



PRES~BY~LINES

First Presbyterian Church of Rockport



"People ministering to people for Christ's sake."

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February

Worship Committee by Adelaide Marlatt

As **January** ends, we are completing the third month in the "Transitional Journey" of our congregation. During this month, we have had visiting ministers lead worship working together with our familiar, rotating liturgists. A number of our Lay readers have been selected from our Winter Texans which gave us a chance to know our wonderful winter attendees/ members better. Our ministers have come from Kerrville, San Antonio and Corpus Christi bringing messages to encourage us and strengthen our faith.

Rev. Laura Neely reminded us we were The Beloved of Christ, while **Rev. Jim Danner** shared a text from Romans which set out the many wonderful things Christ did for us while he was here on earth; THEREFORE, we willingly respond by living lives pleasing to God. The last Sunday in January **Rev. Michelle Vettters** spoke on a familiar text with a message comparing our congregation to the Body of Christ. It was a great message for today as we seem to be saying good-bye to a number of long time members as they relocate to be closer to family or to begin a new adventure during retirement. We thank God for the many resources of Christian leaders, teachers, and followers that are a part of our congregation who assist with our inspirational worship and the missions we carry out. And so, God leads us onward through our journey.

Many of the ministers joining us in **February** are returning for their second or third worship service with us. (A list of the February ministers is in another section.) We are so very thankful for your support of this process and your participation in Sunday worship and weekly activities, joining us to hear new thoughts, new voices, and at times new ways to relate to God's message.

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JANUARY worship was enhanced by the following folk and their contributions:

Head Ushers: *Kenny Owens & Scott Hime and others who helped as needed*

Head Greeters: *Kim Thompson & everyone who welcomes our worshipers*

Liturgist: *Tom Carl, Bruce Goodlock, Holly Hamilton, & Tom Jaggard*

Scripture Readers: *January 06: Ann Fisk*

January 13: Jim Buhre

January 20: John Bajema

January 27: Ron Wilhelmsen



Communion :

Preparer: *Veronika Camehl*

Servers: *John Jackson, Dayne & Parkie Luce*

Wine provided by: *Sally Reynolds*



February Stuff

- **Head Ushers :** Larry Cobb & Sally Renolds
- **Flower sponsorships :** Sign-up sheets to sponsor flowers in the Sanctuary during 2019 are on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the Mission Room. Take advantage of this wonderful method to honor or remember a special person, occasion or celebration – all to the glory of God...
⇒ All February dates except February 24th are available for sponsorship.
- **National Scout Sunday is February 10th :** Many thanks to our Boy Scout Troop 49 for again honoring the day by participating in our Worship Service with a Color Guard and reading the Liturgy. We are very proud of these fine young men...make plans to attend.

A special thanks to those who manage the sound system and who perform the many other unnamed volunteer responsibilities to make our worship take place. Especially we thank the members who gave so much time and effort to carry out the special services and events held at our church during the month of January, 2019.

Worship Committee

MINISTERS LEADING WORSHIP DURING FEBRUARY 2019

The ministers who will be leading worship during this month are:

2/3/19	Rev. Chuck Miller	Retired minister, Has Led Worship Several Times
2/10/19	Rev. Trish Tedrow	Ordained Minister and Stated Clerk, Mission Presbetry
2/17/19	Rev. Whit. Bodman	Retired Professor, Austin Seminary, Austin, Tx
2/24/19	TBA	

Each has a slightly different style and is making special arrangements to be with us to worship, pray and give us a message to guide us in living our Christian lives in 2019.

Program Committee

HELLO!

I AM SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE AND OFFICIALLY START BACK UP THE **EVER FAMOUS FPC YOUTH GROUP!**

OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING WILL BE **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd** FOLLOWING CHURCH UNTIL 2PM IN THE CHURCH CAFÉ. THERE WILL BE LUNCH, GAMES, AND LAUGHTER FOR ANYONE IN HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL. **MOST SUNDAYS** WE WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH CAFÉ OR GYM FROM **3-5PM** BUT WE HAD TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS ON THIS FIRST MEETING. EACH SUNDAY WE WILL MEET AS A GROUP AND JUST ENJOY SIMPLE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO LEADING THIS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

