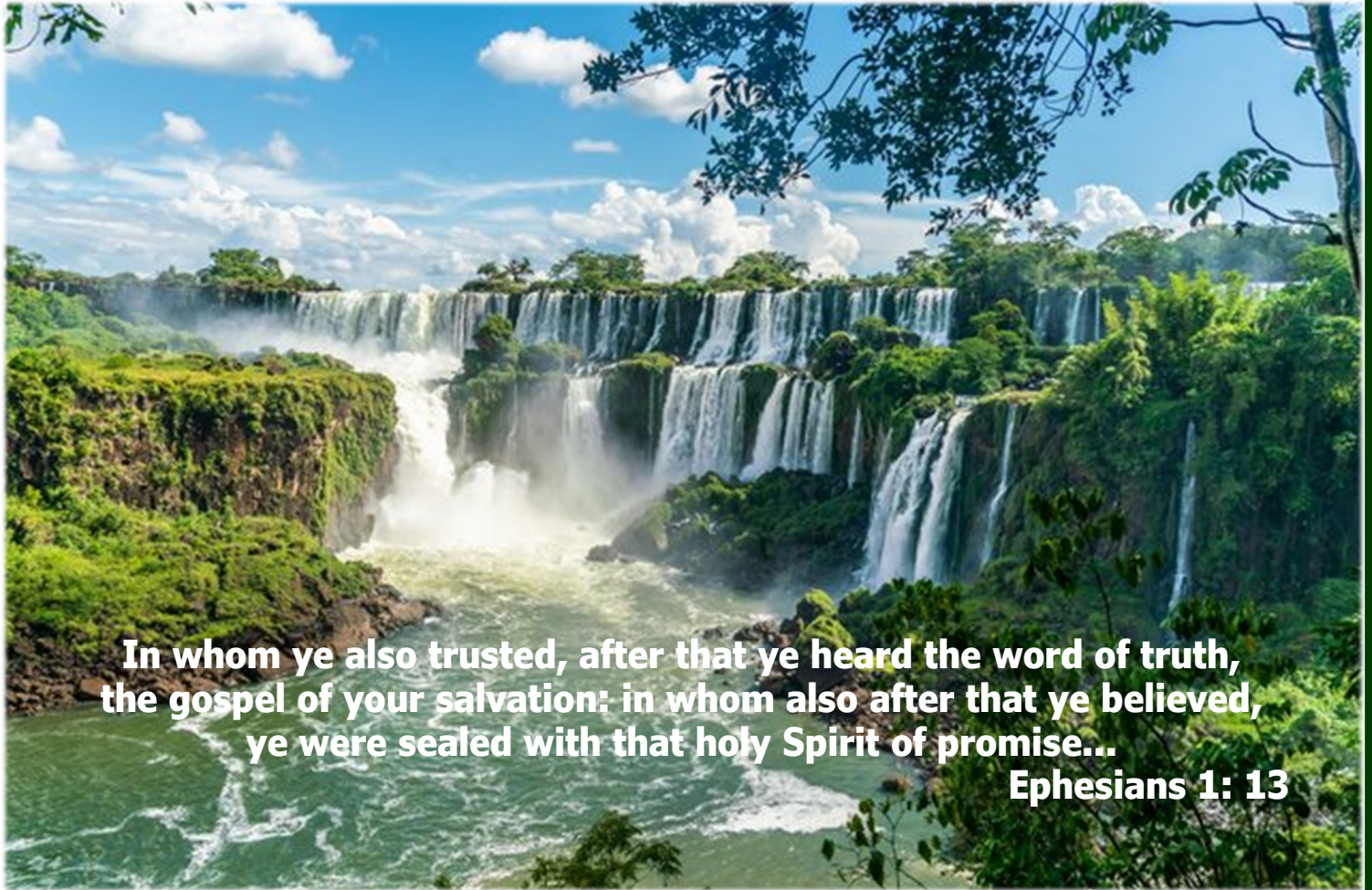


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**In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed,
ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...**
Ephesians 1: 13

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*“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3: 1*

Sometime this month, we will celebrate the ordination and installation of new officers. These Deacons, Elders, and Trustees will carry forward the work of First Presbyterian Church until summer 2027. The date seems so far distant when I type it! By then, the 2024 Election will be over and its results history. (In fact, we'll be well into the early hype for the 2028 election.)

I remember when 2010 began, and I noted in Lake Charles that the officers installed there would serve until 2013. I had no idea I would be serving here by then. Later, when we had celebrated this church's 2016 Centennial and come through Hurricane Harvey's flooding, we had no way of knowing that before the Class of 2020 stepped down we would have to figure out how to keep up "the maintenance of divine worship" during a Pandemic when we could not meet in person. Those officers served capably. The Lord and Head of the Church led us through all those episodes and changes.

It's not that the character, experience, and gifts and graces of those we'll be ordaining and/or installing are not important. Jesus Christ is the one Person essential in every church. Where there is love and faithfulness toward God, and eagerness to be part of his ongoing mission in the world, he will lead through all sorts of troubles, provide guidance and wisdom for all manner of challenges, and provide for every type of need.

