



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church  
**Happenings**  
February 7, 2019

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**This Coming Sunday, February 10, 2019**

**Growing in Faith Sunday School Classes:** 8:45 am    **Worship:** 10:05 am

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11    **Sermon:** *A Letter to Piper*

**Preaching:** Pastor Vanessa Potter    **Officers of the Day:** Andi Matt, and Gail and Randy Schavrien

**Ushers:** Team 7 (Stan)

**Sound Operator:** James Miksch

**Next Sunday, 2/17/2019**

**Officers of the Day:** John Herman and Randy Agee

**Ushers:** Team 1

**Sound Operator:** Larry Yano

**Video Operator:** Phil McReynolds

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**Prayer List**

*Please keep the following members and friends of Holy Trinity in your thoughts and prayers this week. Also, please let the church office or the pastor know if you would like to be included on this list.*

**Health Concerns:** Hattie Hockaday; Nancy Herriger; Arthur Kriss, Sue Gray's brother; Philip Kilian; Lenora Thompson; Will Ann Nava

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**Women of Holy Trinity**

Our next Women's Gathering will take place on Sunday, February 10, at 5:30 PM in the Family Room at church. We will have a delicious dinner, fun and fellowship, an interesting speaker, AND a special mission project. The project will be packing birthday bags. This is our third year of providing these bags for the SAMM Transitional Living Center. Many of the families residing at SAMM have no means of providing any type of birthday celebration for their children. These bags contain a cake mix, icing, candles, a pan in which to bake the cake, and paper plates & napkins. Many hands make light work as we chat and have fun doing something that is so appreciated. Child care is available for this February 10 event. Invite a friend or neighbor and enjoy the evening out. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Family Room. Information is available through Sheila Clark or Niesha Marshall.

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**Following worship this Sunday, February 10**

Following worship on Sunday, February 10, join us in the Family Room for King's cake and more as we celebrate Jazz Sunday and Piper Ruhd's baptism.

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**Don't Forget!**

Don't forget to sign up for our 2019 Habitat for Humanity Crew to help build the 24<sup>th</sup> Presbyterian Cluster house. For more information, contact Sally Lewis.

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**2019 Tuesday Morning Bible Study Class: "Who then is Jesus?"**

All are welcome to join us each Tuesday morning, from 9:30 – 11:30, in the church library as we embark on a year-long journey searching for Jesus in the Bible and history. We will examine the times in which Jesus was born along with Judaism of the first century. We will learn what the Bible says about Jesus and the Christ. We will try to define the man Jesus and carefully study His teachings. We will discuss His glorious return for His Body, the Church, and we will define Jesus as a model to live our lives. Every 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday will be an "open" discussion on a variety of topics. Bring your Bibles and be prepared to be challenged!

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**HTPC Day School is hiring!**

Immediate openings for qualified staff for full time/part time positions. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Dorothy at 210-599-7640.

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**Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) food pantry needs**

Jelly, canned fruit, tomato products, canned beans (but no black beans, please)

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**English as a Second Language (ESL) Program**

Help, please! We need more mentors! Last Monday, 18 students attended the second class of our current 8-week session; only 6 mentors were on hand to work with them. Even if you can't come every week, please become involved with this enjoyable and rewarding outreach effort. It isn't necessary to have had teaching experience or even to speak Spanish. You'll be paired with an experienced mentor to ease your entry into the program and supplied with instructional materials. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Elaine Hutchinson or Scott Ericksen.

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## **Pathway to Citizenship Presentation on February 11**

Jacqueline Crouse, San Antonio's Community Relations Officer for the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will visit HTPC following the ESL class on Monday, February 11, to provide information and answer questions on the process for obtaining U.S. citizenship. Her presentation will begin at 11:15 AM and take place in the Bethel Library. Everyone is invited. Informative handouts (and cookies) will be available.

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## **Moldova Mission Luncheon, Monday, February 18**

Stas Boroznets, in-country chief of the San Antonio-based Gospel of John Mission in Moldova, will visit HTPC Monday, February 18, to describe the Mission's vital and varied work in this small Eastern European country. The meeting will be held in the Bethel Library, and will begin at 12:00 noon. Panera Bread Catering will provide boxed lunches. Stas visited HTPC in April 2017 and is looking forward to returning. Please plan to help welcome him back. To learn more about Stas and this event, contact Elaine Hutchinson.

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## **SLEW and RACAP Visits, Wednesday, February 13**

The Mission and Outreach Committee has scheduled visits next week to two near-by charities which HTPC helps support: SLEW and RACAP. Participants will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 am Wednesday; drivers will be provided. The first stop will be SLEW (Support Lending for Emotional Well-Being), at 12525 Nacogdoches Road. The SLEW Wellness Center offers free emotional and physical support to disadvantaged women recovering from cancer. The second stop will be the offices and food pantry of the Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP), located in Schertz at 307 Pfeil Street. Our 30-minute tour there will begin at noon. Afterwards, we'll eat lunch at a yet-to-be-determined local restaurant. For more information or to sign up for this event, please contact Linda Koehler or Elaine Hutchinson.

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## **Session Highlights**

At its Stated Meeting on January 22, the Session ...

- Welcomed Laura Agee who presented research on the impact of LED lighting and agreed to more study by the Session, with no further installation at this time;
  - Considered, with Pastor Vanessa, the value of prayer not away or in a safe place but staying with the people in becoming better leaders and reducing anxiety;
  - Shared stories about the "Sonrise" music in worship, Youth Midwinter, and news of "harvest" from seeds planted by Kairos prison ministry as well as concerns for members needing special care at this time—Mat Geng and Wanda Keller;
  - Approved the request for Transfer of Membership for Shirley McConnell to National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.
  - Approved the request form HTPC Women to schedule Holly Days on October 5 (event) and October 4 (setup);
  - Approved the Annual Statistical Report prepared by the Clerk and authorized its submission to PC(USA);
  - Approved the request from the Girl Scouts to sell their cookies at the Boy Scouts derby event;
  - Heard a report that insurance coverage discussed in December has been added;
  - Reviewed with Pastor Vanessa important upcoming event dates:
    - Doug Hester Workshop with Session - February 16, 9 to Noon;
    - Presbytery Meetings - March 1 - 2 at Shepherd of the Hills, Austin; June 21 - 22 at Crossroads (formerly John Calvin), San Antonio, with Jean DeKunder, Teri Heinzman, and Phil McReynolds serving as Elder Commissioners; and October 25 - 26 at First Presbyterian in Victoria with Sally Lewis as Elder Commissioner; and Church Officer Training (TBA with Examination of Elders-Elect at the May 28 Session meeting);
  - Approved the Communion schedule for 2019 (1st Sundays, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve, and may be served for other special observances approved by Session);
  - Approved asking Evangelism to consider offering "Drive Through" Ash Wednesday, 11 am to 1 pm on March 6;
  - Approved Worship & Music plans for Holy Week:
    - Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45 pm following light supper at 6:00 pm provided by Fellowship;
    - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm with Communion served and Choir participation;
    - Good Friday self-guided Stations of the Cross Service with emphasis on mission, 11 am - 1:00 pm;
  - Enlisted volunteers (William Werner, Scott Cales, Linda Koehler, and Makenna Maloy) to serve Communion to homebound members;
  - Approved the 2019 Budget;
  - Acknowledged the value of tech services of Larry Sears during 2019;
  - Heard the Nomination Committee report of nominees for elders to be elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting;
  - Acknowledged that Mission Outreach & Evangelism (MOE) will meet as one but operate with separate budgets;
  - Approved removal of the recycle dumpster in the parking lot.
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