COMING UP SOON IS THE YOUTH GROUP **SPRING BREAK SKI TRIP!** WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO **CLOUDCROFT, NM** FOR A FEW DAYS OF SKIING OVER THE STUDENT'S SPRING BREAK (WEEK OF MARCH 11th). ANYONE IN HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING IS WELCOME. WE ASK THAT THEY ATTEND YOUTH GROUP REGULARLY, ARE PRESENT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD AT 1:45 PM WITH AN ADULT, AND HELP WITH FUNDRAISING. ON THE 3RD I WILL BE PASSING OUT PAPER WORK AND SHARING DETAILS OF THE TRIP AS WELL AS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. IF YOU ARE A YOUTH OR PARENT OF A YOUTH WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND JUST SEND ME AN EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 3RD SO THAT I CAN ADD YOU TO THE LIST!

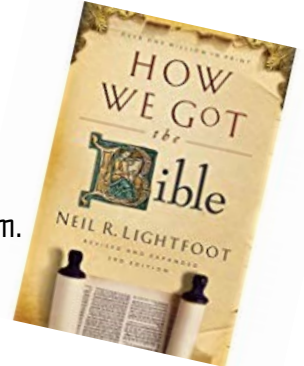
IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS OR INTEREST IN HELPING WITH ANY PART OF THE YOUTH GROUP, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME BY EMAIL, KATIEANN321@GMAIL.COM

IT IS SUCH A JOY TO SEE A HANDFUL OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEM!

BLESSINGS,
KATIE HENDERSON

Program Committee

Adult Sunday School : Scott and Mary Hime will be leading a study on [How We Got the Bible](#) by Neil R. Lightfoot. A classic for more than forty years, the book provides well-researched, accessible answers to many questions. Learn about the first materials used to write down the words of Scripture. Uncover the facts of some of history's most fascinating archaeological discoveries. Neil R. Lightfoot discusses the origin, transmission, and translation of the Bible. If you are not able to attend every Sunday, please do not make that a reason not to attend. The book is available for \$15 and it is also available on Kindle. Reading the book is not required. Both the study and the fellowship are important. So, please consider joining the study at **9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**



Wednesday Supper and Fellowship

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Program will start at 6 p.m. and will be out by 7 p.m.

February 6 th	Ron and Marj Wilhelmsen will share their experiences of living and working in Africa
February 13 th	Movie Night – Paul, Apostle of Christ – Part 1
February 20 th	Movie Night – Paul, Apostle of Christ – Part 2
February 27 th	TBD



InReach Committee



Session approved the InReach Committee to update our Church Directory pictures!

Pictures will be taken BEFORE and AFTER church services on February 17th and February 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

AND

InReach Committee meetings have been moved. They will still be conducted on the first Thursday of the month. However, the time has been moved to 5:30pm.

Operations Committee - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2018

Treasurer's Report
12/31/18

Year to Date	12/31/18	12/31/17	2018 Budget
Loose Offering	\$ 10,460	\$ 14,554	\$ 14,020
Pledges	\$124,258	\$160,418	\$153,195
Unpledged Giving	\$ 88,703	\$ 74,155	\$ 84,858
Castaways	\$ 72,000	\$ 71,210	\$ 72,000
Special Gifts	\$ 4,300	\$ 47,128	\$
Income	\$299,722	\$367,465	\$324,073
Expenses	\$335,836	\$336,111	\$354,761
Cash Over (Short)	\$ (36,114)	\$ 31,354	\$(30,688)



Kay T. Stanley
CHURCH TREASURER

	2019 Budget
Income	
Loose Offering	\$ 10,425
Pledged Giving	101,880
Unpledged Giving	94,990
Castaways	72,000
Total Income	\$ 279,295
Expenses	
Church Programs	\$ 23,006
Church Worship	19,150 *
Church InReach	300
Church OutReach	300
General & Administrative	
Building & Grounds	24,600
Kitchen Supplies	650
Insurance	35,000
Office Administration	20,950
Other	2,303
Utilities	26,500
Payroll	
Total Payroll	90,250**
Total Expenses	\$243,009***
Net Cash Flow for year	\$ 36,286

* Includes estimated cost of pulpit supply for one year.
 ** Excludes salary for a Pastor.
 *** When a Pastor is found we will revise the budget to reflect the change in expenses.