Yours in Christ's love and service,

Dr. Fred Seay

A VISION FOR 2030

After the Summer retreat, the Session formed a visioning team to think over some ideas from the meeting and to consider possible ways forward for the church. They came up with a general vision for what all taking part would like to see the church look like, say, five years down the road. For now, the specific steps and stages are under discussion. They and the Session want to share what they have so far with the whole church, and here it is below: First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land is a joyful, mid-sized (300-400 fully engaged members) congregation, consisting of multigenerational and multi-ethnic individuals, reflecting the community it serves. The church is part of the Presbyterian USA denomination, and offers a classic Presbyterian, Bible-based ministry, focusing on a 21st century environment, in a family atmosphere.

The church is enthusiastic and active in missions that serve the needs of our community, both spiritually and tangibly. Our members do not just spread the Word, they continuously demonstrated their devotion to the Christian way in everyday life. Our church serves the community by hosting and enabling groups and organizations that seek to benefit the common good and those in need.

Our worship services emphasize the principles of Christ's teaching and the understanding of those principles. They are presented in a positive manner that clarifies those teachings in a way that is truly memorable. Hymns and music are carefully chosen to frame and accentuate the message. It is a time of joy!

The Session held its stated monthly meeting on Monday, May 13th in the Meeting Place. Besides receiving reports from the Pastor, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, Trustees, and committees, the Session...



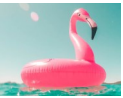
Discussed plans for the transition in June for incoming and outgoing Deacons, Elders, and Trustees, receiving a report on the progress of the Nominating Committee;



Moderators were advised to begin preparing their Annual Reports for the Congregational Meeting to elect new officers and Nominating Committee members;



Discussed other transitions over the coming months;



Heard a report from the Visioning Team, and each Committee moderator was given opportunity to select a date to present a Minute for Mission on that committee's work at both services;



Noted that the next Presbytery Meeting will be on Saturday, July 20th, by Zoom. Elder Commissioners will be elected at the next Session meeting.

The **next Session meeting** will be on a Monday night after mid-June, at 7:00 P.M., the date depending on the election, ordination, and installation of new officers.



HURRICANE AND OTHER SEVERE WEATHER EVENT PLAN

First Presbyterian Church of Sugar Land

If our area is placed under a watch or Inland Hurricane Warning...

Pastor will ask Deacons to check on people on their care lists, especially to see if anyone is evacuating where they are going, etc.

Property Committee/Church Staff prepare buildings and grounds:

Bring in any loose items (nursery playground equipment, small plastic tables in breezeway, and benches) that could blow around in high winds.

Unplug office computers, other electrical equipment to protect against power surges.

Sanctuary

Pastor or Choir Director will unplug the organ and sound system.

Trustees/Treasurer make sure checks, financial information, etc. are in a safe location, with all important records backed up electronically or by other means.

If a hurricane is approaching on a Sunday, or Sunday comes soon after...

If Ft. Bend County is under an Inland Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning, and winds are expected to be at or above Tropical Storm Strength on a Sunday morning, no services will be held.

In the event of heavy rains or flooding conditions on a Saturday night or Sunday morning, the Pastor will use discretion in holding or cancelling services.

1. In the event of a "command decision" on a Saturday night, the Pastor may contact the Deacons' Moderator to ask for help in passing out word.
2. In the event of a last-minute cancellation—as occurred due to flooding in the Pastor's neighborhood during Hurricane Harvey—the Pastor will make every effort to contact an Elder or other Officer who can be at the sanctuary to advise anyone coming that services are cancelled, and/or to pray or otherwise minister to them.*

Otherwise, even if there is no electricity, etc., on the Sunday after a storm, services will be held—with the understanding they will probably be somewhat shorter and "come as you are", and (literally) open door.

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As soon as possible after the storm passes...

Pastor and/or a designated Property Committee member survey buildings and grounds for any damage

If there is damage, report immediately to insurance.
Trustees: assign a Trustee to be liaison with Insurance

Deacons/Pastor

Contact care list members, make list of anyone requiring special assistance

Session/Pastor

If there is significant damage to any building on the church campus, make arrangements for an alternate site on or off the campus for Worship, Sunday School, or Office operations.

**The particular circumstances of Hurricane Harvey will never be repeated—we all devoutly hope! But these guidelines come from that experience.*

IV. OTHER SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS (flooding events, ice storms)

If an ice storm or flooding event is forecast for a Sunday morning, the Pastor and Session will consult about whether to cancel services.

If an ice storm, flooding event, or other severe weather is forecast during the work week, the Pastor will use discretion in deciding whether to close the office and will advise the Session. Staff will work from home.

HARD FREEZE PREPARATIONS—The Property Committee has an action plan for draining pipes, etc.

The Property Committee will advise on :

Setting of thermostats
Setting of sprinkler system
Covering of any pipes or plants

As soon as possible, Pastor and/or someone from the Property Committee will check for any broken pipes, leaks, etc.

Ruling Elders: Randy Ross, Mike Windmeyer, Sue Meyer, Craig Landin, Steve Brown, Lissette Diaz, Chidi Ogbonnaya, Lyn Boyd, Kent Hutton, Jack Barrett, Barbara Shelton, Ben Svoboda

SERMONS FOR JUNE

(Scripture readings and sermon themes are always open to change—from outside events, from events that affect us as a congregation, and not least from the insistence of the Holy Spirit!)

