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## Toy Drive for Christmas Store

In preparation for FPC's Christmas Toy Store outreach event coming up December 10, a "Christmas in July" drive will take place Sundays, July 10 and 17.

Please bring donations (see list below) to the tables in the Narthex and outside the Great Hall. The event in December, about which you'll hear more in the coming months, will benefit people connected to FPC ministries through First HAND food and clothing, Formula and Diapers Ministry, WOW, Refugee Welcome Team Ministry, as well as church members in need.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** (For children 5th grade and younger)

- Socks & Underwear
- Soccer Balls
- Gift Card & Monetary Donations\*

\*Please make checks out to FPC with "Christmas Store" in the memo and bring to the main office on Sundays, July 10 and 17 before and after worship.

**Church Office Closed Monday, July 4th for Independence Day**

## Live Long, First Pres!

### JULY 17 SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join us for an all-church complimentary buffet luncheon on Sunday, July 17. Seatings are at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Are you looking for ways to eat just a little bit healthier? Don't get stuck in the rut of making the same meals or eating the same dishes at restaurants rather than look for new alternatives. The Wellness Committee invites everyone to come sample a wonderful menu with simple and exquisite plant-based luncheon courses. All of the recipes are from the Fort Worth Blue Zones Project website (FWBZP). Either seating option includes a delicious lunch, fun fellowship, and brief program. Families are most welcome; an activities table will be provided for children.

The program will include a short video on the FWBZP which encourages wellness and living longer through small changes in our lives. If you are interested in learning more about the FWBZP, please join us in Room 310 for a 30-minute information session immediately following both brunch seatings.

**Buffet Menu:**

Shepherd's Pie (meatless), Coconut Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Lemon & Dill Bean Salad, Roasted Beet Hummus with Pita Bread, Lemon Blondie Bites, Peaches with Raspberry Yogurt. This meal will also be available for purchase to take home as an F4 Meal (see page 4 for F4 Meal details.)

# Pastors' Letter



Dear friends,

I am so thankful for our connectional community with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and especially the ways in which we work together to address human needs around the globe. In June, 24 youth and adults partnered with St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans on their mission trip, serving alongside agencies focused on disaster rebuilding and affordable housing through a program called "RHINO"--which stands for "Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans." Also in June, 25 church members stayed at Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp in Arkansas on the family mission trip, and

volunteered at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance center that sends emergency relief kits around the world. And, at the General Assembly of the PCUSA in Portland in June, commissioners engaged in mission activity in the Portland area, demonstrating the unity of our faith that calls us to respond together with generosity and love. In the wake of the Orlando tragedy, the children and youth who attend Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) made over 60 cards with wishes for hope and healing, and they sent them to two Presbyterian congregations in the Orlando area that experienced loss in that tragedy. Finally, in July, our congregation will host three youth groups from other Presbyterian churches in Texas (Kerrville, Fort Stockton and Houston) in our gym as they participate in a week-long time of service in the Fort

Worth community.

We are connected in our faith and belief and also in our actions and compassion. I am so thankful for Christ's church in all places and particularly for the witness of the PCUSA as we commit to do justice and love mercy – at First Pres Fort Worth and beyond. To God be the glory!

Peace,

P.S. Perhaps if you travel this summer over a Sunday, find a local Presbyterian church and be connected to our larger family of faith!

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## MEET THE STAFF

**MARILYN WARREN**, *Ministry Assistant*

**On Staff:** 20 years

**Duties:** Administrative assistant to the pastor, Session, elders, weddings and baptisms, maintaining the membership database, as well as Nominating, Stewardship, Wellness, and History Committees; and "other duties as requested."

**What She Loves Most About Her Job:** "I love interacting with people at First Pres as well as the larger church."

**A Fun Fact About Marilyn:** "I am an avid Denver Broncos fan and love to hike in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado."

**Contact Marilyn:** [marilynw@fpcfw.org](mailto:marilynw@fpcfw.org) or 817.335.1231, ext. 223



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## MOMS Summer Fellowship

Join other FPC moms this summer for fellowship and fun in people's homes. We will begin our Bible study again this fall. We meet the first Thursdays and the third Wednesdays. Please RSVP at [fpcfw.org/moms](http://fpcfw.org/moms) to let us know that you are coming and if you need childcare (July 20 only). When you RSVP you will be emailed addresses/directions.

**Thursday, July 7 from 7-9 p.m.**

Dessert at the home of Robyn Michalove.

**Wednesday, July 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Lunch at the home of Sidney Goodfriend.

**Thursday, August 4 from 6:30-9 p.m.**

Dinner at the home of Mary Elizabeth Austin.

**Wednesday, August 17 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Brunch at the home of Elizabeth Boulware Landes. Children welcome.

