has been worshipping with us for several months now and is a PC(USA) ruling elder. Beverly is the daughter of FPC member Mary Alice Dobesh, and is a fraud analyst for American Airlines Credit Union.



Roxy and Ronnie Sherwood, who joined FPC by transfer of membership on Sunday, May 1. The Sherwoods have been worshipping with FPC for several months now and are involved in many aspects of church life.

## Session Makes Gift to Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

At its April Stated Meeting the Session voted unanimously on a motion from the Adult Christian Nurture Committee, with the concurrence of the Trustees, to make a \$100,000 gift in memory of Jeanie Davis, Marjorie Lewis, and Ginny Richards to the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation's A New Story: A Campaign for the Third Century of Presbyterian Publishing.

For nearly 200 years, the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and its predecessors have told stories. These stories shaped the landscape of biblical studies, theology, preaching and ethics; taught the ways of discipleship; and showed us better ways to be human together. This campaign enables the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation to prepare the organization for the stories and the storytellers that the future will require.

An element of the campaign is Supporting Scholarship. Specifically, continuing the influence of Westminster John Knox Press as the premier religious publisher of religious academic scholarship by increasing the number of academic titles published each year; hiring additional editorial staff to acquire and publish additional academic work; and holding biennial workshops to mentor the writing skills of young scholars.

First Presbyterian's gift in memory of Jeanie Davis, Marjorie Lewis, and Ginny Richards honors the legacy of these long-time leaders and encouragers of substantive adult Christian education at First Presbyterian Church and joins their faithful and inspiring stories to the third century of ministry by the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation and the faith that will be nurtured in churches, academic institutions, and homes for decades to come.



Summer is here! Want to be a part of the wonderful ministries of First Presbyterian Church? There are many volunteer opportunities at Community Crossroads this summer. What is needed? Only your time and love for your neighbors. Contact Dori (dalhammami@fpcfw.org) and let's discover together how your talents and/or labor can best serve our community!

July 19 is the date for The Connect, a fair bringing together community agency services and our neighbors. This year The Connect, formerly Homeless Connect, is being held at Community Crossroads Outreach Center (1516 Hemphill St., Fort Worth 76104). To volunteer during The Connect and help with directing neighbors to services, distribution of back packs, serving lunch, and other positions, visit [fpcfw.org/riti](http://fpcfw.org/riti). Thank you for your service with our neighbors!

Please take clothing and shoe donations to Community Crossroads on Monday mornings between 9 – 11 a.m. or by appointment. Please do not bring Crossroads donations to the church. Thank you for supporting the ministries of First Presbyterian Church and Community Crossroads Outreach Center.

# JOYS & CONCERNS

*Following are the joys and concerns as of May 26 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 Visitors Jennifer Regen or Matt McGraw in the church office. Let us keep the following persons in our thoughts and prayers this week...*

## *Our loving sympathy to...*

Family and friends of **Hugh McKay**, who died May 2 in Fort Worth. Surviving FPC family members are **Bill and Nancy Melton, Gary and Janet Melton, and Christopher Melton.**

**Brian and Theresa Hocker** on the death of his mother, Nancy Lau Hocker, on May 18, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

**Shirley Chambliss** on the death of her brother, Phil Toups, in Lake Jackson, Texas.

## *Our loving thoughts and prayers are with...*

**Jody Buening, Kay Gunn, Janie Hart, Bob Parmelee, Velma James, Mike Bailey, Karl Kuipers, Susie Kuipers, and Paula Robertson**, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

**Irene Howard, Dean Holloman, Chuck Sullivan, Lucy Redrow** (daughter of Leigh Ann and **Grant Redrow**), **Mike Bryan, Betty Dunham, Marilyn Love, Paul Campbell, 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...*

Terry James (nephew of **Rachele Williams**), Jo Gordon (daughter-in-law of **Pat and Bill Gordon**), Carolyn Brewer (sister of **Liz Barber**), 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.

## *Our congratulations and best wishes to...*

**John and Michelle Stevenson** on the birth of Emily Helen on April 25. Emily joins big sister Elizabeth.

# Inspiring Disciples...

# Engaging the World...

Four times a year First Presbyterian Church participates in Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) This month we receive the Pentecost Special Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

This year the 40 % retained by First Presbyterian will support Project 6.8 in north Fort Worth. The mission of the 6:8 Project is hand in hand, street by street and derives its name from Micah 6.8; our purpose is to "Seek justice, love kindness, walk humbly" in accompaniment and advocacy with this low-income, ethnically diverse, and yet spirit-filled neighborhood. The project partners with residents as well as with Trinity Habitat for Humanity, the Greenway Neighborhood Association, Greenway Church, Presbyterian churches and other organizations and uses the house at 1912 Portland Ave., a Trinity Habitat for Humanity home, as a base of operations. To learn more about Project 6.8 visit [sixeightproject.org](http://sixeightproject.org).

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

*Below are some highlights of special events happening in June. For a complete calendar, visit [fpcf.org](http://fpcf.org).*

### SUNDAYS IN JUNE

- 8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Summer Adult Church School
- 10 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 11 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream

### WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE

- 5:30 p.m. WOW! Worship & Meal (Community Crossroads)
- 7 p.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

- 8 a.m. Civil Rights Mission Pilgrimage Trip departs

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

- 6 p.m. PW Summer Treat

### SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- 2 p.m. Penn Street Arts: Concert Bells of Fort Worth
- 3 p.m. Men's Pig Roast & Cornhole Tournament

### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 5:30 p.m. Tasty Third Thursdays Cooking Class

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

- 6:30 p.m. Taize Wholeness & Healing Service
- 7 p.m. Labyrinth Walk

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 20-24

- 9 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 12 p.m. Elementary Music & Arts Camp

### THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 5:30 p.m. Wellness Balance Workshop



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Presbyterian Women's Summer Treat is Thursday, June 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Joe T. Garcia's. All women who belong to the Presbyterian Church ARE Presbyterian Women, and all women are invited! Cost is \$25 including dinner, with a cash bar available. Come dine with friends! Register at [fpcfw.org/pw](http://fpcfw.org/pw).



All men are invited for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food at a pig roast and cornhole tournament on Saturday, June 11. We'll start at 3 p.m. (eating at 5) and go until we have a cornhole champion! Bring your own beverage and lawn chair. Get details and register at [fpcfw.org/men](http://fpcfw.org/men).



On Saturday, June 11, Penn Street Arts Concert Series will host the Concert Bells of Fort Worth in the Sanctuary at 2 p.m. for their program, "Hooked on Sonics!" with a reception to follow. The concert and reception are free and open to the public. Visit [fpcfw.org/pennstreetarts](http://fpcfw.org/pennstreetarts) for more details.



Enjoy an evening with friends, food, and music with the Boomers Fellowship Ministry on Thursday, June 16 at Concerts in the Garden featuring Asleep at the Wheel. Tickets are \$35 and include table seating and a boxed meal. Register at [fpcfw.info/boomersinthegarden](http://fpcfw.info/boomersinthegarden)