June 2 (Communion)

"SABBATH" (Mark 2: 23-3:6)

June 9

"What's the Worst Thing You Could Do?" (Mark 3: 20-35)

June 16 Father's Day/Men of Church Sunday

"Sowing Seeds" (Mark 4:1-9)

June 23

"Storm, Be Still" (Mark 4:35-5:1)

June 30

"Two Kinds of Faith " (Mark 5: 21-43)

One Service Sundays for 2024

Officer Installation (TBD)

August TBD (Rally Day), October 6 (World Communion)

December 16 (Christmas Cantata)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Pastor's Bible Study Tuesday nights
at 7:00 pm via Zoom
through June 11.**

**Call the church office or Pastor Fred
for the log on information.**



**Stories from the Old and
New Testaments
that will provoke
interesting discussions
and provide some spiritual insight.**

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Will continue to meet weekly on
Thursdays, 10:00 am through June.
in the Meditation Room**

**Brown Bag Fellowship Lunch to follow
Led by Rev. Rhonda Detenbeck**



**Presbyterian Women's Circle will meet on
Monday, June 3 and August 5 (at 10:00
A.M.).**

In Our Hearts and Prayers...

"...the Lamb of God who takes away the
sins of the world." John 1: 29

...in times of new birth

Kathy and Paul Duecker's new grandson, welcomed by
parents Jenny and Lloyd Callahan, with big sister and brother.

...in times of celebration

God's blessing on their marriage for Leslie Wood and
A.J. Williams

...in times of loss

Paulette Barbles, husband Gary, family and friends, friend of
Courtney and Jack Barrett
The family and friends of Dale Demontiny, life long HS friends of
Chris and Valerie Williams

...in the hospital last month

Ellen Svoboda, now recovering at home from knee
replacement surgery
Sue Meyer, who fell and broke her wrist on a walk. She is now
home and recovering.
Jody (Charlie) Harris, Sharon and Phil Cobb's son, St. Lukes
Frankie Coufal, Evelyn Flannery's brother, recurrence of cancer,
chemo and radiation
Brandon Ragsdale, Evelyn Flannery's great nephew, waiting for
diagnosis

...in hospice

Cami, the daughter of friends of Allison Goolsby, Amy and her husband
John, rare blood disease
Steve Shelton, Lee's brother
Jimmy Carter

...for those at home

Nancy Pruitt
Betty Coit
Sedonia Johech
Betty Tirey
Robert Blom, Valerie Davenport's father, Alzheimer's disease
Carolyn Craig, Patsy Armbruster's cousin, dementia
Carter and Joyce Hood
Kathy Adams, Jean Caruthers' sister
Pearlene and John Tielke

...for those in assisted living or nursing facilities

Jill Bailey, Sharon Bailey's sister in law, memory care
Don and Martha Stewart, Lake Charles, LA
Ruby Myers, Park Manor Quail Valley; 2350 F.M. 1092,
Missouri City 77459
Mary Rico, The Village at Sugar Land; 2100 Village Living Way, Apt. 202,
Sugar Land 77479
Bill Schaub, 16900 Lexington Blvd; Apt 1136, SL 77479
Jessie Larkins, JR's mother
Ore Nell Myska, The Sycamores

...for healing

Tiffany Wagner, eye surgery
Olivia Driskell, the Seay's neighbor, just diagnosed with
epilepsy as she's starting at Texas A & M
Frank Lewis, the Tielke's son in law, TIA
Garrett Pendergast, Deborah Whaley's friend, brain cancer, and
his family and new wife
Courtney Taylor, Mary McMaster's cousin, recently diagnosed
with LAM (Lymphangioliomyomatosis)
Chris Palacios, Angeliq's husband, tingling and numbness with
leg and foot from a motorcycle accident in 2021
Jeanette Nohawitz, youngest sister of Sedonia Johech, recovering
from a stroke
Gemari Doss, son-in-law of Bihn Truong, recovering after a series
of operation for diabetes damage to his feet.
Bonnie Griffies, Evelyn Flannery's friend, surgery to alleviate
some issues and she also is suffering from pain
Russel Hedgepath, Evelyn Flannery's friend's grandson
toddler with many health issues, feeding tube
David Whaley, Deborah Whaley's husband, challenging health issues
Mary Berglund, Courtney Barrett's friend, many ailments
Daniel Nguyen, cancer, Danielle Nguyen as she cares for Pastor Daniel

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Shay Horton, Vickie Coates friend, breast cancer
Rev. Charles Tekyl (Pearlene Tielke's cousin).
Clayton Freels, Chris and Valerie Williams' family friend,
possible multisystem inflammatory Syndrome
Paula Kay, Cay and Kent Hutton's longtime friend
Lou, Sue Chiles' sister
Sherry Mullins, Steve Jack's cousin
Cherie Woolley, friend of Steve Jack, pain
Connie Lambert
Elroy Bishop, Allen Bishop's father
Charlotte Roberts, Patsy Armbruster's friend, ALS
Jeanne Nestler, Terry Hopman's friend in NY State, stage 4 breast cancer
Jean Caruthers
Sandra Bridgewater, Connie Lambert's sister
Holly Schaub, David and Laura Schaub's granddaughter