## Flower Vases Needed

The Flower Ministry is in need of medium sized vases. These are used to transport bouquets made from large alter arrangements to homebound members and others who can use some cheering up. If you have one or more to donate, please bring to Jennifer Regen in the church office. Thank you!

## Learn to Ring Handbells

Learn to Ring Handbell classes will be Wednesdays from 7-7:45 p.m. on July 6, 13, 20 and August 3, 10 for adults or youth, 6th grade and up. Learn basic handbell technique and music basics. You'll also learn to play the Star Spangled Banner and have the opportunity to join our Grace Notes Bell Choir in playing for the opening of the Texas Rangers game on Saturday, August 13. Questions: Rebecca Sawyer, 817-335-1231.

## Join Summer Choir

Summer Choir is for adults and high school seniors to participate in choir while maintaining a flexible summer schedule. In addition to Sunday morning rehearsals, Summer Choir will rehearse one Wednesday evening per month, practicing for the upcoming weeks, allowing people to become familiar with the music well in advance. You do not have to commit to a full schedule and can sing any Sunday. The Summer Choir will sing at a few of 9 a.m. as well as most 11 a.m. services. If you are interested in joining please call Robert August at 817-335-1231.

## Synod of the Sun PW Gathering

The Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Women's Gathering will be July 21-23 at FPC. This is an every three year conference held throughout the Synod, and Grace Presbytery and FPC will serve as the host for this year's event. The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby will be the keynote speaker. Also speaking will be Judy Siker, author of our upcoming Horizon Bible Study as well as exceptional speakers and authors who will hold workshops throughout the conference. Registration forms are available through the office as well as the SOS and Grace Presbytery websites.

If you are able to volunteer for hospitality on any of these days, please call Celeste Falter at 817-335-1231 to learn more.

Book People meet next on July 11 at noon in Room 305 to discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. This delightful book centers around the life of Monsieur Perdu who owns and manages a book store tethered to a bank of the Seine River in Paris. Perdu has a gift. He can select just the right book for every reader. But he cannot deal with his own heavy burden. Perdu and a fascinating array of characters set out on a journey.

Newcomers are welcome. For further information contact Elizabeth Johnson Pense at [ejpense@me.com](mailto:ejpense@me.com).





## Blood Drive on July 24

You have the opportunity to give the gift of life by donating blood at the next Carter BloodCare drive on Sunday, July 24 at FPC. Between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. the Carter BloodCare bus will be on site to receive donations.

Watch for sign-ups in the Narthex and outside the Great Hall before and after worship. Photo ID required on day of drive. If you have questions, please contact Michael Cane. Learn more about giving at [CarterBloodCare.org](http://CarterBloodCare.org).

### Blue Bell Ice Cream for All Donors!

When you #GiveForLife between July 11-24, you will receive a voucher for a free pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream (while supplies last).

## Summer Adult Church School

Several new adult Church School classes meet this summer to explore scripture, theology, and the life of faith. All classes meet from 10-10.45 a.m. On Sundays, July 3 and August 21, classes will join together for hymns sings, with commentary provided by the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschewski.

**Bible Study** led by Dr. Toni Craven, Rev. Robyn Michalove, and Gordon Van Amburgh meets in Room 237, through August 14.

**Book Study on Thrive** (a Blue Zones recommended book) led by Jim Gordon meets in Room 236, through July 17.

**Feasting on the Word Bible Study** led by Eric Varnon meets in Room 236, through August 7.

**The Great Ends of the Church** led by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Pense, the Rev. Dr. Michael Waschewski, and Eric Varnon meets in Room 235, July 10 - August 14.

**Labyrinth Walks** will be available July 24 - August 14.



## F4 Meals Ministry

The F4 (Fast, Fresh, Fit and Freezable) Meals Ministry continues! Sign-up and meal pick-up occurs the first and third Sundays at a table in the Concourse outside the Great Hall from 10:45 -

12:30. Menus are provided at the sign-up table. Cost is \$10 per meal, which serves two people. Cash or checks are accepted.



## Items Needed at First HAND Clothing Room

### CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED (CLEAN & READY TO WEAR):

- Jeans and khakis (large sizes)
- Casual shirts and t-shirts (large sizes)
- Tennis shoes and good walking shoes (all sizes)

### PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

High heels shoes or strappy sandals, dry cleanable clothing, or men's suits

Space is limited, so PLEASE BRING ITEMS ONLY IN SEASON. Right now we need summer clothes (cool and comfortable). Please no coats, sweaters, or sweats until winter.