Treasurer's Notes --- As can be seen by the above budget, Net Cash Flow is not enough the fund a salary for an interim pastor. Our congregation's tithes do not cover our expenses and we rely on-Castaways income of \$72,000 in the budget to supplement the operating expenses. If you have not made a current pledge for the year, and would like to submit one, you can still do so by contacting the Church Lady, Kim. Pledges are not binding commitments but are estimates of what you will try to tithe for the year and are very helpful in our financial planning.

Fellowship Committee - Lunch



Church Goin' Chili

- Flaming
- Fellowship

Holy Smokes chili

FEBRUARY



is gonna get **HOT...!!**

HOT ... !!

HOT ... !!

CAUSE WE'RE HAVING **Chili !!**

It's **CHILI TIME!** The congregation is invited to bring a delicious pot of warm, hot, spicy, non-spicy, beans or no-beans, meat or no-meat **CHILI** on Sunday, February 10.

A "pull tab" board will have options for everyone, not just the chili cooks. You non-chili makers can supply sides like chips, desserts, cornbread or condiments such as guacamole, onions and cheese.

Come, enjoy the fun and lots of *really good* **CHILI** in the Youth Center on **Sunday, February 10th** worship service.



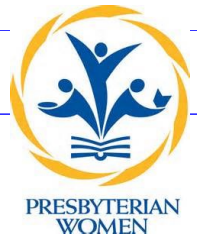
THANK

YOU!

Veronika would to thank everyone who helped either with time, energy, or bringing food for helping assist with receptions, and fellowship luncheons!



Ministering to Women ...



Dear Church Family,

The PW Group met on January 8, 2019, for their first monthly meeting in 2019 with the new PW moderator, Pati Vincent conducting the meeting. The following is a highlight of items discussed. For a more complete listing, please

contact Debbie Shedden, PW secretary for a copy of the emailed Minutes. They will be submitted at the 2/5/19 meeting.

1. Holly Hamilton, treasurer, submitted a copy of the 2018 budget and expenditures and a copy of the proposed 2019 Budget in the amount of \$59,250. This budget was accepted at this meeting.
2. Good Samaritans - It was reported Good Samaritan volunteers, packed 650 Christmas boxes this year.
3. Backpack Program - Trisha Revel reported that she had doubled up on the food provided in the backpacks to the children over the Christmas/New Year's Holiday period. She continues to provide sufficient high protein food and fruit to stock 20 backpacks for students at Fulton Learning Center.
4. Bible Study – 2018-2019 - The **February Bible Study** will be held on **February 26th (4th Tuesday in February)**. We will study **Lesson 8 - God With Us as the Holy Spirit**. The Scripture is John 14: 1-31. This study was written by Amy Sutherlun, a pastor who co-pastors 1st Presbyterian Church, San Marcos, Texas with her husband. It is an insightful study which uses God With Us bible scriptures to give us encouragement and strength.
5. Mo Ranch Gathering - A discussion was held about the upcoming trip to Mo Ranch. A signup Sheet for car-pooling will be placed on the **main Bulletin Board**. Excitement is building and everyone is looking forward to this annual excursion to the Hill Country and the fellowship of other Christian women, both our own members and those we know from other churches. The 2019 gathering is hosted by Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Austin. Beth Daniel will be the keynote speaker.
6. Neet Feet – It was reported that this program which provides vouchers for Counselors to give to people in financial need so they can purchase shoes for their children at the Rockport Walmart Store is no longer functioning. This is due to some administrative procedural changes at our Walmart Store. After discussion, it was agreed to place this program on hold until Caren Cobb, Neet Feet coordinator and Pati Vincent, moderator can develop new procedures to administer this mission.
7. Parkie Luce reported on planning for the local PW Retreat being held February 9, 2019. It will be held at the Inn at Fulton Harbor. The theme will be **Blessings**. **The keynote speaker will be Jane Pettit**. There is a signup sheet for this on the Main Bulletin Board. This is a one day event (9:30 – 2:30) and is a great way to enjoy fellowship of your church friends and a wonderful message from our keynote speaker.
8. Parkie Luce also announced individual gifts and donations of children's items continue to be gathered for Su Casa de Esperanza. She is also researching an outreach to the Puerto Rico area.
9. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – The date for this event is February 28th. It was decided it would be a catered dinner. Planning for the event is underway.
10. Scholarship Program. The PW budget has funding for two different types of Scholarships. A. The first one is often referred to as the BEAS program which stands for Better Education to Achieve Success. It is available to residents of Aransas County, who have completed high school, or GED, and been out of school at least two years. Applicants are screened in several areas, must be drug free and have a financial need. We are currently providing some funds to a recipient who is studying to be a teacher. B. The second scholarship program provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are actively participating members of 1st Presbyterian Church in Rockport. Students may apply by filling out an application and turning it in to the Church office by April 1. Application forms may be picked up from Kimberly Durkee in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE FOR "UPCOMING" EVENTS:

