Celebrate the beginning of a New Year at the Lord’s Table on Sunday, January 08! Rev. Jane Pettit will officiate.

Wednesday Night Supper and Study:
Join us each Wednesday at 5:30 for supper, and study at 6:00.

Reminder to Church Officers:
Saturday, January 14 - Church Officer Training, 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Rev. Jane Pettit will conduct the training. Reminder this is Required pre-ordination training for new Elders, as well as Orientation for the whole Session to our work for the coming year. This year’s meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall / Cafe. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, January 15 -
10:00 A.M., Called Meeting of Session in the Church Parlor
(includes elders from the outgoing Class of 2016)
10:30 A.M., Morning Worship, Service of Ordination and Installation
11:30 A.M., Congregational Luncheon honoring our Ruling Elders

Thursday, January 19 - 6:00 P.M., Stated Meeting of Session
Treasurer’s Report as of 11/30/16

2017 Pledge Drive:
⇒ Pledge count as of 12/22/16 - 35
⇒ NOTE: If you have not yet made a pledge for 2017, please prayerfully consider doing so. Pledges enable us to prepare the budget and plan for the coming year. A pledge form is provided below to fill out and place in either the collection plate or Pledge lock box in the vestibule (see photo.) Another alternative is to email The Church Lady at fpc.churchlady@yahoo.com with details contained in the form. Beverly says emails simply say “duplicate last year” or “increase last year’s pledge by X dollars.”

2016 Year End Giving Reports will not be mailed unless requested. It has become too cost-prohibitive. After they are prepared mid-January they will be stored in the church office during week days and moved to the Mission Room on Sundays (through the end of February.) Call or email The Church Lady at 361-729-6251 or fpc.churchlady@yahoo.com if you want yours mailed or eScanned.

Results of the Christmas Joy Offering: A record breaking $1,265! $765 was paid to FPC for posting to individual’s giving records and then transferred to Mission Presbytery plus another $500 made payable to PC(USA.)

2017 Commitment Card
(Please print)
Name: ___________________________ Phone(s): ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Landline: ___________________________
City, Zip ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________

As an expression of thanks for God’s blessings to me, I commit ___________ to (check one)
Weekly for 52 weeks ___________________________ $____________________
Monthly for 12 months _________________________ $____________________
Semi-monthly for 24 periods ____________________ $____________________
Quarterly for 4 payments ______________________ $____________________
Yearly payment of ___________________________ $____________________
“As Can” payments of _________________________ $____________________

Operations Committee - Treasurer’s Report
January 15

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH IS ON THE ... 3RD SUNDAY**

1. **Date:** January 15

2. **Theme:** “Recipe from Home” potluck Bring a special dish grandma used to make, or a dish from your home state, your home town, or one you remember from your parents.

3. **Where:** Youth Center

4. **Other FYI:** Since January 15 is also Ordination and Installation Sunday we will honor our church officers with a (1) “CONGRATULATIONS” to the new elders comprising the Class of 2019 ordained and installed that day, (2) “WE APPRECIATE YOU” to the Classes of 2017 and 2018 still serving and (3) “THANKS” to the elders of the Class of 2016 who rotated off December 31.

Come and enjoy good food, fun and fellowship!

...and don’t forget to say a special “THANK YOU” to our Church Officers.

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**Program Committee - Adult Bible Study class**

**Adult Sunday School**

Starting Sunday, January 8, at 9 A.M. Mary and Scott Hime will lead a 4-week study on the Sermon on the Mount utilizing the book by Kyle Idleman titled, “The End of Me – Where Real Life in the Upside-Down Ways of Jesus Begins”

Things to know:
- You don’t need to read the book, but you can read in paperback or on the Kindle
- You are welcome to share your thoughts in class, but you aren’t expected to
- You don’t have to attend all 4 weeks to get something out of it.

Come join us! We meet in the Café.
The Program Committee, made up of Kelly McNeely, Scott Hime, and Tom Jaggard, held its regular meeting at 4:30 on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

**IMPORTANT Information about using the on-line Church Directory:** When you open the Church Directory (password: fpc.rockport) a PDF file downloads automatically. This PDF file is stored on your hard drive, so it will never be updated. For the most up-to-date version of the directory, please click on the Church Directory tab on the home page instead of opening the PDF version on your hard drive.