### NON-CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED:

- Sheet sets and blankets – clean and neatly folded and marked as to size (twin, full, queen, or king)
- Bath towels
- Please do not bring:
- Household items or appliances or furniture

Volunteers can receive donations at Community Crossroads (1516 Hemphill) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Pull in the parking lot and knock on the glass doors.

Thank you for your generosity.

# Join the Room in the Inn Set-Up Crew

Are you off school this summer, have some scheduled time off work, or find yourself with a few hours free? FPC is looking for volunteers for our Room in the Inn Set-Up Crew for Mondays, July 11 and August 8, 15, 22, and 29. The jobs can be done from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Gym. This is a great opportunity for adults and families with youth.

After church maintenance staff sets up the room – including tables and chairs, the reading area and the mattresses -- volunteers work on the following set-up tasks:

- Make up beds with provided linens.
- Set up a chair next to each mattress. Place 1 bath towel and 1 wash cloth on each chair and a candy or mint on each pillow. Place a pair of new socks on the bed.
- Check that bathrooms and showers are clean and put out communal toiletries in each bathroom; place one folding chair in each bathroom; set out bath mats.
- Set tables for dinner.
- Fill rolling cooler with ice from kitchen in Youth Center.
- Set up beverage table with coffee, tea or lemonade, water, cups, glasses, ice.
- Set out games, books, magazines, etc.
- Be sure laundry baskets are set out with appropriate signs for which laundry goes in which basket.
- Set up the lunch making table with items for guests to make a lunch to take with them.

Do these tasks sound like ones you can help with? If you're interested in serving on a RITI set-up crew, please contact Kathy Parr at [parr.kathy@gmail.com](mailto:parr.kathy@gmail.com) or 817-980-7553.



**Many opportunities remain for serving in and through FPC this summer. Learn more at [FPCFW.ORG/SERVE](http://FPCFW.ORG/SERVE).**

### **Other Opportunities include:**

Refugee Welcome Team (household donations needed)

Summer Feeding Program

Mobile Food Pantry

and much more!

## Adventures of Flat Jesus Continue!



Take Flat Jesus along with you on summer adventures. Above, Flat Jesus was seen in Maui with the Hadley Family and in the backyard slip-n-sliding with the Varnon family!

Snap a photo of him with you on vacation or around town. A great reminder that Jesus is with us no matter where we travel, even when we aren't at FPC together.

Pick up your very own Flat Jesus outside of worship spaces. Post your photos on social media and tag [#FPCFlatJesus](https://twitter.com/FPCFlatJesus) or email your photo to Amy Parker at [aparker@fpcfw.org](mailto:aparker@fpcfw.org).

# MINISTRY IN PICTURES



Above: The Beacons had fun on June 16 at their monthly lunch out.



Above: The FPC Youth Mission Team served with Camp RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) working on construction June 13-18.



Left: The Family Mission Trip to Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock, Arkansas let participants learn about and help with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

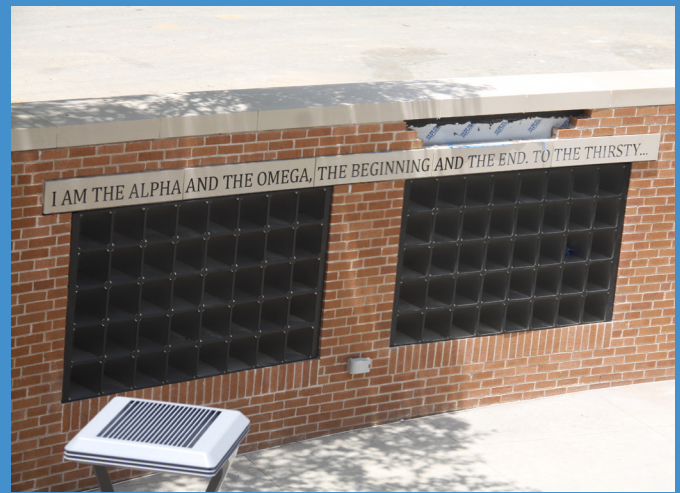
## Appointments Available for Columbarium and Memorial Garden

If you are interested in making arrangements for yourself or loved ones in First Presbyterian's Columbarium and Memorial Garden, appointments are now available through the Business Office. Please call or email Ruth Cantu at 817.335.1231 or [rcantu@fpcfw.org](mailto:rcantu@fpcfw.org) to request an appointment and/or an informational packet. Construction on the Columbarium and Memorial Garden continues, with a dedication tentatively planned for late summer.

