



News From First Presbyterian Church

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Mark Your Calendar

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, June 11, at the end of worship, there will be a brief called Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing officers to serve as elders and trustees. We will hear the report of the officer nominating committee and the congregation will have the opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor (although the person being nominated must have given prior approval).

Men's Fellowship

Saturday, June 24,
9 a.m. to Noon
Kleberg Hall

Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 4
7:30 p.m.
Kleberg Hall/Courtyard



DIAPER DRIVE



Opportunities to SERVE



Diapers, diapers, diapers! Our main serving project this summer is to help the Pregnancy Center provide diapers to young families. An average baby will go through six to 10 diapers in **one** day.

Last year, the Pregnancy Center distributed over **251,000 diapers** to parents participating in our Health Initiatives Parenting Program (HIPP) called "Earn While You Learn."

The Diaper Drive runs until Father's Day, June 18. **Any size** of diaper is greatly appreciated, but the Pregnancy Center has a tremendous need for sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Diaper wipes are always appreciated as well. Our church is an official KBNJ drop-off location, and church members can also participate by bringing diapers until Father's Day. Collection receptacles will be available both in the Narthex and the entry by the Living Room. We are hoping to exceed our 2022 record of 5,197 diapers collected.

Not in the mood to shop! The Serving Committee members will shop for you. Just deposit a check noted "diaper drive" or cash in the Narthex collection receptacle.

MERCI AWARD PRESENTED TO PATTY NUSS



The Merci Award was established several years ago by the Women of the Church to convey grateful appreciation for service to our church. The 2023 Merci Award was presented at the Annual Meeting to long-time First Presbyterian Church member, Patty Nuss.

Patty says First Pres is woven into the fabric of her life. She and her husband, Hank, were married in our Sanctuary in 1960. After living away from Corpus Christi for three years, they returned to make their life together here in 1964 and to make First Pres part of that life.

Almost at once, Patty began teaching Sunday School, preferring grades 5 through high school. Though she was a busy mother of three, she taught Communion Confirmation classes and led and participated in Vacation Bible schools for many summers.

She became so involved in education in the church, that she was asked to become the Christian Education director by then-pastor Jack Bennett. She recruited teachers, conducted teacher

workshops, and ordered and distributed curriculum.

Patty has worn many hats at First Pres, always with a pleasant smile and kind words. She served twice as an Elder and has been Clerk of Session. She had served on the pastoral search committees for three different ministers, was the chair of the nominating committee for Session, and the chair of the Evangelism Committee.

She served on the Decorating Committee when the new wing was added to our church. Our welcoming living room with its beautiful antiques are a product of that committee.

Working with people on projects and building relationships were vital to Patty. In the beginning of her time at First Pres, she was part of a circle of young women who developed lifelong friendships over monthly luncheons and Bible study sessions.

She was a longtime member of our church's Circle of Love. For several years, she stepped up to lead that circle's Bible study. In time, she became active in the Women of the Church and was elected president of the board in 1974.

Patty has been involved in numerous community and cultural organizations, but she says her relationship with Jesus and his body, the church, was always her priority.

Patty's name has been added to the permanent plaque by the Women of the Church office door, and she was presented a gift of ceramic cross.

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:

- draw over 120 people to worship each Sunday
- double our adult, youth, and kids Sunday School classes
- move our congregation to actively serve our community
- 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, Matthew Anderson, Doris Curtis, Roy Daniels, Julianna Duncan, Susan Hawn, Adam Klager, Jim Klager, Marilyn Kronk, Hank Nuss, Maribeth Pierce, Ann Richey, Elizabeth Ramon, Dale Stewart, Carrie Stice, Kelsey Stice, Norris Stricker, April Vaughan, Sarah Gill, Jane Slabaugh, Thomas Cameron, 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, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24-25a

5/07/23.....	89
5/14/23.....	110
5/21/23.....	100
5/28/23.....	120

It really makes a difference when you're here!



- 6/2** Ruth Finch
- 6/3** Cathy Bowlin
- 6/8** Kathy Wemer
David Corkill
- 6/9** Bob Pierce
- 6/10** Mark Dragon
- 6/11** Clay Harl
- 6/17** Jim Klager
Annika Harl
- 6/18** Susan Matthews
- 6/24** Robinson Hoover
- 6/25** Carolyn Harl
Elizabeth Schmidt
- 6/26** Walter Scogin
Ellie McMann
Jennifer Dragon

FRIENDS! FRIENDS!

By Cathy Bowlin

We will celebrate July 4 as a church family again this year. FPC has a wonderful front row seat to the fireworks, so think about who you might invite. Games and food will start at 7:30 p.m.

This year we are going to have a dessert contest! The judges are to be announced later so you cannot bribe them ahead of time. Bring your lawn chairs and many friends.

The Connecting Committee can use your help if you are willing to volunteer some time. Contact Cathy Bowlin or any committee member.

Opportunities to GROW



The First Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Group had a successful meeting last month. We discussed what the modern world expects men to be, in contrast with what the Bible says we should be.

The next meeting is Saturday, June 24th at 9 a.m. The group will meet monthly on the last Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m.

We are also planning to have a monthly evening gathering (on a Friday).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

By Ryan Barbato

In addition, we are also planning a camping retreat - details to follow.

During our June 24th meeting in Kleberg Hall, we will have the CC Fire Department there to teach us CPR, AED, and stop the bleed response. For more information on the Men's Fellowship Group, please contact Ryan Barbato at 361-728-7924 (call or text) or visit the church website. We hope to see you there!

DAY SCHOOL PRE-K GRADUATES



The celebration of graduation continued Sunday, May 28th. Carrie Stice, Director of the Day School, presented the students who will be moving forward to kindergarten in the upcoming school year.

Graduating (from left to right) are: Sage Haas, Kellar Deardorf, and David Moore. Also graduating but

unable to attend are Isaac Cantu and Logan Sykes.

Teachers present were Ms. Sherry and Ms. Cassie. Tara Anders, Sage Haas' mother, also spoke about how the Day School has helped all the students grow and what a blessing it has been to their lives. Our blessings go with these youngsters.

POOL PARTY

Food, fun, swimming, pickle ball, and cornhole games highlighted of the May 21st pool party. More importantly, the focus was fellowship for all ages.

Thanks to Becca and Keith Smith for making the pool possible at Santa Fe Swimming Pool.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING



The annual meeting of the Women of the Church was held in Kleberg Hall May 13th, at 11 a.m. The meeting began with a tea party brunch catered by Kat Hunter.

The business meeting was conducted with the approval of the 2023-2024 Budget and the election of officers

for 2023–2024. The incoming officers are: President, Rebecca Pinion; Vice President, Julianna Duncan (not pictured); Treasurer, Pat Luckett; Secretary, Nancy Graves (not pictured); and Historian, Kathy Wemer. Karen Delk will continue as Parliamentarian.

The Zatella Johnson Committee members were announced for 2023-2024. They are: Rebecca Pinion, Pat Luckett, Anne Lockwood, Jane Boone, and Audra Deardorf.

Lisa Clark conducted ceremony for the installation of officers. Karen Delk presented the Merci Award to Patty Nuss.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY



We honored our two graduates for their accomplishments of completing High School on Sunday,

May 14th.

Joshua Vaughan is graduating from Gregory-Portland High School. Rebecca Pinion presented the gift of a **Bible** on behalf of Women of the Church.

Also graduating is Christopher Duncan graduating from Ray High School. He will also receive his **Bible**.

May these Bibles provide guidance into the next chapters of their lives.