

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary (*Child care provided.*)

Dear Friends,

I saw this from Rev. Marie Mickey (retired Associate Pastor) in her newsletter column to First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater. It was helpful to me, so maybe you will find it helpful as well.

The season of Lent, challenges us to explore the question of spiritual balance. How do we acknowledge the good work of God in our lives when our lives may feel too chaotic and overwhelming?

Barbra Brown Taylor in her book, *Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, writes, "Prayer, is waking up to the presence of God no matter where I am or what I am doing. When I am fully alert to whatever or whoever is right in front of me; when I am electrically aware of the tremendous gift of being alive; when I am able to give myself wholly to the moment I am in, then I am in prayer. Prayer is happening, and it is not necessarily something that I am doing. God is happening, and I am lucky enough to know that I am in the Midst."

Our spiritual life doesn't have to have some prescription or format in order to be a "good Christian," but it does take intentionality and pause. If we reorient our lives so that even our daily activities are gifts and moments with God, our whole life becomes then one conversation, one deepening relationship with God.

Grace and peace,

Ted

2019 LENTEN STUDY

Our 5-week Lenten "Brown Bag" Lunch & Book Study based on Anne Lamott's *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair* will be held Wednesdays (MARCH 13 thru APRIL 10) in the church library. Lunch will begin at 11:50am with discussion from 12:10pm to 12:45pm. Several copies of the book (\$12⁰⁰ each) are available for purchase from the church office. Contact Karen or Ted (979.823.8073) to reserve your copy.

COMMITTEE chat

"THE BIG EVENT" ANNUAL CHURCH WORKDAY



SATURDAY
MARCH 30



Meet on the Indoor Patio at 9:30am
(Lunch will be available following)

FPC-Bryan's Property Committee is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of our building and grounds. In conjunction with Texas A&M's student-run service project "The Big Event," the Property Committee will host a church-wide work day. On the to-do list:

- ★ clean gutters and drains ★
- ★ groom flower beds ★
- ★ and more! ★

Feel free to bring for your use: wheel barrow, rake, bush trimming shears, or any other tools that you might use in helping to clean up and beautify our facility. While power tools cannot be used by The Big Event students, they can be used by you or other church workday participants. If you know of any specific tasks to add, please feel free to bring them to our attention as well.

If you would like to participate, please: call the church office (979.823.8073), email Karen (office@fpcbryan.org) or Pat (maintenance@fpcbryan.org), or speak with one of the session members below.

We are looking forward to continuing our efforts to beautify our church with you!

Dave Haverland, Julie Young, Randy Gholson
Property Committee Session Members

Preaching Christ | Teaching Discipleship | Reaching Others

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A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

A big thank you to all who helped make the Anson Jones Taco Bar on March 1 such a big success. We served 66+ teachers tacos with all the trimmings, chips and salsa, pinto beans, and a wide array of desserts.



Thanks to KEN TELG, JOSH TELG, NANCY SELF, KATHRYN NACHLINGER, LOIS BASENFELDER, KAREN BERG, SHARON BOWLING, JANICE BRADSHAW, RUTH ANN GHOLSON, KARON MATHEWS, CHERYL PAGE, and ELLEN WEICHERT.
Peggy Telg, *FPC Anson Jones Liaison*

Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris teaches this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahm teaches this class.

MAR 17 Bring Them Together. Children take comfort in knowing that Jesus wants to bring people together.

Read with your children: Luke 13:31-35.

MAR 24 Seek God. Children savor Isaiah's words and respond to their goodness.

Read with your children: Luke 13:1-9.

MAR 31 Lost and Found. Children discover God's abundant goodness for them through the parable of the loving father. **Read with your children: 15:1-3, 11b-32.**

WANTED: EASTER CANDY



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held Easter Sunday morning, April 21 (during the church school hour). Kathryn Nachlinger is seeking **wrapped candy** to fill eggs for the hunt. Please place your donations in the marked box on the Indoor Patio. The children appreciate your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE!



HEALTH FOR ALL

is proud to present
**Dancing for the Health of It
American Bandstand**

SAT, APRIL 6

For details, visit: www.hlth4all.org

SPRING: IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER PRIME TIME FELLOWSHIP: MARCH 21



Due to Spring Break, lively and spirit-filled adults (60+) will gather **ONE WEEK LATER—THU, MAR 21**, at 11:30am in the Church Library and Parlor for a meal and fellowship. Think sunshine, green grass, new growth, and warmer temperatures.

What are some happy or hopeful times in your life that you relate to springtime? **Roast Chicken, Cornbread, and Baked Squash provided.** Bring a friend, a side or dessert (if able), and your springtime-related thoughts. If you are not currently receiving a postcard invitation, please contact Karen in the church office at 979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org, to be added to the group list.

MEN'S LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

All men meet at Chicken Oil Co. in Bryan at 11:30am on **TUE, MARCH 26**, (and the LAST Tuesday of each month) for fellowship and lunch... a great way to get to know other men in the church. To be added to the email list, contact Rick Page, rick.page57@gmail.com.

