

### Clerk's Corner:

The following information was reported at the March 23, 2020, Session meeting, which was held electronically over Zoom technology:

- **Correspondence:** Letter from Richard D. Jones requesting that he be moved to the Inactive Roll as he is living at Brookdale and is no longer able to attend services. His request was approved.
- **Deaths:** Bill Fair died on March 06, 2020, and his service was held in the FPC sanctuary on March 12, 2020, with the Rev. Dr. Sam Junkin and the Rev. Susan Montoya officiating. Jeanette Cowden died on March 16, 2020. There are no services planned at this time.
- **Removal from Rolls:** Walt & M. G. Koenig, at their request; they are moving to San Angelo, TX; Bobby & Connie Jetton, at their request; they are attending another church.
- **Communion:** Communion was served at the 8:30 and 11:00 am worship services on March 01, 2020. In-home communion was served during the week of March 01 to: Bill Hathaway, Lee Locke, Marianne Wofford, Beth Gunter and her daughter Lynn Epperson, Ted McCullough and her companion, Waldean and Jack Groff, Keith Longnecker, Myrth Stephens, CR Prinz, Carroll and Jane Pickett, Betty Pelton, Lois McHargue, Wanda Fischer, Alice Ann Bacon, Rachel Whitten, and Evelyn Winmill.
- **Financial Report:** February financial statements were reviewed. The February statement included the receipt of \$54,700 from the Abiding Legacy Fund, as previously approved by the session, to cover the initial payment for the HVAC system which was recorded as expense in January. The combined two months of income exceeded the expenses for these months by \$27,474. Expenses need to be watched carefully as we progress during this time of not being able to hold worship as usual due to the Coronavirus.
- **Deacons:** The deacons have taken a spiritual assessment to better understand their gifts and skills. They have been actively contacting their flocks during this time of national crisis with words of reassurance and offers of help when needed.
- **Budget and Finance:** Presented a list of the designated accounts and reviewed to whom they are assigned for authorization of distribution.
- **Personnel:** Gave an update of the status of pastoral staffing; a good candidate for a long-term interim has been identified, but that person is unable to leave present call amidst the coronavirus crisis. The Rev. Dr. David Evans has agreed to stay on past Easter on a month-to-month contract for the immediate future. The Rev. Susan Montoya has been hired to be the part-time Director of Congregational Care beginning April 1, 2020.
- **Property:** Requested the session to revisit options for future use(s) of Schreiner Chapel when appropriate.
- **Commissioners** to the meeting of Mission Presbytery at Westlake Hills, Austin, March 6-7, 2020, reported that the meeting was memorable because of outstanding speakers, workshops, and worship.
- **Pastor** David Evans reported that he will be primarily working from his home office with a reduction in hours and salary. He expressed his disappointment having to postpone the baptisms of Ethan Bodine and Landon Flint due to the coronavirus crisis. He expressed his

appreciation to all the deacons for their work in reaching out to members during this difficult time. All church programs in the building have been cancelled. Regularly scheduled meetings may be done electronically over Zoom technology.

The following items were acted upon and approved:

- Approved the addition to the Standards of Procedure: Appendix T-Session Procedures for Making Decisions in Times of Emergency (See Standards of Procedure document on FPC website under Leadership),
- Approved the recommendation of Children's Ministry Team that Vacation Bible School be held June 29-July 1 in the evenings (if the way be clear).
- Approved the slate of nominees to serve on the 2020 Officer Nominating Committee (Linda Phillips (chair), Fred Gamble (vice-chair), Pam Cooper (deacon), Bob Schmerbeck, Melanie Houdeshell, Halya Lenard, and Lee Jennings (members-at-large) to begin work as soon as feasible and that a congregational meeting be called as soon as feasible to elect them.
- Approved the recommendation of Worship and Stewardship Ministry Team to approve the Rev. Chuck Kimball (PCUSA minister) and the Rev. Derek Kines (nondenominational) to officiate the the wedding of Meredith Lutz and her fiance' in FPC sanctuary on June 27, 2020.
- Commended Marcus Goodyear for his excellent article in the Kerrville Daily Times about the current crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ferguson, Clerk of Session