Tom presented the December “Minute for Mission” on the 18th, the day our congregation received the Christmas Joy Offering. His notes are on the next page. $1,756 was collected.

**Wednesday Night Supper and Study** has had between 16 and 22 participants for the first 5 sessions. The lessons have been led by 3 people: Adalaide Marlatt, Al DeGayner, and Kelly McNeely. Dinner has been provided by Al & Sue DeGayner, Dave & Jane Ethington, Nina & John Dennis, and Kelly McNeely. Lois Atwood, Bertha Schwoch, Betty Schuetz, and Darline Yeoman have baked delicious desserts! After taking off the Wednesday before Christmas, this study will continue for 4 more weeks, from Dec. 28 – Jan. 18th. Scott Hime’s invitation to join in has touched some hearts; Barbara & Fred Fillat attended for the first time. Lois Atwood suggested the shepherds send this information out to our flocks, too.

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Several Youth Group members will go to the Mid-Winter Conference at Mo Ranch with Kelly and at least one other adult on Friday, January 27th.

If you have any digital pictures from church activities you would like to see on the new website, please talk to or send them to Kelly or Bev.

Shalom, Kelly

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The Prayer Concerns list on page 10 is being eliminated from the newsletter beginning with the February edition. The weekly detail list on Page 11 will continue.
Follow Christ’s Lead This Advent Season

**Christmas Joy Offering**

Every year, society expects us to celebrate the holiday season even bigger and better than years before. This year, coming together to reclaim Advent and Christmas can be both humbling and fulfilling. As we excitedly await the birth of Christ, it’s important to remember the reason for the season: the newborn Servant of All.

With Christ at the center this holiday season, we can follow in his example of servant leadership by serving our brothers and sisters in faith. Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we are able to support those in our community and give them the gift of hope.

Funds from the Christmas Joy Offering help the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions provide critical financial assistance to eligible workers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and their families, and to qualifying retired church workers and their families.

The Christmas Joy Offering also supports the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. These schools are dedicated to creating opportunities and environments for racial ethnic students built on a foundation of Christian values. The Offering benefits Menaul School and Presbyterian Pan American School, two secondary schools that ready students for a path of higher learning, as well as Stillman College, where graduates are prepared for lives of leadership and service.

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, we can share in the hope of Christ and celebrate his leadership by providing support to our church workers, racial ethnic young people, and their families.

Please give generously:

- Through your congregation
- Text JOY to 20222 to give $10
- presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy

**To learn more about the Christmas Joy Offering, please visit:**

- Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions: www.pensions.org, click on Plans & Programs
Worship Committee

January Worship Calendar:

January 1st: Begin 2017 with Hope, Joy & Peace  ~ Ted Flournoy
January 8th: Communion Sunday  ~ Rev. Jane Pettit
January 15th: Ordination & Installation Sunday  ~ Rev. Jane Pettit
January 22nd: Shout Halleluiah Sunday  ~ Rev. Charlie Schuler!!!

January Head Ushers: Scott and Mary Hime

- Other January “Stuff” – 2017 Flower sponsorships. A sign up sheet for the month of January has been posted on the Mission Room bulletin board if interested in reserving a Sunday. Sheets for the balance of the year will be posted in the near future. Call or email Beverly if you want to reserve a Sunday.

Services in review

Advent is always a joyful time of year at First Presbyterian Church and many members played a vital role in the month’s Worship Services. Our sincerest thanks to all who gave of their time and talents:

HEAD USHERS were Pati Vincent and Pete Chamberlain

December 4th: Second Sunday in Advent
  Advent Wreath: Jad and Theresa Smith with grandsons Ryan & Brayden Knostman
  Scripture: Janet Gaskamp
  Message and Communion: Rev. Jane Pettit
  Communion Servers: Debbie Shedden, Al DeGayner, Kelly McNeely, Jad Smith
  Preparer: Veronika Camehl
  Wine provider: Sally Reynolds

December 11th: Poinsettia Sunday
  Advent Wreath: Spencer & Nikki Yarnall and their son, Braxton
  Scripture: Ted Flournoy
  Message: Rev. Jane Pettit

December 18th: Chancel Choir Cantata
  Assisting with the Morning Worship: Al DeGayner
  Advent Wreath: Dave & Jane Ethington
  *Prelude: Bell Choir
  *Christmas Cantata: Chancel Choir

