



TOWER TIME

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March 9, 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday Night Dinner & Studies

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to "Spring Forward," setting your clocks forward one hour this Saturday, March 11.

Pi Sunday

Sunday, March 12 following worship. Bring a pie!

Christian Women's Book Club

Monday, March 20
10:00 a.m., Chapel

Pregnancy Center Banquet

Thursday, March 23

Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 15



Our Cups Runneth Over

First Presbyterian Church Women's 2023 Retreat

April 15, 2023 from 9 AM to 4 PM

RSVP at: fpwomensretreat2023@gmail.com or call 573-247-6920



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Deborah Byrd,
Psy.D.



Bring your Bible and experience enrichment that will bring you closer to Christ through fellowship, food and friends!



Performance by:
The Sparkling City Chorus
of Sweet Adelines

Please join us for the 2023 First Presbyterian Women's Day Retreat on April 15, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have a great line up of fellowship, food, and a performance by the Sparkling City Chorus of Sweet Adelines.

We are honored to have Dr. Deborah Byrd leading the event. Dr. Byrd has been providing seminars, in-services, conference breakouts, workshops, and retreats since 1988.

Her trainings and retreats are wide-ranging in focus, include a variety of components, and are tailored to meet the specific needs of the participants. Her positive and enthusiastic teaching style - along with workshop elements of interaction, humor, skill-building, resource development, and networking - provide

concepts that may be utilized both personally and professionally by individuals, teams, groups, and entire organizations.

Dr. Byrd maintains a private practice while also working at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi providing briefs, trainings, and retreats. She has facilitated one-to-three-day retreats for people with a variety of backgrounds including those in recovery, youth, women, individuals, couples, and families.

She also provides retreats for organizations including Girl Scouts, churches of various denominations, private corporations, and government agencies, including the military.

Opportunities to SERVE

Photos by Walter Scogin



As followers of Jesus, we are called to worship, connect, grow, serve, and invite. Many opportunities are available for everyone to become involved and take part in serving your church. On Sunday, March 5, Elders were available to discuss the many opportunities for service. In case you were not able to attend during fellowship, you can still obtain information or sign up to participate in any one of the committees. Most committees meet once a month.

The Worship Committee, led by Glendon Sword, plans the worship services for the church and is actively involved with the music including the choir, liturgists, Communion, special events, and ushers along with offering collection.

The Administration Committee is led by Ryan Barbato and is responsible for planning, overseeing, and carrying out the business of the church. Duties include budget, church directory, custodial duties, finances, newsletter, office administration and equipment, building and grounds, and personnel. The Building and Grounds Committee, part of Administration, is led by Gary Uhlenhaker. This group is responsible for maintenance, improvements, and use of the entire FPC campus including cleaning, dormitory use, facility use requests, landscaping, maintenance and repairs, mechanical systems, renovation and upgrades, and sound system improvement.



The Connecting Committee is responsible for fellowship and caring for everyone in the church family. Cathy Bowlin oversees this committee, which offers many opportunities to serve. They oversee the fellowship after each church service, funerals, special events, and care of the at-home covenant partners, including taking Communion to those unable to attend church.

Discipleship/Evangelism Committee is led by Matthew Anderson and Lisa Clark. Their primary goal is to make disciples of Jesus among children, youth, and adults. They are involved with Sunday School, small prayer groups, Wednesday night fellowship, youth ministry, young adults, and family ministries. They also manage scholarships, stewardship, confirmation classes, and the library. They are also involved with bringing new members into the church through Evangelism, sharing the good news of Jesus with those outside our congregation. They put on the Inquirer's Dinners and also maintain bulletin boards, greeters, publicity, brochures, and the website.

The Serving Committee, under the direction of Terry Smith, is responsible for planning, coordinating, and engaging the members of the congregation (and others) in serving others – in the church, the community, and around the world. This includes domestic missions, local missions, and international missions. Annual activities include toiletry, diaper, backpack, and the Presbyterian Children's Home Service Angel Tree drives.

Consult your church directory for contact information for any of the committee chairs. We need all the time and talents of every to further the work of our church. Where can you help?