...for general concerns

Emily Pham, Optometry boards this summer
Dr. Mark Holloway, family illnesses
Chuck Bailey, Sharon Bailey's brother in law, wife in memory care
Daniel Grasham and his family, Corey Ray's friend, damage to
farm and home
Those experiencing job insecurities
Diane Chi, granddaughter of Jacob Chi, God's guidance
Jessica and Joshua Murphy, Evelyn Flannery's grandchildren
The Yoba Family
Jason York, nephew of Sara and Mike Windmeyer, alcoholism
Connie Lambert's friend Richard and his son Kris
People of Ukraine and Russia
Alan Castecka, friend of Evelyn Flannery
Joshua, Evelyn Flannery's grandson
Quinn Alexis, Connie Lambert's friend, Depression
People of Palestine and Israel

...for those undergoing treatment

Thad Holloway, Loise Van Pool's friend's son, begins
treatment for a brain tumor
Helen Cervenka, Shirley Jack's former co-worker & friend, cancer
Travis Land, AJ Williams mentor and friend, chemo for recurring
Lymphoma
The Bailey Family's son, friends of the Levinson's, cancer
treatment
John Long, cancer of the tongue, former neighbor of Beverly
Martin
Diane Woods, Evelyn Flannery's friend, cancer treatment
Philip Jack, Steve's brother, on dialysis

...those serving as missionaries

Aaron Seay, LA
Sam Oedi asks for prayers for his family and all Christians in
Indonesia
Susan and Tom Vanwyen, Cindy Hart's cousins, Wycliffe Global
Alliance
Rev. Fraz Siddique, Presbyterian minister in Pakistan
Jane Ekayu, Children of Peace Uganda
For Christians suffering persecution
Emily (Esposito) and Mark Heger
Sharon and Dennis Welch
Wes Stewart, the Johecs' grandson, the country of Georgia
Erin Brasher, New York City
Dr. Afzaal Firdous, for his ministry

...for those serving our country

Bobby Gruden, Shirley and Steve Jack's grandson, Patrick Air Force Base,
Florida
Travis Wolfe, Charles and June Weiss' grandson, deployed to
Naval Air Support, Souda Bay, on the Isle of Crete.
LT (JG) Daniel Kimball, the Svoboda's grand son, Navy, Norfolk, VA
Lt. Eric Abney, USN
Cody Myers, USAF
Andrew Marshall, the Seay's neighbor, Navy
Andrew Shomette, Marines, the Shows' friend
Kirstin Kimball Mahler, the Svoboda's granddaughter and
husband Josh and their 3 children, Air Force in San Antonio
Cpt. Lee Medders, Army, the Schofield's son in law

Celebrate!

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| 2 Stephen Jack | 17 Debbie Buie |
| 3 Sharon Cobb | 18 Joyce Fogleman |
| 5 James Wagner | 19 David Schaub |
| 6 Jim Shilts | 24 Pam Shoulders |
| 9 Mary McMaster | 27 Uchenna Ogbonnaya |
| 10 Lanae Buie | 29 Rylan Cameron |
| Linda Laing | Jennifer Sic |
| 14 Warren Shoulders | Zoey Budnik |
| 15 Juliana Ukoha | |
| 16 Barbara Shelton | July |
| | 6 Allen Bishop |



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

June 2 [Open](#)

June 9 [Open](#)

June 16 [Shelton](#)

June 23 [Open](#)

June 30 [Open](#)

Honor and remember loved ones and friends by placing flowers in the Sanctuary.

Just call your favorite florist and order or bring a bouquet from your own garden! Call the church office or add your name to the Flower Chart that hangs on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

*"...and the **two shall become one** flesh; so they are no longer **two**, but **one** flesh."*

Mark 10: 8

1 Michael and Jocelyn McConnell

Gerry and Terry Hopman

12 Warren and Pam Shoulders

16 Keith and Kimberly Shrull

20 Steve and Eilene Brown

22 Hieu and Mytran Pham

26 Keith and Jennifer Marrero

29 Stephen and Shirley Jack

James and Judie Larkins



*Christian Faith
Formation*

"Til I come, attend to the public reading of
scripture, to preaching, to teaching."

1 Timothy 4:13

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EXPERIENCING THE BIBLE IN IT'S HISTORICAL CONTEXT
"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"
RAY VANDER LAAN VIDEO SERIES

Our Adult Sunday School class meets each
Sunday in the Meeting Place - 9:45 am
Lead by Rev. Rhonda Detenbeck



MEET & STUDY TIME
MEETINGS IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM
IN THE YOUTH ROOM
EVERY SUNDAY, 10:00 am
For High School Students
HOSTED BY PASTOR FRED SEAY & JOYCE FOGLEMAN

To receive ZOOM INVITES, please contact Pastor Fred or the Church office at 281-240-3195