** With much appreciation and grateful praise for Yvonne Jaggard and Merlene Flournoy! How blessed we are to have them share their musical talents with us!
December 24th: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Advent Wreath: Ryan Knostman and his sons, Brayden and Ryan
The Living Nativity: Mary (Jade Schuler); Angel on High (Amanda Schuler); Joseph (Jake Parr); Head Shepherds (Ben and Kyler Freibele); Shepherds watching the flocks (Ryan and Brayden Knostman, Brayden Patteson, and Thomas Jaggard); Host of Angels (Karlee and Kinsey Friebele, Maddie Meyers, Tatiana Jaggard, and Jordan Patteson); Three Wise Men (Dwight Edens, Al DeGayner, Pete Chamberlain); Star in the East (Kim Thompson).

Communion
Servers: Sally Reynolds, Kay Stanley, Jad Smith, Ozzie Williams
Preparer: Veronika Camehl
Wine Provider: Sally Reynolds

December 25: Christmas Brunch and Fellowship

Brunch Goodies: Fellowship Committee
Message and Scripture: Al DeGayner

Every child on earth is holy,
Every crib is a manger lowly,
Every home is a stable dim,
Every kind word is a hymn,
Every star is God’s own gem,
And every town is Bethlehem,
For Christ is born and born again,
When His love lives in the hearts of men.

W. D. Dorrity, 1909
Worship Committee Pictures
Chrismon’s Sunday, November 27

Service of the Advent Wreath,
1st Week in Advent • Chrismon’s Sunday
Yvonne, Tatiana, Thomas and Tom Jaggard

Special Music during the Chrismon’s Service: Mrs. Merlene Flournoy played duets with Tatiana Jaggard and Thomas Jaggard
4th Sunday in Advent, December 18
Christmas Cantata
Ministering to others through Prayer and Complete list of PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS Through 12/29/16

Please include these individuals in your Prayers of Intercession AND notify the church office of any needed changes.

Members At Home: Aggie Sikes (Poteet,) Eileen Harrison (Hondo,) Laverne Hanszen (Rockwall,) Pat Thompson (Fort Worth,) Al Chalkley (heart,) Daniel Garcia (Multiple Myeloma cancer,) Ray Ingersoll (COPD,) Dorothy Love, Lea Swink (Arkansas), Red Lister (San Augustine,) Kim Thompson, Charlie Schuler; Ed & Lou Fegley (Manfield.)

Members In Nursing or Care Centers: Lois Harrington, Pat Baugh (Gulf Pointe Village;) Jeremy Jaggard (Brenham;) Berta Little (The Solana at Cinco Ranch, Houston;) Patrick Turley Brown (Holmgreen Health Care Ctr, Corpus.)

Prayers for our Troops serving our country near and abroad: CW4 Todd Jacobson, Ft Bliss TX (Bev Jacobson’s son;) brothers AD2 Taylor Jordan (Japan) and PFC Shiloh Jordan (M/M Daniel Garcia’s grandson/ Ruben Garcia’s nephews,) Wyatt Curtiss Starr(Germany)(VeeAnn Wright’s grandson;) Airman Becca Harris (Annette Ledbetter’s daughter;) Serving in Harms Way: Capt. Brandon Glass (Karen Glass’ son, Kay Patteson’s grandson.)

Concerns for extended Family and Friends:

