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Mark Your Calendar

Women of the Church Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 13
Kleberg Hall

Baccalaureate Sunday & Preschool Graduation

Sunday, May 14 during worship

Christian Women's Book Club

Monday, May 15,
10a.m. in the Chapel

FPC Pool Party

Sunday, May 21
6-8 p.m. at Santa Fe Pool. Supper provided.

Men's Fellowship

Saturday, May 20, 9
a.m. to Noon
Kleberg Hall

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 29

HOLY WEEK 2023



Palm Sunday

Jesus rode in on a donkey, a symbol for peace. We celebrated His coming into Jerusalem singing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" as the youth paraded through the Sanctuary waving palm branches, a symbol of success in battle and in life.

Maundy Thursday

We worshiped and dined around the table, and we celebrated the Lord's supper together. We heard the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion, and burial. We symbolically nailed our sins to the cross since He died for us so that our sins have been forgiven. This moving service prepared us for the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Easter Sunday

"He is risen!" "He is risen, indeed!" We celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus with hymns of praise and joyous hearts that Jesus is truly risen. Special music was provided by the brass quartet of Joshua Molina, Arthur Sholtis, Jennifer Sholtis, and Jorge Rodriguez.

Easter Egg Hunt

Following the Easter Service, the courtyard was filled with all ages of children at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. First in line were the younger children four and under followed by the elementary age youth.





SERVE YOUR CHURCH

By Cathy Bowlin

Please sign up for a Sunday to provide snacks following Worship. We so enjoy getting together. All that is required is punch and cookies, and if you need to pick something up, we can reimburse you. Although we are blessed to have some incredibly talented people who provide food "fit for royalty", we do not expect everyone to do that. Most things are already provided. We just need someone to plate the snacks, make punch, replenish the table, and clean up afterward. Any questions you might have can be directed to any Connecting Committee member or call Cathy Bowlin at 765-426-9640.

TOILETRY BAGS

The Serving Committee would like to thank our covenant partners for their continued support and generosity. The Toiletry Bags were collected on April 2. We were able to prepare 55 bags to help the Good Samaritan project. Carrie Sheckells helped organize and count the bags.



DIAPER DRIVE 2023

It is time for the radio station KBNJ Annual Diaper Drive benefitting the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend! Last year, the Pregnancy Center distributed over **251,000 diapers** to parents participating in our Health Initiatives Parenting Program (HIPP),

The Diaper Drive runs from Mother's Day, May 14 - Father's Day, June 18. The Serving Committee joins in supporting the drive hoping to exceed our 2022 record of 5,197 diapers collected. The Pregnancy Center provides diapers to young families. They have a tremendous need for diapers sizes 3 through 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 through-out the month



until Father's Day. Collection receptacles will be available both in the Narthex and the entry by the living room.



CALLING ALL MEN!

By Ryan Barbato

Community and **fellowship** are two things everybody needs. God made us, in his image (Genesis 1:27), and we were designed to be in **community** (Genesis 2:18).

We are excited to announce the newest ministry, the Men's Fellowship group, led by Ryan Barbato. We will **fellowship**, focus on Biblical text, ask questions, present ideas, discuss "manly things", and (most important) grow into flourishing disciples.

Man cannot do this alone! Together, as a **community**, we can support one another, help each other grow, and strengthen our church! We are all part of the body of Christ, and we each have a role to fill within that body. The reality is, if we are going to walk in the light, we need each other (1 John 1:5-7).

We will meet monthly, and focus on a biblical topic, have a short discussion, enjoy a meal, and fellowship. We also plan to incorporate a service project, and "manly" field trips- like to a golf course, or the fishing pier, or the shooting range, or a local brewery.

The inaugural meeting will be May 20th at 9 a.m. in Kleberg Hall. **Interested in attending?** Use the QR code or visit www.firstprescc.com/mens-group/ to sign-up! Hope to see you all there!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

National Day of Prayer is May 4. This year the theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much" James 5:16. We are asked to pray for the following categories:

Government – praying for leaders and elected officials

Military - praying for our Armed Services

Media Arts - praying for arts, entertainment, and media

Business – praying for businesses and the workplace

Education – praying for the education of young people

Church – praying for the body of Christ

Family - praying for families in our nation

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

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WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