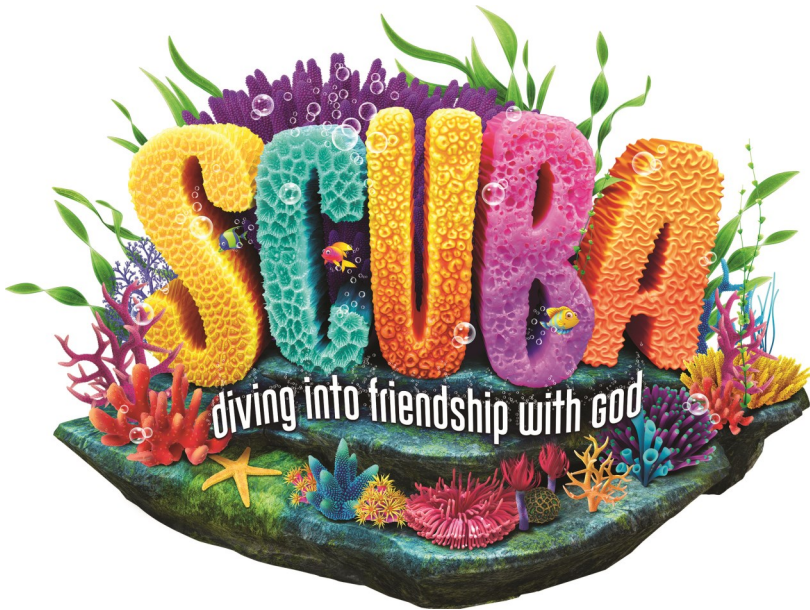
This summer!

**No Children's Sunday School
during the summer months
to allow our volunteer teachers
a well deserved rest.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

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Join us for VBS 2024

July 15-July 18

For kids who have completed
Kindergarten to 5th Grade

REGISTRATION FEE \$10*

PAYABLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF VBS

REGISTER ONLINE at fpcsl.org or

vbspro.events/p/fpcslvbs24

Join the Fun!

Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Mission Projects, Games

Dive into friendship with God and learn that...

God is a friend who's real.

God is a friend who loves.

God is a friend we can trust.

God is a friend for forever.

SHARE WITH FRIENDS SO THAT THEY TOO CAN JOIN US!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

* scholarships available

For more information call our church office at 281-240-3195 or

email Lissette Diaz at Ldiaz_burgos@hotmail.com



Yes, I know it is only June and it's too early for a Thanksgiving story but it is never too early for a miracle story and this one is too good to keep till November.

Ivy Olson was at the lowest point in her life. It was Thanksgiving morning 1969 and she had just moved into a one bedroom apartment with her two boys after going through a divorce. She was still in bed having just woken up and she thought to herself, "What have I gotten into? How am I gonna get out of this?"

She only had 3 hotdogs in the fridge to feed herself and her boys on this Thanksgiving Day. She decided to give her boys a treat and take them to the park for a picnic. They cooked their hotdogs in the park and ate them and played around for a little while. On the way back to the apartment, the boys complained that they were still hungry. She did not want the boys to see her worried so she put on a brave face and smiled.

On reaching the apartment complex, they were just about to go up the stairs to their apartment when a little old lady in Apartment 15 on the ground floor called out to them and said "Oh, honey? I've been waiting for you." She invited them to have Thanksgiving dinner with her. At first, Ivy thanked her and said she did not want to impose but the woman insisted and said she really would love the company. Hesitantly, Ivy agreed and she and the boys went into the apartment and found a baked whole turkey with all the trimmings laid out on the dinner table.

The apartment was nicely furnished and Ivy immediately felt at home in the woman's apartment. She described the experience in detail, "It was all dimly lit, and the kitchen table was just loaded with food. And she was just so incredibly sweet. Her presence was like electricity. She had a sparkle in her eyes. There was life in her." The woman was easy to talk to and they had a wonderful meal. At the end of the evening, the woman gave little gifts to each of them and sent them home with all the leftovers. Ivy was so grateful and excited since there was enough food to last them the whole week.

The next morning, Ivy went to return the containers to the woman in Apartment 15. She knocked on the door but there was no answer. She looked in the windows and the apartment was dark and empty and looked like no one had lived in it for a while. She went to the apartment manager's door and knocked and when he answered, she asked where the lady in Apartment 15 had gone. He told her that Apartment 15 has been vacant for 10 to 12 weeks and looked at her as if she was crazy. He asked, "Are you feeling okay?" "Even today I get goose bumps when I think back on just seeing that empty apartment," she reminisced on that encounter with the woman who Ivy believed must have been an angel. She vowed that she would one day do something to help others just as that angel had helped her.


Ivy met her current husband, Douglas Olson, an Air Force chaplain, at the Tahitian Lanai while she was vacationing with friends in Hawaii. "We met and she never went home," he said. They were married in 1976. In 1989, Olson founded Angel Network Charities, which became a \$700,000-a-year nonprofit serving more than 100 homeless families in Hawaii. The organization helps its clients gain the means to live independently through housing, health care, transportation and job training assistance.

Her husband, who was now senior pastor of Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church in Aina Haina described Ivy as the moving force -- "she was a very, very powerful lady" -- behind the Angel Network. She received a President George Bush's Thousand Points of Light award in 1992, and a Volunteer of the Year award from President Bill Clinton in 1993, he said. Her story also inspired the pilot for the CBS television series, "Touched By An Angel" which aired in 1994.