A  Vicki Davison (Vicki Anderson’s friends.)
B  Rosalie Hennes, Drexel Riley, Sandy Suech (Caroline Bernardy’s friends)
C  Mike Scott, Kay & David Jordan (M/M Larry Cobb’s friends;) Tamara Carlton (Ernest Camell’s sister;)
D  Janie Mitchell (Mindy Durham’s friend;) Sierra & Tammi Daniels (M/M John Daniels granddaughter, DIL)
E  John Kunkel (M/M Dwight Edens’ nephew.)
F  Grace Elrod (Rosalind Faust’s mother;) Lori Puccio (M/M Fred Fallot’s daughter.)
G  Cody Uselton, (Karen Glass’ nephew;) Roger Herrick (Bruce Goodlock’s brother in law.)
H  Julie Hime (M/M Scott Hime’s daughter;) Karen Conner, Ryan Ford (Terri Hopman’s friend, nephew;)
I, J  Kay Carlisle (Debbie Jackson’s SIL;) Michael Bill, Strother Norman (Carol Jackson’s friend, cousin,) Brent Stewart (Bev Jacobson’s step-brother;) Jeff Stone, William Barefield, Casey Mason, Brett & Rachel Becky Bulgerin, Lea Oliver (Yvonne Jaggard’s niece, cousin, friend, students;) Michael Jaggard, Cissy Smith, Riki & baby Juliana Graves, Robin Ford, Brooke Hester (Tom Jaggard’s brother, former co-worker, co-worker’s daughter & grand daughter;)
K, L  Zachary Wallin (M/M Al Lind’s grandson;) Jose Antonio Cortes Loaiza, Kaitlyn Ennis (Ingrid Little’s friends;)
M, Mc  Jeremy Zwick (Melissa Myers’ friend;)
N, O, P  Charley Roe (Rick Roe and Theresa Smith’s brother;) Lexi Midkiff, Susan Forbes, Elaine Overlurf (Kathy Roberts-Douglas’ co-workers, cousin;) Kathy Carriere, Cari Cruzer Pace (M/M Rick Roe’s friends,) Pat Lister (Pam Roe’s mother;) John Edler (Ann Robbins;) Isabel Guerrero (Marie Rendon’s mother.)
S, T  James Christian Holt (grandson of Connie Schuler’s friend;) Roxanna Ponton, Linda Southard, Sarah Williams, Darla Brown, Steve Straub, Wynell McLain, Bennett Trimble (Sandy Swanson’s friends;) Sheri Dupriest Gammon, Mike Shedden, Stephanie & Braxley Brezina (Debbie Shedden’s friend, mother, husband, co-worker’s friends;) Joy Payne, Vicki Jones (M/M Jad Smith.)
U, V, W  Dick Romshek (VeeAnn Wright’s cousin;) Beth Clark Deering (friend of Pati Vincent’s cousin;)
X, Y, Z  Henry Yeoman (Darline Yeoman’s son.)

This page will be eliminated beginning with the February 2017 newsletter.
November 23 through December 2, Including Sunday, November 27

Prayer Concerns: Carla, a visitor, asked for prayers to find an affordable, short-term rental in Rockport for the next two months while in Rockport for medical reasons. Scott Hime, continue to keep Ed Fegley (and Lou) in prayer. Ed is still in hospital after kidney surgery a week ago.

Celebrations: John & Carolyn Watters’ brother in law, Ken McNemar, continues to thrive after his liver transplant. He is back at work and tells everyone about his prayer comforter.

Prayer Comforter Ministry: Jerry and Terry Hofman’s 30 year-old nephew, Ryan Ford, was recently informed B Cell Carcinoma has returned in his chest.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended Molly Jackson McConville, her brothers Jim and Fred, and their families at the passing Thursday, December 1 of their sister, Nan Jackson, a long-time member of Frist Presbyterian Church. A memorial service is scheduled Saturday, December 10, at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

December 2 through December 7, Including Sunday, December 4

Prayer Concerns: Gaston Broyles (brother in law to Annette Ledbetter and Parkie Luce) is now in hospice care. Prayers too for their sister Junie. Ed Fegley was moved to rehab, if he continues to progress as expected he will be released Tuesday, December 13. Robert and Kim Ellis (Kim is a co-worker of Annette Ledbetter) and their daughter Alex, a 2016 RFHS graduate, left for Navy boot camp Wednesday, December 7. Their son Austin is serving in the Marine Corp. Mike Shedden, Debbie’s husband, is up and standing. Needs prayers for patience. Visitor, grandson losing his mother and thinks it’s his fault.

Prayer Comforter Ministry: Jerry and Terry Hofman’s 30 year-old nephew, Ryan Ford, was recently informed B Cell Carcinoma has returned in his chest. Caro Jackson’s friend, Anita Diebel, fell twice cracking her pelvis in two places. Betty Schultz’s Winter Texan friend from Iowa, Werna Ver Mulm, caregiver for husband Peter who has dementia has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer.

Prayers and sympathy of the church are extended to: Debbie Shedden and family at the passing of her mother, Wilma Jean Coldstone on Monday, November 28. She thanks Bruce Goodlock and her Bunko Group for their support. Cheryl Smith (Johnny Vermillion’s daughter) and a member of FPC’s Youth Group Alumni lost her husband Tommy unexpectedly Friday night, December 2. The family of Kathy Roberts Douglas’ friend, Brenda Shelly, who passed away Saturday, December 3.

