



the chimes

Sunday Mornings

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

First Presbyterian Friends,

As we turn the calendar from 2021 to 2022, you will see several items in this edition of The Chimes which outline ministries unfolding in the days and weeks in front of us.

On page 2, you will see photos and descriptions of FPC-Bryan's community outreach in December with our partner Bryan ISD campuses: Anson Jones Elementary, Henderson Elementary, and SFA Middle Schools. Each school's respective principal requested our assistance for faculty and staff appreciation with funds we had budgetarily set aside for outreach to their campuses. Anson Jones added an effort to affirm certain students for commendable conduct and helpful relationships.

Additionally, Session approved year-end mission grant gifts of \$500 to the feminine hygiene and reproductive health program in the Zambia Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian; \$1,500 for medical staff cottage construction at the rural health center of Phalaza, Zambia; \$1,000 for the PC(USA) partner ministry of PERUSA (in Peru); and \$1,000 for the PC(USA) disaster relief ministries within the United States.

These are examples of a few ways you and we together reach beyond the local church in ministry with others.

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

WELCOME, NEW STAFF MEMBER

BETH TRUAX, *Children's Ministry Coordinator*



The Christian Education and Administration Committees and Session Elders of FPC-Bryan are pleased to announce Beth Truax as Children's Ministry Coordinator on December 5, 2021. Beth will be teaching children in Kindergarten thru 5th Grade in Church

School and leading other children-related activities. Beth is delighted to be here and in her own words says,

I was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley on the border of Mexico. I lived on our small farm in San Benito until recently. I have been married to Rusty Truax for 46 years. We were blessed with 3 sons and 3 daughters. We also have 2 daughters and 3 sons of the heart" We were adopted over the years by many more sons and daughters. I love animals and have been owned by many difference species. I enjoy cooking, travel, reading, being creative, and music. I am a life-long Presbyterian and a dedicated servant of the Lord. I look forward to working at FPC-Bryan and becoming a part of this church family.

Love in Christ — Beth

Welcome, Beth!

NOMINATE A "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"



Volunteers are essential to the ministry of FPC-Bryan. They contribute countless hours to the work of this congregation in so many ways—serving on Session/Foundation, leading/coordinating Church School, ushering, singing in the choir, ringing bells, answering telephones, and so more!

Each year, the Volunteer of the Year is usually honored for his/her contributions to the church at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Feb 20). Previous recipients have included: MICHAEL WESP, DIANE NORMAN, JOHN HALSELL, KATHRYN NACHLINGER, KATHRINE MacNEIL, CHERYL MORENO, PROPERTY COMMITTEE, CHANCEL & HANDBELL CHOIRS, KATHY BURDETT, ALLYN JORDAN, 150TH ANNIVERSARY LEADERSHIP TEAM (under leadership of VICKI GERGENI and NANCY SELF), BETH MORRIS, CHERYL PAGE, RICK PAGE, and JERRY NORRIS.

Know of an individual who has served the church well in 2021? Submit your nomination with a brief narrative supporting your nomination to Karen Berg, office@fpcbryan.org, or mail to First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Carter Creek Pkwy, Bryan, 77802, by SUN, JAN 30, 2022. Submit your nomination today!

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STAFF AND STUDENT APPRECIATION FOR OUR THREE BISD PARTNER SCHOOLS

On December 16, 2021, TED FOOTE, DEBE SHAFER (Community Building & Engagement) and SHERRY HINNANT (Mission), and HUGO IBARRA (Bryan ISD Community Outreach Officer) delivered 69 pizzas to Henderson Elementary School for Staff Appreciation, enough for each employee in Maintenance, the Cafeteria, the Office, and Classroom Support Personnel, plus Faculty, to take home on the evening of BISD holiday dismissal.



(L-R) Ted Foote; Sherry Hinnant; Debe Shafer; Daniela Garza-Ramirez, Principal; Diana Alderson, Assistant Principal)



December 16, 2021. And FPC provided breakfast kolaches for SFA Middle School faculty and staff as well!



FPC Friends, *Anson Jones Elementary Staff* enjoyed kolaches and *80 students* received \$5.00 gift cards as part of our holiday hug activity. Without you, these two appreciation efforts would not have been possible. We are so thankful, appreciative, and grateful for your continued support and kindness for our staff and students! Thank you! Thank you!

Happy New Year and Continued Blessings!
Linda Montoya, Anson Jones Principal

HELPING OTHERS IN NEED



In January, honoring Jesus' birth, adult and infant diapers are our emphasis for the BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY. The Pantry also appreciates our continued focus on personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes (individually packaged), toothpaste, deodorant, and single-use and pop-top canned goods for their Blessings Box! The Pantry cannot provide personal hygiene items and infant/adult diapers that many of their clients need. Pick up a few extras when you're out shopping. Your extravagant generosity is appreciated more than you know!

THANK YOU, FPC!

Thanks to the bigheartedness of many individuals at FPC, FORTY boys and girls in the Bryan/College Station area had a very happy Christmas morning! Our congregation's response to THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE was overwhelming, and certainly, heartwarming. These boys and girls were from families who could not afford to buy gifts for their children at Christmas time, and thanks to YOU, these families were able to celebrate the love and caring of our community. On behalf of The Salvation Army and the 40 fortunate boys and girls who were recipients of your generosity, we say **THANK YOU** for being an ANGEL!