Ivy Olson passed away from intestinal cancer on April 7, 2002. She was 60. But her legacy lives on in the Angel Charities Network which continues to help families in need to this day on Oahu, Hawaii.

Blessings, Robin

Excerpts and information for this article was taken from various sources on the internet including the documentary TV series "It's a Miracle, Season 1, Episode 11".

A white rectangular card with a red ribbon tied around it. The text "You are invited" is written in a black cursive font on the card.

You are invited

Sorry, I Can't Come, I Have Other Plans

The Gospel of Luke tells an interesting story about a man who planned to host a large banquet. He invited many people. When the preparations were complete and the party was ready to start, he sent his servant out to tell all the invited guests that it was now time to come enjoy the food and festivities.

One of the invited guests sent regrets because he had to check on a piece of land he had recently bought. Another invited guest sent regrets because he had acquired some oxen and he could not wait to hitch them up and try them out. A third invited guest sent regrets because he was just married and would be unable to join the feast.

When the servant told the banquet host that his invited guests were declining, the host became angry. He told his servant to go into the streets and alleys and invite regular people. And they came.

When the newly invited people found seats at the banquet, the servant told the host there was still room for even more people. So, the host sent his servant back out to the roadways and country lanes to invite more people to the dinner party (Luke 14:15-24).

I like to think of this parable from the perspective of those who were first invited. They had received an invitation from a man who must have been an important person (common people do not throw parties like that). So, you would think the invitees would have been honored and grateful to have been on the guest list. But they did not care enough about this man to send their regrets as soon as they got the invitation. Rather, they let the host go through all the party preparations, and only then begged off attending at the last minute. And they gave some pretty flimsy excuses at that.

When God invites me to participate in Kingdom work, I sometimes wonder if I am like those who begged off attending that man's dinner party. I should be honored and grateful to be invited to partner with God in Kingdom work. And I certainly should be embarrassed to beg off participating in Kingdom work with a flimsy excuse like needing to check on a plot of land I just bought, or to take a spin in my new car, or needing to help my spouse put away our wedding gifts.

Here is the faith lesson to remember: When we decline God's invitation to partner with God in Kingdom work, it does not stop Kingdom work from happening. God just offers our invitation to someone else who will gratefully accept the invitation.

CELEBRATE SUMMER!
JOIN US
FRIDAY, JUNE 7th
FOR
Summer Splash
BINGO
Water Games Beginning at 6 pm
Taco Dinner and BINGO at 6:30 pm
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

FIFTIES PLUS DINNER GROUP

June 5
Kelly's Country Cooking
11555 W. Airport,
Meadows Place

June 12
Chili's
15355 Southwest Fwy
Sugar Land

For any questions
call Steve Jack:
832-512-9594.

June 19
BJ's Rest and Brewery
Hwy 6 @ US 59,
Sugar Land

June 26
Lopez Mexican Rest
7727 W. Grand Pkwy S
Richmond

Dinner at 5:00 pm



News from the Vision Committee!

How can you help the Vision Committee this summer?

Come to church! Bring a friend!
Come to CFF's Water, Tacos and Bingo event on June 7!

Help with VBS July 15-18! Bring kids!

Volunteer! Join a committee!

Look for opportunities where you can help!



June 30th

Join us for a Pot Luck Fellowship Luncheon with the Faith Vietnamese Presbyterian Fellowship following the 11:00 am worship service.

If you would like to share your musical talents on a Sunday this summer, please contact Phil Cobb:
832-310-8860.

Thanks!

*East Fort Bend
Human Needs
Ministry*



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Let's reach our community together!

**Our address: 425 Stafford Run Rd. in
Stafford, (off Ave. E, near Hwy 90 and
Murphy Road)**

281-261-1006 www.humanneeds.org

FOOD PANTRY DAYS

**Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
10:00am- 12:30pm**

Select Wednesdays: 6:00pm- 8:00pm

- Pancake mix, Pancake syrup, Canned fruit,
- Family sized box meals, Hamburger Helper,
- Velveeta Shells & Cheese, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, cereal,
- Canned pasta: Beef ravioli, Beefaroni, Lasagna, Spaghetti & meatballs
- Canned mixed vegetables, canned beans, Pasta sauce
- Canned meat: chicken, chili, tuna, Beef stew, Spam

Remember the Date!

15th Annual Fort Bend Empty Bowls

Friday, June 14, 2024

Houston Marriott

Buy your tickets here:

[https://my.onecause.com/
event/organizations/
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Sugar Land



Sponsorship Levels for Empty Bowls

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Chef de Cuisine - \$7,500, Crème de la Crème - \$5,000,

Cordon Bleu - \$3,000, Chef's Delight - \$2,000, Soup du Jour - \$1,500

Bread and Butter - \$500, A La Carte - \$350

The Month of **June**

CALENDAR

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Congregational Meeting to elect officers: TBA

Saturday, June 1

Sunday, June 2

Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship (S)
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (MP)
- 10:00 am Youth Sunday School in person & via Zoom
- 11:00 am Worship in person (S) and via You Tube
- 12:30 pm Faith Vietnamese Presbyterian Mission (FH)

Monday, June 3

Tuesday, June 4

- 7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, June 5

- 5:00 pm Fifties Plus Dinner Group-Kelly's Country Cookin'
- 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting (MP)
- 7:30 pm Choir (CR)

Thursday, June 6

- 10:00 am Thirdsday Bible Study (MR)
- 7:00 pm Property Committee/God's Back Yard Mtg (MP)

Friday, June 7

- 6:00 pm Summer Splash Bingo!