FEB. 5, 2019 Monthly PW Meeting

FEB. 9, 2019 – LOCAL PW Retreat (See Below)

FEB. 19, 2019 – PW Quilting Day

FEB. 26, 2019 – PW Bible Study – LESSON 8 – God is with us as the Holy Spirit

FEB. 28, 2019 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

MAR. 22- 24, 2019 - MO Ranch Weekend, Hunt Texas

Submitted by Adelaide Marlatt

REMINDER

**PLEASE SUBMIT MONEY FOR POINSETTIA SUNDAY PLANTS IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO.
CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WITH "POINSETTIA" IN THE
MEMO LINE.**

Odds and Ends

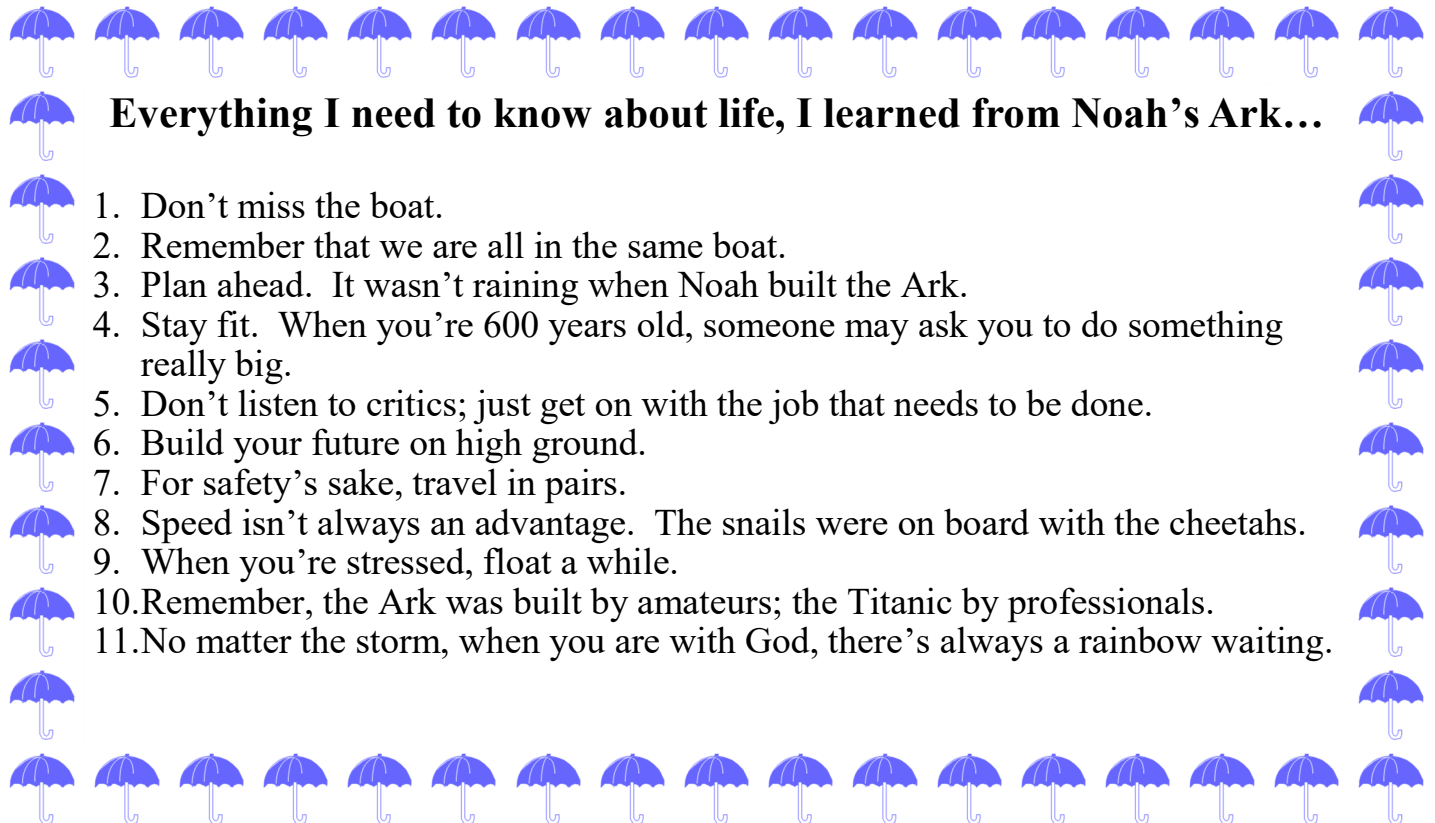
Are You Prepared? Submitted by Don Bird

Part of our evacuation process for Harvey was taking pictures of all our household possessions. Upon hearing of the Brinkerhoff's fire, I realized I had not updated my records since the storm.

I have now taken pictures of all personal property in the house, garage, shop, and storage building. I have downloaded the pictures to my computer and copied them to a removable storage disc. I made a list of passwords and user IDs for all online accounts. I sealed all this information and gave to my son to put in his fireproof cabinet.

If you have the following in your house, you might want to consider having copies of these offsite also.

1. Copies of birth certificates, Medicare Cards, Social Security Cards, Passports
2. Car titles
3. Wills, Power of Attorney, Medical Directives, Funeral Plans
4. List of financial accounts, brokers names, bank accounts, credit card numbers, loan information.
5. Name and phone number of insurance agents, and policy numbers.
6. Any other vital information that might be hard to reconstruct from memory.



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark...

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Activity Calendar

This calendar is current at the time of publishing on 1/28/19. This calendar can change frequently, so for an updated look at what's happening at First Presbyterian Church of Rockport, please go to our website. <http://www.rockportpresbyterian.org/events-calendar/>

Feb 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship Service	8 am - FPC @ Castaways 5 pm - Pres-By-Lines Due 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts @ Gym		5 pm - Handbell Choir (Handbell) 5:30 pm - Christian Comedy & Chorus 7 pm - Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	8 am - FPC Marking Day 3 pm - Castaways "Pulling"		