December 7 through December 14, Including Sunday, December 11

Prayer Concerns: Tom Jaggard, son Jeremy Jaggard is still in need of prayer as he continues to seek a new job. A sophomore student of Ruben Garcia named Ryanne “Abby” Hamilton is at Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi recovering from two recent brain surgeries and scheduled for a third. He took a Prayer Comforter for his classmates to tie prayer knots.

Prayer Comforter Ministry: Caroline Bernardy’s friend Sandy Suech, diagnosed with ovarian cancer has been traveling to Corpus Christi for treatments to build strength for cancer treatments. She was taken by ambulance to San Antonio Tuesday night, December 13, for a cancer treatment.

Celebrations: Kay Patteson’s grandson, Capt. Branson Glass, currently deployed in harm’s way, received orders for his next assignment when he re-deploys next year. He and family will move to Nulles Air Force Base, Los Vegas, where Brandon will serve at head instructor for loading ordnance on airplanes.

December 15 through December 22, Including Sunday, December 18

Prayer Concerns: Penney Clarke is in need of prayer. She is unemployed and seeking a new job while caring for her husband Al Chalkley who is suffering from a heart condition and dementia.

Prayer Comforter Ministry: Caroline Bernardy’s friend Sandy Suech, recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer, has been traveling to Corpus Christi for treatments to build strength for cancer treatments. She was taken by ambulance to San Antonio Tuesday night, December 13, for a cancer treatment.

Celebrations: Mike Shedden, Debbie’s husband, may be released from the hospital in time for Christmas!
MORE Ministering to others through Prayer and Prayer Comforters

Thank You From: CW4 Jason Wolff
Prayer Comforter requested by: CW4 Todd Jacobson (Bev Jacobson’s son)
Date Received: December 06, 2016
Prayers for: Unknown cause of a one-time epileptic seizure. Diagnosis could be career ending for this Army aviator
Inscription on card, if any: Grateful. Sometimes there just aren’t enough words to describe the appreciation. Thank you so much!

“Thank you for the quilt and prayers. They are greatly appreciated. Jason Wolff “

Thank You From: Werna Ver Mulm
Prayer Comforter requested by: Betty Schultz
Date Received: December 27, 2016
Prayers for: While caregiver for husband Peter, suffering with dementia, Werna was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer
Inscription on card, if any: "Dear Beverly and the Presbyterian family,
Thanks so much for the beautiful prayer quilt you sent our way! I have felt the love and prayers from many friends. The way it looks now I will have my cancer surgery in Rochester followed by chemo. Keep praying for me and Pete as we continue on the treatment plan. Thanks for caring, Love Pete & Werna Ver Mulm “
Thank you to our 2016 Poinsettia sponsors

- Bolks, Nancy
- Chamberlain, Pete & Linda
- Cobb, Larry & Caren
- Daniels, John & Nikki
- Durham, Mindy
- Garcia, Daniel & Gloria
- Gaskamp, Jon & Janet
- Henderson/Smith Families
- Hime, Scott & Mary
- Jackson, Don & Caro
- Jackson, John & Debbie
- Ledbetter, Annette Family
- The Scott McNeely Family
- Luce, Dayne & Parkie
- Manahan, Eric & Leanne
- Marlatt, John & Adelaide
- Melcher, Nancy
- Park, Sonny & Jacque
- Peterson, Robert & Karen
- Rendon, Marie
- Robbins, Brooks & Ann
- Roberts-Douglass, Kathy
- Scholz, Ron & Betty
- The Schuler Family
- Schooch, Walter & Bertha
- Shedden, Debbie
- Sikes, Jim & Barbara
- Stanley, Kay
- Sweet, James & Linda
- Vincent, Pati
- Whitten, Russ & Katie, Grey & Courtney
- Yeoman, Darline
Women, these are opportunities during January 2017 for growth and service, and a time to have fellowship with other women in the church. Please mark your calendars for the following experiences.

1. **PW** will meet on January 3 at 10:00 am in the Parlor. All women are cordially invited to attend.

2. **Circle Bible Study** will meet January 10 at 10:00 am in the parlor. We are on Chapter 5 of Judy Yates Siker's study “Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes.” All women are invited.

3. **Quilters** will meet January 17 at 9:00 am in the upstairs Sewing & Quilting Room to make Prayer Comforters.

