



11.16.2021

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

Adult Church School (via Zoom) | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary (viewable at www.fpcbryan.org)



On WED, DEC 15, at 5:30pm, you are invited to the Indoor Patio for "The Longest Night | Blue Christmas"—a Service of Wholeness in Advent. For many, the holidays are a time of remembering as we may be separated from loved ones by distance or by death or experiencing a sense of loss in other ways. Through sharing in song, scripture, prayer, and a time of remembrance, we tend to our souls and uplift one another in the hope and spirit of the holidays. *Following the service, "soup-to-go" will be available for you to take with you.*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Please join us with your hearts and voices for an evening of caroling to some of our church members as we gather to sing carols and distribute poinsettias. Invite others to join you in singing—the more the merrier!



We'll warm up our voices on the Patio on SUN, DEC 12, at 3:30pm. Light refreshments will be available. At 3:50pm, we'll depart on our various routes to spread Christ's love in song — "... Christ the Savior is born."

First Presbyterian Friends,

This coming Sunday, November 21, Rev. Emily Beghin will have returned from her (and Yesdel's) wedding trip. She will be assisting David Kipp in leading worship; and David will be preaching. I will be in Coryell County for a cousin's memorial service.

At this time of year, much gets planned, and folks are quite engaged. Related to worship, David has planned Thanksgiving related hymns for November 21. It's also the Sunday preceding the "birthday" anniversary of FPC-Bryan's chartering on November 24, 1867.



Following Thanksgiving by three days on this year's calendar is the First Sunday of Advent. Emily will be preaching on November 28, and we will light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee thanks all those who have been able to turn in estimate of giving cards for FPC's planning and funding decisions related to ministry efforts in 2022. If you have not been able to return an estimate of giving card, and if you feel led to do so, either mail it to the church office, bring it by the church office during weekday "open hours," or bring it to worship and place in an offering box near a sanctuary entrance/exit.

A blessed Thanksgiving to one and all! And Happy Birthday – with thanks to God for – FPC-Bryan – and for all who have been part of the witness of Jesus Christ through this congregation across 154 years!

Gratefully, **Ted V. Foote, Jr.** (cell: 918.520.7820)

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MISSION COMMITTEE SPONSORS THE SALVATION ARMY'S ANGEL TREE



Once again, FPC has the opportunity to share in providing a wonderful Christmas for families in BCS through **THE SALVATION ARMY**. The Angel Tree is set up in the Patio. The Angel ornaments on the tree provide the name, sizes, and wish list for a child to whom you can bring the joy of Christmas. Pick up your "angel's" name and information sheet and enjoy the experience of Christmas shopping at its best! Place your gifts for your "angel" near the tree in the Indoor Patio by FRI, DEC 10. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

THE 2021 ANNUAL Christmas Gift Making Workshop

for all children 3-year-old thru GR 5

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00AM TO NOON

*Parents and grand-
parents, watch your
inbox for details!*

For more information,
contact Kathryn Nachlinger,
knachlinger@gmail.com



KIDS' JOKE CORNER

Q: Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?
(see answer to the right)

PAPER GOODS DRIVE FOR STILL CREEK



The Mission Committee sponsored Paper Goods Drive for Still Creek Ranch—a home for boys and girls in crisis which operates exclusively through donations and is completely debt-free—continues. Throughout November, your donations of **PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, FACIAL TISSUES, and TOILET PAPER** may be placed on the table in the Indoor Patio. *Thank you for your help!*

REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS



The first Sunday of each month, including **SUN, DEC 5**, is known as FPC's "Stock the Pantry" Sunday. If you miss this Sunday, you are invited to bring your donated goods to the Patio anytime you are at the church or to the church office on weekdays. At the top of The Pantry's needs are **CANNED FRUITS (PEACHES, PEARS, PINEAPPLE, ORANGES, FRUIT COCKTAIL, etc.)!** Personal hygiene products and non-perishable foods are always welcome. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated. When you are out shopping this week, pick up extra items to share. *Thank you for your generosity!*

THANK YOU, FPC!

From **Voices for Children** . . . *thank you for taking the time to consider our grant application. We are so grateful to be beneficiaries of your church's generosity. This gift of \$5,000 will be used to further our mission by allowing us to train more volunteers. THANK YOU! (signed by many)*

From **Still Creek Ranch** . . . *There just simply are not words to express our gratitude for the blessings you have provided the ranch. Specifically, thank you for the \$2,500 gift received in November. We value the relationship we have with you. Thank you again!*

James Inmon, Executive Dir./Headmaster

From **Brazos Church Pantry** . . . *the Pantry thanks you for your generous gift of \$2,500. Your thoughtful donation and support of our ministry greatly helps in the feeding of those in need within our community. Thousands of clients in Brazos County benefit from our services each year.*

Janice Haverland, Corresponding Sec'y

From **Habitat for Humanity** . . . *Your church's recent donation of \$2,500 for the next Faith in Action build will help a local family partner with us and realize the dream of homeownership. Thank you for investing in decent, affordable shelter.*

Andy York, Executive Director

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The Grief Support Group led by FPC member and bereavement counselor Peggy Telg continues to meet monthly for a time of learning about, sharing, and discussing the many dynamics which exist when any of us are grieving, following personal losses from different causes—loved ones, life situations, the pandemic, and more. They meet next on **WED, DEC 8**, at 2:30pm in the church parlor. For planning purposes, please email Peggy, p.j.telg@gmail.com, to let her know that you are coming.