Keith Halsell & Imogene Veters
on behalf of Salvation Army

Dear First Presbyterian Friends, The **BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY** would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$3,640.24. Your thoughtful donation and support of our ministry greatly aids in the feeding of those in need within our community. It is a blessing . . . all food donations are distributed directly to our clients and monetary donations are used solely for purchase of food and goods for our clients. . . . Thousands of clients in Brazos County benefit from our services each year.

Janice Haverland, BCP Corresponding Secretary

Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

CHILDREN (K-GR 5)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL resumes JAN 9, 9:20am. Meet in Room 10. Children's Ministry Coordinator Beth Truax is excited to meet you!



KIDS' JOKE CORNER

Q: What was the caterpillar's New Year's resolution? (see answer to the right)

Winter 2022 Church School Class Schedule in this issue!

(See insert this issue!)

Notes

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

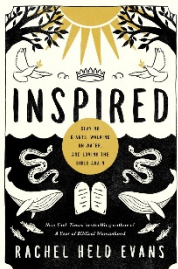
WE'RE BACK IN THE LOFT!



A Pop-Up Choir will sing SUN, JAN 16, during worship. Meet David Kipp in the choir loft on the 16th at 10:20am for a warm-up. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!** Your job is to show up and his job is to teach you! It will be fun!

Join us! Bring a friend!

PRAYER PARTNERS/CARETEAM



Care Team and Prayer Partners meets on WED, JAN 19, (and usually the 3rd Wednesday of each month) in the Church Parlor at 12:30pm to begin unpacking the Bible and get at the root of some thorny issues that may prohibit one's faith with Rachel Held Evan's book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and*

Loving the Bible Again In *Inspired*, Evans invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible, engaging the old, familiar stories in new ways that honor the past and enlighten the present.

If you would like to be a part of this discussion, please join this group in the church library on the 19th or contact CareTeam/Prayer Partners Facilitator Sharon Bowling at bowliid@verizon.net or 713.907.1406.

Youth Haps



Youth Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

YOUTH (GR 6-12)

YOUTH CHURCH SCHOOL resumes on JAN 16, 9:20am.
Bible Project - Meet in Room 401.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

SUN, JAN 16, 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Dinner provided.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION COUNCIL

SAT, JAN 22, 11:00am to SUN, JAN 23, 3:00pm.

Training retreat at Camp Cho-Yeh. Watch your inbox for details!

THOSE WHO SERVE JANUARY 2022 USHERS/GREETERS



- Jan 2 Debe Shafer; Scott Shafer
- Jan 9 David Holdredge; Sherry Hinnant
- Jan 16 David Holdredge; Sherry Hinnant
- Jan 23 Bill McKinley; Ellen Thornton
- Jan 30 Ellen Thornton; TBD

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



On December 5, 2021, the Session received into full membership of the church by letter of transfer from 1st United Methodist Church in Brenham (pictured L-R) SUZETTE & JIM MOSER, and their daughter SARAH, and as a baptized member, their son CHARLIE.

Jim is self-employed with Moser Community Media and Suzette is a speech-language pathologist with (1) Brazos Valley Rehab Center and (2) Specialized Assessment Services. The children, Sarah (9th Grade) and Charlie (7th Grade), are students at Allen Academy. All are excited to be a part of this church family. Suzette is already active in Presbyterian Women. Sarah and Charlie participate in our Youth Fellowship. Their address is 4300 Willowick Dr, Bryan 77802. Jim can be reached at 361.235.0534 or jmoser@mosercommmedia.com; Suzette can be reached by phone at 361.235.0533 or smoser@mosercommmedia.com.

Welcome, Jim and Suzette, Sarah and Charlie!

CARING AND SHARING

Our family has been so blessed with the cards, letters and food during my recent surgery and ongoing treatment...your thoughts and prayers made this journey so much easier...

God bless you all, Ken and Beth Morris

My dear friends, I am so grateful for the carolers that came on the 19th, for the beautiful poinsettia, and for each of you! Happy New Year!

With love, Gladys Wilding



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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.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



- 01/13 Bill McKinley
- 01/14 Eugenia Williams
- 01/15 Ester Carrigan
- 01/15 Judith Childs
- 01/15 Rosemary Fogle
- 01/15 Vicki Gergeni

- 01/15 Lauren Nash
- 01/16 John Lee
- 01/17 Elizabeth Byrnes
- 01/19 Walter Buenger
- 01/19 Pat Davis
- 01/20 Gretchen Schmidt
- 01/21 Rowan Martin
- 01/22 Heidi Linder
- 01/22 Robert Linnstaedter
- 01/23 Celeste Harris
- 01/23 Laura Lawrence
- 01/23 Ethan Truax
- 01/23 Bill Watson



- ♥ 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



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, JAN 16. This newsletter will be distributed WED, JAN 19, and cover news from JAN 27 – FEB 16. Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

- JAN 9
Luke 3:15-17,21-22
- JAN 16
Joel 2:26-29
- JAN 23
Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