Saturday, June 8

- 8:00 am **Mowing Team 2**
- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (MP)

Sunday, June 9

- 8:30 am Worship (S)
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (MP)
- 10:00 am Youth Sunday School in person & via Zoom
- 11:00 am Worship in person (S) and via You Tube
- 12:30 pm Faith Vietnamese Presbyterian Mission (FH)

Monday, June 10

- 7:00 pm Session (MP)

Tuesday, June 11

- 10:00 am Stitchin' Mission (EB)
- 7:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, June 12

- 5:00 pm Fifties Plus Dinner Group-Chili's
- 6:30 pm Compassionate Friends (MP)
- 7:30 pm Choir (CR)

Thursday, June 13

- 10:00 am Thirdsday Bible Study (MR)
- 6:30 pm Trustee's Meeting (MP)

Friday, June 14

- 9:30 am FPCSL @ Food Pantry
- 6:30 pm **15th Annual Fort Bend Empty Bowls**

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16

- 8:30 am Worship (S)
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (MP)
- 10:00 am Youth Sunday School in person & via Zoom
- 11:00 am Worship in person (S) and via You Tube
- 12:30 pm Faith Vietnamese Presbyterian Mission (FH)

Room Key for Calendar

MP=Meeting Place; ELEM=B3; class room=A4;
PS=Pastor's Study; FH=Fellowship Hall; MR=Meditation Room; L=Library; EB=Education Building; YR=Youth Room in the Education Building; CR=Choir Room; S=Sanctuary; N=Church Narthex; GR=Gathering Room
A-10=Middle School SS class

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands...
Psalm 107: 1-3

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Monday, June 17

Tuesday, June 18

Wednesday, June 19

5:00 pm Fifties Plus Dinner Group-BJ's Rest & Brewery
7:30 pm Choir (CR)

Thursday, June 20

10:00 am Thirdsday Bible Study (MP)
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (MR)

Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22

8:00 am **Mowing Team 3**

Sunday, June 23

8:30 am Worship (S)
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (MP)
10:00 am Youth Sunday School in person & via Zoom
11:00 am Worship in person (S) and via You Tube
12:30 pm Faith Vietnamese Presbyterian Mission (FH)

Monday, June 24

7:00 pm Christian Faith Formation Committee Meeting (MP)

Tuesday, June 25

10:00 am Stitchin' Mission (EB)

Wednesday, June 26

5:00 pm Fifties Plus Dinner Group-Lopez Mexican Rest.
7:30 pm Choir (CR)

Thursday, June 27

10:00 am Thirdsday Bible Study (MP)

Friday, June 28

9:30 am FPCSL @ Food Pantry

Saturday, June 29

3:00 pm Birthday Party-Adrien Bai (GR)

Sunday, June 30

"Reformed, Patriotic, Worship Services

8:30 am Worship (S)
9:30 am Adult Sunday School (MP)
10:00 am Youth Sunday School in person & via Zoom
11:00 am Worship in person (S) and via You Tube
12:00 pm Pot Luck with the Faith Vietnamese Fellowship (GR)
12:30 pm Faith Vietnamese Presbyterian Mission (FH)

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Serving this Month

"It is the Lord Christ you are serving."
Colossians 3:24

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Elders

June 2 Communion

8:30 am Randy Ross
11:00 am Steve Brown

June 9

8:30 am
11:00 am

June 16 Father's Day

8:30 am
11:00 am Kent Hutton

June 23

8:30 am Craig Landin
11:00 am Lyn Boyd

June 30

8:30 am Randy Ross
11:00 am Steve Brown

Acolytes

(call office to volunteer)

Trustees Helping Treasurer

June 2 Communion

Cay Hutton

June 9 Father's Day

Carrie Robinson

June 16

June 23

June 30

Worship Leaders

June 2 Communion

Ben Svoboda

June 9

Cay Hutton

June 16 Father's Day

Mary McMaster

June 23

Kim Shrull

June 30

Sara Windmeyer

Sanctuary Committee

June 2 Communion

Hieu and Mytran Pham

June 9

Mike and Sara Windmeyer

June 16 Father's Day

Jack and Courtney Barrett

June 23

Gerry and Linda Snowden

June 30

Hieu and Mytran Pham

Church Officers for 2023-2024

Deacons: Sara Windmeyer, Georgia Hicks, Maria Levinson, Adela Shows, Cindy Hart, Sharon Cobb, Mytran Pham, Daniel Seay, Pam Shoulders, Barbara Brasher, Eilene Brown, Carol Racz

Trustees: Cay Hutton, Carrie Robinson, Diane Baker, Jerry Hopman, Keith Shrull, Warren Shoulders, Ruth Peterson, Toby Shows, Shirley Jack

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*And Stephen, full of faith and power,
did great wonders and miracles
among the people.
Acts 6:8*