4. **Castaways:**
   A. FPC’s shift days are every Monday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, when we staff and manage the store and Thursdays, 8 am to 11 am, when we do the marking. There is plenty to do either day and the jobs are easy to learn! We need more helpers on Monday afternoons — even if you can only spare an hour. Please join us!! Also, Please donate on the days we are at the store. We need big ticket items like furniture.
   B. Pulling has been changed this year to the last day of the month. In January it will be Tues., Jan 31 at 3 pm.
   C. Christmas Bazaar earned $2367. Earnings for November $12,500 (after church pledge.)

5. **Su Casa** still needs new delivery people. Mike and Trish Revel will take goods down in January.

6. **Good Samaritans** is looking for help. If you are available, contact Janet Gaskamp or just go by and offer your help. Remember Good Sam’s Sunday is the first Sunday of each month to bring food items or cash.

7. **Backpack Buddies** — no report.

8. **Neet Feet** — Pati Vincent reported we have purchased 8 pairs of shoes for $250.

9. **BEAS** — Our student is studying online, so we will purchase a laptop for her.

10. **Cluster Report** — Mo Ranch Women’s Conference will be March 24-26 with Grace Presbyterian Women from Round Rock hosting. Pam Roe reported that we would try to move to Wynne Flato this year to make walking more accessible. The topic is “Celebrating Our Hats” with Rev. Nancy Reeves as the keynote. (bring hats!) Reservations will be mailed in Jan. 15.

11. **Quilting Report** — Barb Goodlock reported that a new cord had been purchased for the machine. Group made 14 prayer quilts. For the Presbyterian Children’s Home, we made 9 adult quilts and 11 children’s quilts.

12. **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** has been set for February 13.

13. **Poinsettias** are $12 and can be paid for by dropping a check made out to PW into the offering plate on Sunday.

14. **Treasurer’s Report:**
   Income: $161,926.53 YTD
   Disbursements: $172,981.11
Because of your generous donations to Castaways, and because we have untiring devoted Castaways' men and women volunteers, PW is able to share what is earned from Castaways with our church and our community. Frequently during the year, PW receives requests for monetary help. With prayerful consideration, PW tries to provide help where it is needed. The following is a list of PW's expenditures for 2016. PW would like to say 'Thank You' to all of you who have helped us be able to do these things.

1. FPC Pledge - $76,420.69
2. PW of Mission Presbytery Pledge - $6000
3. BEAS scholarship $3721, laptop and gas monies
4. Toy shopping for Community Table - $831 + Youth toys purchased - $180
5. Love gifts to staff - $5550
6. Gave $500 to Connie Teas for Paraprofessional Certification
7. Gave $150 for Justin Mann to attend Mo Ranch Midwinters
8. Youth for Midwinter Registration - $1690
9. Nursing Homes - $4200
10. Neet Feet - $2970.20
11. Weekend Backpacks - $3156.96
12. Good Sams - $3500
13. Community Table - $5000
14. Minister's Discretionary Fund - $3600
15. Replaced upstairs flooring - $38,328.50
16. PW Mo Ranch Registrations (17 women) - $1955
17. Upper Room - $258.75
18. Quilters - $1619.67
19. Filled 6 backpacks for project at Mo Ranch
20. Shoes and school supplies for “the Kids” in South Africa - $2500
21. Camp Tuition - $7049.25
22. PW Youth - $5400
23. Purchased 2 storage cabinets for Weekend Backpacks - $600
24. Cluster Meeting 10 backpacks - $200, water bottles and Dictionaries, speaker, gas, honorarium - $583
25. New Hymnals for choir - $342.98
26. PW Birthday Offering - $1220
27. GAGA pit - $494.42
28. ABC Scholarship - $1305
29. Coastal Bend Day of Giving - $500 to Odyssey, $1000 To Good Samaritans, $500 to Council on Aging
30. PCUSA Living Waters for World - $1000
32. PCUSA Mission CoWorkers Charles/Melissa Johnson - $1000
33. Moderator's DF (secretary) - $1200
WHO IS JESUS?  Our January study dives into John – The very same John that is thought to have written Revelation, and oh how the picture of Jesus changes. Have you ever wondered how your idea of who Jesus is, differs from your friend’s? Does that matter in the way you live your faith each day?  We invite you to join us as we study the picture of Jesus as presented in John.  Our study journey began in Mark, then Matthew and Luke.  In lesson 4, our Key scripture verses are from John 9:1-7.  If you have more time, read John chapters 1, 9, & 10.  John is not a synoptic gospel so as we continue our journey together in study, the lens of “WHO IS JESUS?” may surprise you.