Notes

David Kipp, Director of Music Ministries (music@fpcbryan.org)

POP UP ADVENT CHOIR – EVERYONE IS INVITED!



We will have a Pop-Up Choir (meaning we meet just before worship and practice a song and then sing it in worship) for each of the four

Sundays of Advent (NOV 28, DEC 5, 12, and 19). We will meet at 10:20am in the Choir Room each Sunday, learn the anthem together (much like a hymn), and sing in worship that day at 10:45am. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!** Your job is to show up and my job to teach you! It will be fun!

Come join us! Bring a friend!

MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

On **TUE, NOV 30**, at 11:30am (and the **LAST** Tuesday of each month), all men are invited to Chicken Oil Co. in Bryan for lunch and fellowship. For more information, email Rick Page, rick.page57@gmail.com. *See you there!*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast is **THU, DEC 2**. Come to Fellowship Hall at 6:30am for a delicious meal and to get to know other men from FPC-Bryan. To receive a monthly email notification or to RSVP, notify Allyn Jordan, allyn@jordanhome.net.



A: The turkey, he's stuffed!



THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER

MONEY COUNTERS

Anton Leontyev; TBD

NEW MEMBER CALLER

Anton Leontyev

USHER CO-CAPTAINS

Sherry Hinnant; Tom Reed

YOUTH Haps



Youth Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

YOUTH (GR 6-12)

YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL

SUN, 9:20-am-10:20am.

BIBLE PROJECT. Meet in Room 403.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

SUN, NOV 21, 5:00pm.

F.R.I.E.N.D.S
Giving



FRIENDSGIVING & DECORATING FOR ADVENT. We're mixing things up a bit this year. Instead of

bringing a Thanksgiving dish, we ask that you bring a dish of your favorite food in the whole world to share with the group. That could be anything from ravioli pasta to PB&J to sushi! Please bring a dish that serves 8-10 people! *Drinks, desserts, and salad provided.*

SUN, NOV 28. NO YOUTH.



SUN, DEC 5. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

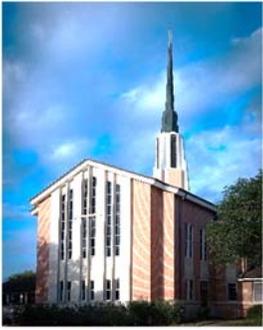
ICE SKATING—A FAMILY EVENT!

Watch your inbox for details!



CARING & SHARING

Dear FPC Friends, Thank you very much for the bag of treats we received from you for Halloween. It was a great surprise and had so many useful things in it. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Kathy & Dave Burdett



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Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.



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for all our social media!



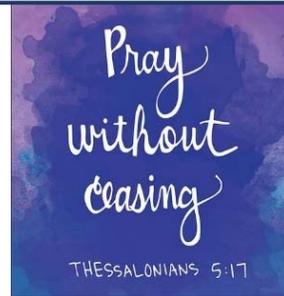
2021
Advent and Christmas
Worship and Gatherings
(See insert in this issue for the full schedule of worship and gatherings during Advent and Christmas.)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



11/18 Polly Beals
 11/18 Cruz Garcia
 11/19 Rachel Jordan
 11/19 Marsha Milford
 11/21 Mickey Bielamowicz
 11/24 Cheryl Page
 11/25 Candy Vinson

11/25 Denny Cole
 11/27 Charles Samuelson
 11/28 Emma Wertz
 11/29 Brandon Norris
 11/30 Velma Burnett
 11/30 Ronen Renold
 12/01 Cody Cravatt
 12/03 Brian Currie
 12/04 Emily Becker
 12/04 Ronda Harris
 12/04 Leroy Schoenemann
 12/05 Janice Haverland
 12/07 Don Spencer
 12/08 Margaret Anderson
 12/08 Josh Wesp



- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Sabrina Lopez
(daughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Frank Thurmond

- ★ Josh Kipp
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
 IN THE
 MILITARY**

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, NOV 28**. This newsletter will be distributed **WED, DEC 1**, and cover news from **DEC 8-22**.
 Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

- NOV 21** Philippians 4:1,4-9,11-13
- NOV 28** Galatians 3:8
- DEC 5** Psalm 130:5-8
- DEC 12** Isaiah 25:6-12