## Columbarium & Memorial Garden Progress

*Continued work on the Columbarium now includes concrete areas and pathways, as well as some preliminary groundwork for landscaping.*

*Here, you can see that the structure that will hold niches has been installed into the Columbarium wall and the fountain continues to take shape. Photos taken June 20.*



## Joys & Concerns

*Following are the joys and concerns shared as of June 22, 2016 (due to printing deadlines). To respect the privacy of those listed, names are included only when the individuals grant their permission.*

### *Our loving sympathy to...*

**John and Jackie Melcher** on the death of his brother, Robert Melcher, on June 19 in Menlo Park, CA. Other surviving FPC members include niece, **Jennifer Regen** and her husband **Gene**, their sons **Marshall** and **John**, and daughter **Cecelia Quinn**. Nephew, **Jack Melcher** and his wife **Trisha**, and their children **Noble** and **Payton**. Niece, **Jessica Melcher Yansouni** and her husband, **Bertrand**, and their son **Luc**.

Family and friends of **Loral Dirk**, who died on June 22. Loral had been a member of our church family since 1984.

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

**Karl Travis, Keith Pugh, Barbara Reece, Audrey Black, Chuck Sullivan, Lou Hopps, Sue Anderson, Corinna Nation, Shirley Volluz, Margaret Francis, Murray Richey, Harriett Hosley, and Molly Hutchinson**, who are recovering from surgery or injury.

**Rev. Dan Goldsmith, Martha Mattox, Ann Chappell, Jacquitta White, Clark Williams, Mary Neita Werner, Sue Lowry, Marge Shiner, Ben Mathias, Elizabeth Bean, Katie Dyslin, Neil Zipp, Frances Blake, Bill O'Grady, Gene James, Carolyn Lischio, Jane Drew, Rush Klein, Mac McCoy, Nancy Nelson, Ed Martin, and Dalia Scott**, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment.

### *Our caring prayers for extended family include...*

Dan Goldsmith, Jr. (son of **Rev. Dan Goldsmith**), Mary Krueger (sister of **Wanda Williams**), Lisa Koenig (niece of **Clark Williams**), Bill Schmid, Sr. (father of **Bill Schmid, Jr.**), Janet Laminack (cousin of **Julie Sphar** and **Vance Laminack**), Scott Schroeder (brother of **Tom Delaney**), Hugh Leslie (**Brooke Rollins'** father), and Kathy Kline (**Frank and Maxine Kruse's** daughter). Marty Kinard (**Larry and Bettye Kinard's** daughter-in-law), Mark Bryant (**Joanne Sarsgard's** son), and Susan Chenault (**Frances Chenault's** daughter).

Prayers for peace in our world, for the safety of Nathan Gunter (**Russell and Vivian Norment's** nephew) who is stationed in Korea. Also for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar**, who is serving in the US Navy. Diego is son of **Becky and Rene Saldivar**.

Please continue to pray and express care for those many members who are struggling with illness, grief and personal hardship.

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

**Michelle and Patrick Pine** on the birth of daughter, Eleanor Virginia on June 9. Eleanor joins big brother, Connor. Proud FPC family members include grandmother **Nancy Pine**.

**Peggy and Claude Scott**, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 27.



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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

For a complete calendar of church events, visit [www.fpcfw.org/calendar](http://www.fpcfw.org/calendar).

### SUNDAY, JULY 3

8 a.m.	Worship Service	Chapel
8 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Leadership	Room 100
9 a.m.	Worship Service	Great Hall
9 a.m.	Liturgical Arts: Banner Making	Room 238
9:45 a.m.	Summer Choir Rehearsal	Room 218
10 a.m.	Summer Church School	Various
10:45 a.m.	Wellness: F4 Meals	3rd Flr. Concourse
11 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision	Room 100
11 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary

### MONDAY, JULY 4

*Independence Day - Church Closed*

### TUESDAY, JULY 5

9 a.m.	Liturgical Arts: Banner Making	Room 238
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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9 a.m.	Liturgical Arts: Banner Making	Room 238
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9:40 a.m.	Wellness: Fun with Zumba	Room 236
12 p.m.	First HAND Open for Clients	Com. Crossroads
1:30 p.m.	Beacons Executive Committee	Room 102
6 p.m.	Fellowship Choir Rehearsal	Room 244
7 p.m.	Seeking Joyful Ringers!	Room 245
7 p.m.	Young Adults @ First HAND	Com. Crossroads
7:30 p.m.	Senior High Bible Study	Away

### THURSDAY, JULY 7

7 a.m.	Evergreen Prayer Group	Fahrenkamp Rm.
9 a.m.	Liturgical Arts: Banner Making	Room 238
12 p.m.	Personnel Committee	Room 304
12 p.m.	First HAND Open for Clients	Com. Crossroads
7 p.m.	MOMS Summer Schedule	Away

### FRIDAY, JULY 8

9 a.m.	Liturgical Arts: Banner Making	Room 238
10 a.m.	Wellness: Tai Chi	2nd Flr. Concourse