Our Stephen Ministers

*Diane Baker, Coordinator
Ellen Svoboda † Carol Racz
Ben Svoboda † Randy Ross
Barbara Shelton † Jessica Herbers
Ruth Peterson † Bobbie Sherrill*

MOWING SCHEDULE

June 8 June 22

Team 2

Team 3

Jack Barrett
Steve Brown

Keith Shrull
Corey Ray
Jerry Hopman

Committee Moderators for 2023-2024

CFF **Lissette Diaz-Burgos (M)**
Eilene Brown (VM)

Deacons **Sharon Cobb**

Evangelism **Barbara Shelton (M)**

Generosity **Robin Chew**

Mission **Ben Svoboda (M)**

Nominating **Mike Windmeyer**
Lissette Diaz (VM)

Personnel **Randy Ross (M)**

Property **Kent Hutton (M); Jack Barrett (VM)**

Safety **Randy Ross (M)**

Worship **Mike Windmeyer (M)**
Lyn Boyd (VM)



2024 APRIL INCOME STATEMENT SUMMARY

	April	YTD
REVENUES	\$25,116.17	\$111,802.31
EXPENSES	\$35,361.68	\$136,726.65
NET INCOME*	\$ (10, 245.51)	(\$24,924.34)

***Expenses and Net Income exclude depreciation expense.**

APRIL REVENUES and EXPENSES

Total revenues for the month of April 2024 were LESS than the budgeted forecast and expenses were MORE than the budgeted forecast. The year-to-date revenue minus expense resulted in a negative \$24,924.34. The pledged revenue for April 2024 was \$5,463.67 LESS than the budgeted amount. The loose offering for April 2024 was \$1,951.35 LESS than the budgeted amount. This financial information pertains to only the Operating account. This account includes payments or donations for flowers, camps and conferences, event fees and missions, along with pledges and loose offerings.

The Repair, Maintenance and Special Projects Fund (RMSP) was previously identified as the Capital Improvement Fund. The \$53,149.84 reflected in this fund includes the following:

- \$2,402.51 for the Presbyterian Vision Initiative Grant for playground equipment.
- \$504.67 given for new chairs in the meditation room in memory of Elaine Brasher.
- \$813.54 from the Technology Grant from the Presbytery.
- \$10,499.26 for God’s Backyard.

RMSP Funds available as of February 29, 2024, are **\$38,929.86**.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE THRU THE CHURCH’S WEBSITE, click here: www.fpcsl.org.

As a reminder, other sources of income for the church can be obtained by participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. These sources are available for you to participate in with **NO additional personal costs**. In 2023, these programs resulted in \$210.47. **Call the church office for** instructions for linking your Kroger cards to the church rewards account or inquire at your store’s customer service desk.

PLEASE LINK your Kroger’s rewards card using account number FE976.

WHY DO WE ASK FOR SEPARATE CHECKS?

WHEN WE RECEIVE A SINGLE CHECK FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MORE THAN ONE FUND, WE MUST USE CASH DONATIONS OR A TRANSFER BETWEEN BANK ACCOUNTS TO DEPOSIT THE FUNDS INTO THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS. THIS CAUSES ADDITIONAL EFFORTS FOR THE TREASURER AND ACCOUNTANTS AND DISTORTS OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS WHEN MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPERATING, RMSP/CAP IMP, PALS, BEREAVEMENT OR CHOIR. **PLEASE WRITE A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH ACCOUNT.**

ANY QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO A TRUSTEE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!



The **De George at Union Station** is a non-profit organization that provides a “forever home atmosphere” for formerly homeless veterans, both male and female of any age, with no time limits on length of stay. They work with the veterans to identify any mental and/or physical health needs and then to find service providers and treatment options. The De George makes many basic services available to the vets in residence including computer station, copy machine, van transportation for medical appointments, emergency food pantry and new household items upon arrival (bed linens, towels, hygiene kits, etc.). Our Church has supported the needy veterans in many ways to include moneys for needed items, BBQ Day and providing other supporting activities.

The **221 General Assembly** (2014) challenged each congregation to begin receiving a new Offering and/or increasing current offering support by 10 percent. Here is how FPCSL has done regarding the Specials Offerings:

2023 2024

Christmas Joy Offering \$1,097.00 \$1,790.00

One Great Hour of Sharing \$1,731.00

Pentecost Offering* \$385.95

Peace & Global Witness** \$558.75

^ Plus \$257.00 to United Campus Ministry

^^ Plus \$186.25 to Freedom Church Alliance

There are still opportunities to support the World Vision and Children of Uganda mission activities. The signup sheets are in the Narthex or let the Church Office know of your planned support.



**Our Family Promise
Rotation Dates for 2024**

Aug 11 - Aug 17
Nov 3 - Nov 9

Save these dates!

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Presbyterian Tidings

June 2024



Worship Services

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) (You Tube at 11:00 a.m.)

9:30 am Christian Faith Formation

Staff

Rev. Dr. Fred Seay, Pastor; Mary McMaster, Church Secretary, Newsletter Editor;
Phil Cobb, Director of Music; Matt Wallace, Organist/Pianist;
Rita Rodriguez and Beverly Martin, Nursery Attendants,
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