Please consider taking an HOUR each month for Bible Study.  Read the selected bible background, and deepen your knowledge and faith, then join us for discussion of how John’s words describe Jesus.  Then we will compare John’s lens to that of Matthew, Mark & Luke using the points put together in the last months.  We have the study guides, just bring your favorite Bible and TOGETHER we will explore the Question:  Who is this Jesus we worship each day?

COME:  TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017
AT:  10:00 AM
WHERE:  IN THE PARLOR

I will be emailing the study lesson around January 1 to print out or study from your computer.
ARE YOU, OR DO YOU KNOW, A VETERAN? THERE IS HELP FOR VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY....

at Coastal Bend Troop Support’s Veteran’s Outreach Center 900 East Laurel, Rockport, Texas

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Important JANUARY dates to remember:
⇒ Persian Gulf War began, January 17, 1991
⇒ Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord, January 27, 1973

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Rockport Veteran’s Summit
Sponsored by Coastal Bend Troop Support, Inc.
Saturday, January 21, 2017, 11AM to 4PM
First Presbyterian Church

VA Mobile Unit will be on site.

Organizations supplying services and/or support to veterans
(which includes females) and/or their families will be in the
church gym to assist.

Veterans and families are invited to tour the Veteran’s Outreach Center at 900 East Laurel &
Live Oak streets (behind the church.)

If you, or an organization to which you belong, provides support or services to veterans or their families and
would like to be a vendor (no charge,) contact Carla Reed, 361-438-0540.

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Rockport-Fulton Chambers of Commerce

Veteran's Wall - “The Wall That Heals” is coming to Rockport!
February 2-5

The Wall That Heals, a 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, along with a mobile Education
Center, is coming to the Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor. It will be open 24 hours a day beginning
February 2. Here is a link to sign up to help in a variety of ways detailed (most importantly guarding the
Wall 24-hours a day):

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054baab2da1f85-veterans

Mandatory Volunteer Training at 5:30 pm on Wednesday,
February 1 at the Festival Grounds.
The Christmas meal was served December 20.

The 2017 Serving Schedule is finalized. All months with OPEN dates have hosts. A copy is posted on Page 19.

January’s serving and FPC coordinator schedules are:

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As you can see above we serve January 03. Menu will be our traditional meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, tossed salad, bread and dessert. Kay Stanley, our lead cook, has cooks scheduled but volunteers will be needed to staff the other crews, detailed below along with the reporting times for each:

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<td>Dishwashers</td>
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In addition to rejoicing in the return of all Winter Texan volunteers, we are especially grateful to once again have Tom and Dianne Carl. Tom supervises our Community Service Workers while Dianne serves where needed.

Last but not least, I feel comfortable speaking on behalf of the congregation extending MANY THANKS TO...

- The Presbyterian Women who allocated $1,000 toward gifts for Santa,
- Adelaide Marlatt who once again coordinated the project to fill Santa’s gift bag;
- Youth Group who volunteered to serve as Santa’s “elves” at the Christmas meal;
- The following FPC members who served as Community Table coordinators during 2016: Charlie, Sally Reynolds, Veronika Camehl, Pati Vincent, Kelly McNeely, Janet Gaskamp, ALL the FPC volunteers who staffed our crews during 2016 when it was our turn to host;
- Kay Stanly, our lead cook, for her time, energy, dedication to The Community Table - and the cooking crew
STATS for December:

06  Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn
    Dessert:  Chocolate pudding with cookie
    Number Served:  318 (263 adults, 55 kids)
    Host:  St. Peter's Episcopal Church
    Comments:  Everything went smoothly!

13:  Chicken fajitas, rice pilaf, corn, tossed salad, toast
    Dessert:  Ice cream
    Number Served: 306 (271 adults, 35 kids)
    Host: Coastal Oaks Church
    Comments:  Wonderful!

20:  Christmas Menu

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Number Served:  427 (391 adults, 59 kids)

Comments:  Great - lots of help!!