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

"...by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4:6

Please pray regularly and boldly that God will:

- send 30 new Covenant Partners this year
- eliminate our budget deficit
- double our children's Sunday School (again!)
- provide additional children's Sunday School teachers
- give **you** a desire to serve in the church and with the church in our community

Please include the following in your prayers: Luis & Julie Añil, Dewitt Alsup, Matthew Alsup, Doris Curtis, Roy Daniels, Susan Hawn, Adam Klager, Jim Klager, Marilyn Kronk, Kathy Littlefield, Hank Nuss, Maribeth Pierce, Ann Richey, Elizabeth Ramon, Dale Stewart, Norris Stricker, April Vaughan, Sarah Gill, Jane Slabaugh, Thomas Cameron, and Clayton Johnson

Please try to call the church office at 884-4057#100 if you are in the hospital.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24-25a

02/05/23	121
02/12/23	99
02/19/23	109
02/26/23	120

It really makes a difference when you're here!



- 3/2** Addilyn Smith
Nancy Hutton
- 3/6** Rylan Duncan
Cayson Loving
Cooper Loving
- 3/9** Charlotte Smith
Madelyn Sword
- 3/14** Hank Nuss
- 3/15** Mary Lou Bartels
- 3/26** James Loving
Kenzie Stice
- 3/28** Sally Pomeroy
- 3/30** Maribeth Pierce
Sierra Spencer
- 4/2** Keith Smith
- 4/3** Maxine Floury
- 4/6** Kaylie Hodges
Chastidy Rodriguez

PI(E) SUNDAY

by Cathy Bowlin



To calculate the area of a circle, multiply Pi (3.14) by the radius squared. Since Pies are one of the best-loved forms of circles, it's appropriate to celebrate Pi Sunday, which will be on March 12th this year following worship. This is a much enjoyed event where everyone brings a pie for fellowship. Please plan to participate and invite a friend.

Contact Cathy Bowlin if you can help with pie cutting and clean up.

OUR CUPS RUNNETH OVER FPC WOMEN'S RETREAT

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The Sparkling City Chorus of Sweet Adelines International enjoys singing a cappella four-part barbershop harmony for the community. The chorus performs a variety of music and every rehearsal is comprised of musical education, choreography, great songs, fun, and making each song a performance.

What a treat it will be to have them perform for our retreat! We cannot forget about food! We are delighted to have Kat Hunter prepare breakfast and lunch as well as some tasty treats throughout the day.

We hope you can join us on April 15th and bring a friend. Please

contact Susan Anderson at fpwomensretreat2023@gmail.com or 573-247-6920 to let us know if you plan to attend and if you will need child care.

Plan to bring your Bible and get ready to have a truly enriching experience that will bring you closer to Christ while connecting with women of all ages.



DINNER FOR EIGHT

by Cathy Bowlin

Another round of Dinner for Eight will be announced soon for April, May, and June. Be looking for the sign-up sheets. We will be making arrangements for free babysitting on certain nights so younger families can be included and have a night out to socialize with other adults. We will be looking for hosts and hostesses so sign up if you can.

The host provides the entrée and each person brings a side dish. It has

been a lot of fun for those who attended the first round and the majority will be signing up again.

We had about 18 this last session. We mixed it up with our 3 groups doing a combination of home settings and going out to eat.

Once your group is assigned, you all as a group decide the details. The sign-up sheet will be in Kleberg Hall mid-March.

CALLING ALL ELDERS— PAST AND PRESENT

by Cathy Bowlin

The Connecting Committee is looking for a few elders who will agree to take communion to our At Home congregants. If you have ever served as an elder, you are qualified.

We have portable communion sets that are available. It is nice to do it after our First Sunday of the Month; however, it does not matter when as long

as the person receiving communion agrees to a time convenient for them.

Please contact Cathy Bowlin for a list of At Home people and call if you have questions. We look forward to hearing from you and will see you are well equipped to proceed.

It doesn't take long, and it is so appreciated.

PREGNANCY CENTER BANQUET

by Kim Tucker

First Presbyterian is hosting a table or two for the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend's Annual Banquet 2023. You don't want to miss this event! The Annual Banquet will feature special guest, actor Kirk Cameron.

Date: Thursday, March 23rd

Time: 5:45 pm – 8:45 pm

American Bank Center

If you haven't already, please contact Kim Tucker at 361.563.6373 or ktucker@hartlinebarger.com to reserve a seat at our table or to find out how to give if you can't make the banquet.



EASTER LILIES



The church will be adorned with the beauty of 40 lilies as we joyously celebrate Easter Sunday on April 9th. You may purchase a lily and dedicate it to the honor or in memory of loved ones. A form will be available in the Narthex on March 19th and March 26th. Include the name of the person or persons honored as well as the names of those honoring them.

Please turn your form in to the church office by April 2nd. The cost of the lily is \$12 for the 6 -inch pot. You may also contact the church office to provide the information. If paying by check, please indicate "Lily" in the memo. Following the Easter Sunday service, you may take your lily home.

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