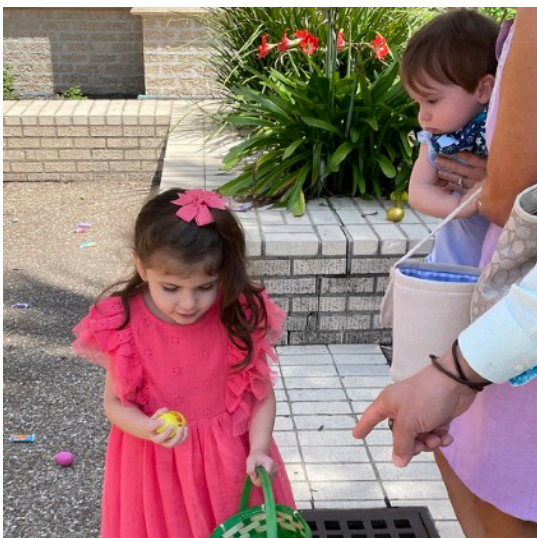
By Matthew Anderson

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings for prayer, food, worship, and fellowship with your church family. We will be taking a break from formal classes and focusing on conversation and relationship-building for the next few weeks.

Let's get to know each other better as we will pray together, eat together, sing together, and share our faith with each other. We will break up into small groups for "table talk," discussions about faith and life. So come on out for some of Kat's wonderful cooking and most importantly the fellowship of our Holy Spirit.

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. A time of worship follows around 6:45 and the table discussions will begin about 7:00. We should be done by 7:45 p.m.

EASTER MEMORIES



WOMEN'S RETREAT

By Susan Anderson • Photo by Sharon Duncan



The Women of the Church Retreat 2023 was a huge success thanks to all the ladies who worked behind the scenes to make it a memorable event. Special shout out to the event leader Dr. Debbi

Byrd, The Sparkling City Chorus of Sweet Adelines, and Kat Hunter for the amazing food. It was a day filled with fellowship, food, and fun.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

All women of the congregation are invited to attend a Tea Party for the Annual Meeting of the Women of the Church on Saturday, May 13th at 11 a.m. in Kleberg Hall. Ladies are encouraged to wear their favorite hats and gloves (if you still have them) and to bring a guest. Invite your mother, mother-in-law, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters to experience the fellowship and tea party.

The menu will include traditional cucumber sandwiches, scones, and of course, tea. The business portion of the meeting will be to approve the 2023-2024 Budget and to elect and install officers for the coming year. The Merci Award will be presented. This annual award honors one woman for long-time dedicated service to the church.

Please RSVP to Susan Anderson at susanfrago2018@gmail.com.

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, 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

4/02/23.....	122
4/09/23.....	214
4/16/23.....	104
4/23/23.....	86

It really makes a difference when you're here!



MAXINE FLOURNOY

In 1941 she obtained her pilots license through the Civil Pilots Training program. She joined the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) in 1943 and trained at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. Afterwards, she was assigned to the navigation school at Hondo Army Navigation School.

When the WASP program deactivated in December 1944, Flournoy was hired as a commercial pilot in Alice, Texas. She met her husband petroleum engineer, Lucien Flournoy. They married and raised three daughters and together operated Flournoy Drilling Company and Alice Aviation for many decades.

Flournoy was active in civic life becoming a member of the Texas Historical Commission. She was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as a member of the World USO Board of Director. She was active with the local USO in Ingleside and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

She served as president of the WASP Association. The Commemorative Air Force in Ingleside was named the Maxine Flournoy Third Coast Squadron CAF in her honor in 2004.

In March 2010, she received the prestigious Congressional Gold

Medal, the highest civilian award in the United States, for her outstanding service and recognition of her role as a WASP.

Maxine Flournoy was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church in Alice, Texas and later the First Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi.

Maxine is survived by her three daughters, Mary Anne Guthrie (Greg Guthrie), Betty Louise Fields (Byron Fields), Helen Ruth Pope (Bill Pope), 11 grandchildren; Ben Guthrie, Rachel Johnson (Jason), David Guthrie, Grace Hillestad (Ryan), Byron Fields (Anne), Beckham Fields (Amanda), Claire Craig (Stewart), John Pope (Stephanie), Daniel Pope (Bonnie), and Brian Pope. 18 great grandchildren. Brother, Phil Edmondson.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lucien Flournoy and granddaughter Anne Elizabeth Guthrie.

Her service was held at 2 p.m. April 10, 2023, with private burial on April 12th. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Maxine Flournoy Third Coast Squadron CAF or the church or charity dear to you.

Maxine Edmondson Flournoy, a long-time member of First Presbyterian Church, passed away on April 5, 2023. She was 102 years old. Maxine's three daughters remember her by her strong Christian faith and her life as a living example of that faith in Jesus.