THANKS to the following for their generosity in donating their flowers to The Community Table:

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY
December 20
were given by Ingrid Little in honor and celebration of son Tim’s birthday December 11 and grandson Cayson’s birthday on New Years Eve. They were then donated to The Community Table for gracing the tables for the Christmas meal on December 22nd meal hosted jointly by all the participating hosts.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY
November 27
were given to the glory of God by Sterling Heller and her son Eric, to honor Ed and Lou Fegley.
Community Table Gift Distribution Report: 12/20/16 Christmas Event

This year the women of our PW group allocated $1000 to use to purchase and wrap gifts for the children who attend The Community Table Christmas meal. We shopped hard looking for good buys, etc. usually spending $10 – 13 per gift. A small group of PW women and friends played Santa one afternoon and helped wrap and label the gifts. On the Saturday before the event, some High school members of the Rotary Interact club came to the gym to help sort and stack packages by age group, decorate the tree and help get the Christmas cards ready for distribution. Youth Group members from our church helped Mr. & Mrs Santa Claus distribute the gifts. What a great help everyone has been on this project. I love bringing everyone in to have a hand in it.

In addition to the purchased new gifts, we had some recycled stuffed animals for the children. And a good time was had by all!

In addition to the gifts, we gather information about the times and types of worship services that will be held by the Host Churches at Christmastime. Beverly types it up nicely and we stuff it into Christmas cards so that attendees know the times of service at each of the host churches if they would like to worship with them.

Thank you for the opportunity to carry out this project.

Submitted by Adelaide Marlatt
**January**
- 03 First Presbyterian Church
- 10 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 17 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 24 First Baptist Church
- 31 OPEN 1 (5th Tues.) - METHODISTS

**February**
- 07 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
- 14 Coastal Oaks Church
- 21 First United Methodist Church
- 28 OPEN 2 (was PLC) - EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**March**
- 07 First Presbyterian Church
- 14 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 21 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 28 First Baptist Church

**April**
- 04 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
- 11 Coastal Oaks Church
- 18 First United Methodist Church
- 25 OPEN 3 (was PLC) - BAPTIST CHURCH

**May**
- 02 First Presbyterian Church
- 09 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 16 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 23 First Baptist Church
- 30 OPEN 4 (5th Tues.) - PRESBY. CHURCH

**June**
- 06 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
- 13 Coastal Oaks Church
- 20 First United Methodist Church
- 27 OPEN 5 (was PLC) - LIONS/ROTARY CLUBS

**July**
- 04 First Presbyterian Church
- 11 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 18 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 25 First Baptist Church

**August**
- 01 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
- 08 Coastal Oaks Church
- 15 First United Methodist Church
- 22 OPEN 6 (was PLC) - PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 29 OPEN 7 (5th Tues.) - LIONS/ROTARY CLUBS

**September**
- 05 First Presbyterian Church
- 12 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 19 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- 26 First Baptist Church

**October**
- 03 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
- 10 Coastal Oaks Church
- 17 First United Methodist Church
- 24 OPEN 8 (was PLC) - CATHOLIC CHURCH
- 31 OPEN 9 (5th Tues.) - LIONS CLUB

**November**
- 07 First Presbyterian Church
- 14 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 21 Inter-denominational Thanksgiving Meal
- 28 First Baptist Church

**December**
- 05 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church
- 12 Coastal Oaks Church
- 19 Inter-denominational Christmas Meal
- 26 OPEN 10 (was PLC) - TBD

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**MINISTERING TO THE COMMUNITY**
through the use of our facilities …
The Community Table

**“THE COMMUNITY TABLE”**
SERVING SCHEDULE for CALENDAR YEAR 2017
3 Wise Men Came from a Fire

In a small Southern town there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left.

At a "Quick Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage, yelling at me, "You Yankees never do read the Bible!" I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible. She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage.

Sticking it in my face she said, "See, it says right here, 'The three wise man came from afar.'"

Submitted by
VeeAnn Wright
A NEW YEAR  
A NEW START  

Let’s welcome 2017  
with the  

7 HABITS  
OF HIGHLY  
SUCCESSFUL  
FAMILIES WORKSHOP  

Wednesday, January 11th  
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Live Oak Learning Center Room 218  
Free Training and Materials  

- Learn to develop deep and lasting relationships with family members  
- Communicate with a greater understanding  
- Grow together with your family  

Limited seating available  
Please RSVP to Tom Jaggard  
By phone: 361-779-9574 or tjaggard@acisd.org
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