FLAT CALVIN'S BOARD

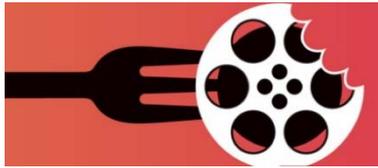


Hey FPCers! Check out Flat Calvin's (bulletin) Board next to the Children's Elementary Church School Classroom (Room 13) that will be highlighting a new face at FPC or re-introducing a current member.

The Membership Building and Evangelism Committee's Flat Calvin will ask some "little did you know" questions in hopes we can all start new conversations with one another.

This month, you'll meet new member **YUNIOR TORRES CAMARGO!** Be sure to check it out and chat him up!

CHICK FLICKS GATHER IN MARCH



Chick Flicks gather on **FRI, MARCH 22**, at 6:00pm in the church library and parlor for dinner and a movie (to be

determined). **All women are invited** to this evening of fun and fellowship! Please contact Cheryl Page, 979.219.1505 or capage1952@gmail.com, to be added to the email notification list to receive information about the dinner theme and movie the group will be watching on the 22nd.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PRESBYTERY OF NEW COVENANT

invites ALL WOMEN to

PRESBYTERY SPRING GATHERING "HEALING JUSTICE"



"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." —Psalm 147:3

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 9:30AM

Brenham Presbyterian Church
900 S. Jackson St., Brenham, Texas

WORSHIP SERVICE

with Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, *Development Officer*
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Emilee Whitehurst, *President/Chief Executive Officer*
Houston Area Women's Center
healing and gender justice as it relates to her work with HAWC

Phoebe Lake, *New Leaf Nursery*

God's plan for eco-justice and healing of the earth and a fascinating look at the many plants mentioned in the Bible

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Mission and Help Center

A multi-campus, faith-based community working to help people become self-sufficient through emergency assistance and paths to long-term improvement in Washington County. Please bring full sized toiletries for distribution to their clients. Items requested:

**SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSH/
TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, PANTRY GOODS**

For full details, visit www.pbyofnewcovenant.org
Registration deadline is **SAT, MARCH 23**.

Need a registration packet?

Go to the website or contact Janice Bradshaw at janicebradshaw@suddenlink.net or 979-777-5475.

To carpool, contact Janice.

The day promises to enrich women of all ages and stages of life. Hope to see you in beautiful Brenham on March 30!

YOUTH HAPS

Youth & Young Adult Ministries (youth@fpcbryan.org)

FELLOWSHIP

Youth meet most Sunday evenings at 6:00pm for dinner in Carter Creek Foyer followed by games, activities, and study. For more information, call or text Youth sponsors Jessica Sahm Petersen (979.220.2513) and Jasen Petersen or email youth@fpcbryan.org.



CHURCH SCHOOL

Youth meet in Room 403, Sundays, 9:20am-10:20am.

MAR 17 From Threats to Reconciliation. Youth imagine how God's love can transform the threat of violence into a desire for compassion and hope. **Luke 13:31-35**

MAR 24 The Good Life. Youth affirm that satisfaction comes through a relationship with God instead of worldly commitments. **Luke 13:1-9**

MAR 31 Amazing Grace. Youth identify God's amazing grace and explore ways grace shapes relationships and community. **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**



YOUng Adult News

Youth & Young Adult Ministries (youngadults@fpcbryan.org)

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHESS

Young Adults gather most weeks after worship on Sundays for fellowship and lunch at local restaurants! Following worship (on most Sundays), Tammie and/or Charley Keese will be at the front of the sanctuary (near the chancel) to greet young adults (18-39). Come as often as your schedule allows!

MARCH 17 Fritella's, Bryan
MARCH 24 McAlister's, College Station
MARCH 31 Newk's, College Station

For more information about the lunches or young adults, contact Tammie Keese, tdsprott@gmail.com.

CARING AND SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of **BETTY MAHONEY** following her death on March 3.

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. —John 11:25



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.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

BEFORE YOU GO TO BED
SATURDAY NIGHT (MARCH 9),
SET YOUR MANUAL CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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M-F, 8:30am to 4:30pm
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"Like" us on



- ♥ Madison Hodges (granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Leroy & Wanda Kipp (parents of David Kipp)
- ♥ John "Mack" Prescott
- ♥ Adrian Rogers (son of Heidi Linder & Bill Rogers)
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

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| 03/15 Cadie Davison | 03/18 Helen Reese |
| 03/15 Leon Russell | 03/21 Steve Zimmerman |
| 03/16 Alexis Cravatt | 03/22 Sherry Hinnant |
| 03/16 Mary Beth Hendler | 03/22 Betty Williams |
| 03/18 Jo Monroe | 03/23 Marjorie Wright |

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



MARCH 17

Luke 23:44-49

MARCH 24

Luke 18:35-43; 19:1-10

MARCH 31

Luke 22:39-46

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes (incl. the April Calendar), covering news/events from **MARCH 28 to APRIL 17**, is **NOON, SUN, MARCH 17**.

Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.