Maxine was the daughter of Dr. John Edmondson DDS and Mary Ruth Edmondson Jones.

She was born in Wheaton, Missouri, on March 30, 1921, but grew up in Joplin, Missouri. She attended Joplin Junior College.



LILY CREW

Special thanks to those who came on April 6th to help with the unpacking, placing, and watering the 40 lilies in the Sanctuary for Easter. Workers were Pat and Chuck Luckett, John Holmgreen, and (not pictured) Rebecca and Vic Pinion.



- 5/7** Darrell Burditt
- 5/9** Damean Duncan
- 5/15** Chuck Luckett
- 5/18** Jane Slabaugh
- 5/19** Mike McLain
Eli Hodges
- 5/20** Carrie Sheckells
- 5/22** Sinae McMann
Jane Boone
- 5/24** Chris Vaughan
- 5/25** Nancy Burditt
- 5/29** David Henny
- 6/3** Cathy Bowlin

YOUTH SHIRTS FOR SALE

The FPC Youth Group will be selling shirts to benefit our summer retreat and other activities throughout the year. The shirts are available in sizes small - extra large, and are \$20 each. You may pay with either cash or a check made out to First Presbyterian Church, with "youth" written in the memo line. See Amy Smith in Kleberg Hall every Sunday after worship to purchase.



DINNERS FOR EIGHT

By Cathy Bowlin

Dinner for Eight or variation thereof has been postponed until the Fall due to busy summer activity and no sign ups. The Connecting Committee would appreciate any input that you might have for this activity and any other ideas to promote getting to know your "new best friend".

Contact Cathy Bowlin 765-426-9640. Texting is so appreciated, and I will get back to you. Otherwise, best times to call are Wednesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays. If you would like to serve on this committee, we can find a job for you that fits your talents and your time commitments.

CALLING ALL ELDERS

By Cathy Bowlin

We have a few spots that are uncovered for our At Home congregants who like to receive communion. If you are NOT an elder and would like to make phone calls or do occasional in person visits,

we have a place for you as well. This really brightens and encourages our At Home brothers and sisters. I find that I am always more blessed by them than any blessing I can bring to them.

SUMMER SUNDAY SWIM AT SANTA FE POOL

By Carrie Stice

The entire church family is invited to a fun pool party on Sunday, May 21st from 6-8 p.m. at the Santa Fe Swimming Pool located at 4134 Santa Fe St. Dinner will be provided.

You do not have to swim to attend. Contact Carrie Stice to RSVP.

Thank you to Keith & Becca Smith for renting the pool for our private gathering.



In Memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Hernandez and
Mr. & Mrs. Lt. Col. Pete Jones
from Walter & Arcy Scogin
Jacqueline McLain and Ruby
M. Hart *from Leslie & Kevin*
Heilbronner

John Fitch

from Vic & Rebecca Pinion

Edna Galloway & Herman Galloway

Sr. from Herman Galloway, Jr.

Tess Kisner

from Brad & Jane Kisner

Billye & Doug Cooke, Barby Meyer

and Tom Cooke *from Kim Tucker*

Karen McMann *from Calvin McMann*

Sarah & Ed Braswell *from Becky*

Braswell Keenan

Our parents and grandparents *from*

The Hutton Family

Howard & Doris Sheckells, Lee

Spell, Jake Parker *from Carrie Sheckells*

“Papa” David Burnett *from Carrie Stice*



Dr. & Mrs. H.E. Madalin and

Robert Madalin *from Bret Madalin*

Mark, Helen, Fred and Don

Thompson *from Cathy Bowlin*

Carl & Amelia Henny, George &
Bobbie Derry, Uncle Edward Derry,
and Sarah Ellington

from David & Karen Henny

John Boone *from Jane Boone*

Our Parents *from Patty & Hank Nuss*

Bill & Carol Minor, Doug Harl

from The Harl Family

Our parents, Max Cornelius & Doris

Loving *from Kellye & Jeff Loving*

Mary Lois & Bruce Fields

from Jean & Craig Fields

In Honor of

Robbins & Stewart Family

from Dan Robbins

Sara Collins

from Brad & Jane Kisner

Sue & David Blackshear

from Chip & Leslie Blackshear

The Tisovic Family

from Diana Gill

Our grandsons, Cayson & Cooper

Loving *from Kellye & Jeff Loving*

Rev. Dr. Chip & Leslie Blackshear

from Jim & Jean Klager

Other

Glory to God *Clayton R. Johnson*

Thanks for friendship Nancy Hutton

from Kathy Littlefield

The Peace of Christ

from The Graves Family