COMMUN/GOOD SAM SUN. 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship Service 12 pm - Youth Group Meeting 1:45 pm - Ski Trip Meeting	8 am - FPC @ Castaways 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts @ Gym	10 am - PW Meeting Cafe	10 am - Staff Meeting Pastor's 5 pm - Handbell Choir (Handbell) 5:30 pm - Christian Comedy & Chorus 7 pm - Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	8 am - FPC Marking Day 5:30 pm - InReach Cmte Mtg		Local PW Retreat
9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship Service 11:45 am - Fellowship Lunch	8 am - FPC @ Castaways 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts @ Gym	4:30 pm - TCT-Coastal Oaks	3:30 pm - Castaways Board 4:30 pm - Program Cmte 5 pm - Handbell Choir (Handbell) 5:30 pm - Christian Comedy & Chorus 7 pm - Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	Valentine's Day 8 am - FPC Marking Day 4:30 pm - OutReach Cmte Mtg 5 pm - Worship Cmte Mtg		
9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship Service	Presidents' Day (regional) 8 am - FPC @ Castaways 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts @ Gym	9 am - Sewing/Quilting-Rm 204 5 pm - Food Handler's Class	7 am - Men's Breakfast Mtg 5 pm - Handbell Choir (Handbell) 5:30 pm - Christian Comedy & Chorus 7 pm - Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	8 am - FPC Marking Day 5 pm - Operations Cmte Mtg 6 pm - Session Mtg @ FH		
9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am - Worship Service	8 am - FPC @ Castaways 5 pm - Pres-By-Lines Due 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts @ Gym	12 pm - PW Circle Bible Study 4:30 pm - TCT- FUMC	5 pm - Handbell Choir (Handbell) 5:30 pm - Christian Comedy & Chorus 7 pm - Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	8 am - FPC Marking Day 5:30 pm - Volunteer Appreciation		



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5 Rusty Kline
7 Ray Ingersoll
Dwight Edens
9 Tommy Miller
14 William Burton
Kari Kelley
17 Jane Ethington

18 Sarah Hamilton
20 Melissa Pitman
21 Ann Robbins
22 Tom Jaggard
23 Patsy Williams
28 Kay Patteson
Jo Smith

If your birthday is not listed, or in error, please call the church
office at 729-6251.

PRES-BY-LINES