

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School (as arranged by classes) | 10:45am Online Worship at www.fpcbryan.org

WELCOME, NEW STAFF MEMBER!

DONNA NESS, Bookkeeper (bookkeeper@fpcbryan.org)



The Stewardship & Finance and Administration Committees and Session Elders of FPC-Bryan are pleased to announce the hiring of Donna Ness on February 26. Donna is excited to be here and in her own words says,

"Howdy, I'm Donna Ness... born in Ohio, raised in Iowa, and worked and lived in Los Angeles. I migrated to Bryan-College Station because our children were here. My joy is being with the one granddaughter and great granddaughter that live nearby. My heart belonged to Jesus as a child. I love reading, studying, teaching the Bible, and getting to personally know our Savior better every day. I love to travel and have been many places around the world, tales for another time. Congregation Beth Shalom employed me quite a few years ago part time and has celebrated many Passovers in this church. I'm glad to be here at FPC with you all as your bookkeeper. I've been thrilled to meet many of you and want to thank you for making me feel so at home. B'Shir & Shalom' Welcome, Donna!



A special thanks to Texas A&M's Singing Cadets for participating in worship on April 18. This guest sharing occurred as an expression of gratitude, as FPC has made this sanctuary available to them during the season of COVID-19 for limited attendance choral presentations and recordings.

First Presbyterian Friends,

In all four churches I have served beginning when Jimmy Carter was President, I have watched adults and older youth on various occasions in front of outside grills flipping hamburgers and in front of kitchen griddles flipping pancakes.

When these and similar events - such as education, fellowship, construction, cleaning, caring outreach, mission, and worship events — are underway, it's due to substantial — largely unseen — preparation efforts on the part of many folks.

Session Elder Tom Reed often says to me: "Ted, there's a lot going on around here." He's correct. Even as we and the wider society are engaged in efforts safely and prudently to navigate through the current mid-vaccination stage of the pandemic, committees and study-and-planning groups are meeting monthly and sometimes more frequently. Emails are exchanged. Conversations occur. Proposals are being negotiated and formulated. Ministry is on-going. Then the burgers on the grill and the pancakes on the griddle are cooked and flipped until ready to be served.

Let us never underestimate the prayers and background work being contributed by so many - seen and unseen - including, of course, the Spirit of Jesus Christ, in whose name all ministry, faith, hope, and love become evident among God's people.

With gratitude for each and all, and for all God is at work to accomplish among us . . .

Ted V. Foote, Jr.

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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. To be contacted by one of our pastors, 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.

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

PUZZLE SWAP

The puzzle swap, sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee, was a success and the puzzles remaining at the church were donated to Lampstand Nursing Home in Bryan. They were thrilled to get 14 new puzzles. Thanks to each of you who participated. Hope you had fun!

YOUTH Haps



Youth Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCES AT MO!

Re:VISION: WAKE UP!



The 2021 conference theme is the story of Saul/Paul in Acts; how Saul saw Christians in a negative light and persecuted them; how he was met by Jesus in a vision on the road and was blinded for a time by Christ's light and love; how his eyes were opened, but

he could not see; how he was sent to the house of Ananias; how "scales" fell from his eyes; how he received a new name and a new vocation/mission.

WAKE UP! will lead youth through the major movements of this story and help them make connections to their own lives as followers of Jesus. Youth will worship, play, sing, and serve together as they learn what it means to follow Christ with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

YOUTH CELEBRATION (rising GR 9-12), JUNE 20-25

based on Acts 9:1-22

Registration Deadline is WED, MAY 5!

Keynote Speaker Brian Kuhn has served the youth, families, and community at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO, for 20 years before becoming executive director of Presbyterian Youth Workers Association (PYWA).

JUNIOR HIGH JUBILEE (GR 6-8), JULY 4-8

based on John 4:29

Registration Deadline is MON, MAY 24!

Director Rev. Clay Brantley graduated from Austin Seminary in 1986 with a Master of Divinity. For twelve years, Clay led a church retreat at Mo-Ranch, and is currently a director at Retreat House Spiritual Center in Richardson.

The youth of First Presbyterian are on Instagram!

Go to: <https://www.instagram.com/fpcbryantx1867/>

Like our Facebook page "FPC Bryan Youth"

... for youth and their parents in grades 6-12 who enjoy Youth Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Bryan.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

MAY 2 John 21:1-19

MAY 9 II Kings 4:11-20, 32-37



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| 05/01 Nicole McKinley | 05/07 Henry Schmidt |
| 05/02 Sam Humphries | 05/08 Aiden Byrnes |
| 05/04 Wally Simpson | 05/08 Margaret Meece |
| 05/05 Gilbert Gonzalez | 05/10 Tom Reed |

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, MAY 2, 2021. This newsletter will be distributed WED, MAY 5, 2021, and cover news from MAY 13-26, 2021.

Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org

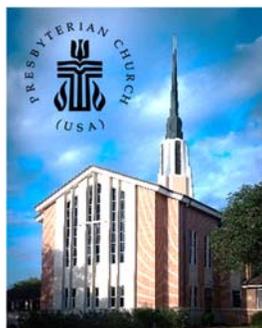


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