

# First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

October 2018

*The mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ  
Our vision is to be an oasis of God's love.*

1311 McCaulley Office hours: M ~ F, 9:00 am ~12:00pm

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Elder of the Month: Peggy Elliott



## Update~ Pastor Marie

Marie sends thank you for the “gorgeous” flowers that were sent from the church before her surgery.

She got home last Friday afternoon. The prayers are keeping her going through the process of healing.

She sends everyone virtual hugs as real hugs are not an “approved body move”. ☺

Cards can be sent to:

Rev. Marie Mickey

5658 Legacy Dr.

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## Dates to Remember

- 3 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm  
Presbyterian Women~ 5:15pm
- 4 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Bigg's  
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 7 World Communion Sunday  
Hoyt Place Worship ~ 9:00am-9:30am  
Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering  
Amberly Strebeck will preach.  
Communion Class of 2020  
Rev. Cathy Ludlum Reed will  
serve communion.  
Youth~ 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 10 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
- 11 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~Dairy Queen  
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 14 Sunday School ~ 9:45am  
Worship~10:45am~Children's Church  
Jacob Snowden from First Central  
Abilene will preach.  
Bibles presented to Little Ones  
Little Ones~ 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 17 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm  
Session~ 5:30pm
- 18 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~Buck's  
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 21 Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am~Scripture & Song Service  
Youth~ 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 24 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
- 25 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~Heff's  
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 28 Sunday School~9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am~ Noisy Offering  
Dorian Westacott will preach.  
Little Ones~ 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 31 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm



- 7 Karen Brown and Gary Brown
- 14 Lou Ann Cumbie and Dennis Cumbie
- 21 Donella Parker and Doug Richards
- 28 Patty Gesin and Richard Gesin



- 5 June Ellis
- 6 Sarah Cumbie
- 7 Kathy King
- 9 Terry Blankenship  
Kash Coe
- 10 Buck Cason  
Molly Graff Kamer
- 17 Donnie Brennan
- 18 Neil Moore
- 23 Bill Huckabee
- 24 Kristy Maitland
- 31 Kyler Toland

**Directory Updates:**

Kash Coe and Kyler Toland  
c/o Kelly English  
25500 State Hwy 86  
Ramah, CO 80832

Tracy Wilburn  
P.O. Box 494  
Roscoe, TX 79545

**Hoyt Place**

*We are excited to lead worship every first Sunday of the month at Hoyt Place, from 9:00-9:30 a.m. We will sing, and hear the Word of God. Come join us in this wonderful Ministry of fellowship.*



**Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, October 3 at 5:15pm. We will continue our study, "Noah Built His Ark In the Sunshine, Chapter 10.**



This Sunday we are beginning a new series on 1 Timothy for Sunday School. Dorian will be leading a session with an introduction to the letter.

All are welcome to join at 9:45 for fellowship and teaching, and there are doughnuts.



**October 6:** Youth 5:30-6:30

**October 14:** We will have Children's Church today. Our children and youth will also be helping with the offering and candle lighting. We will be presenting bibles to our Little Ones (Averi Moody, Harper Gee, Brynlee Scott, Emily Hammit)

Little Ones and IBKs 5:00 - 6:00

**October 21:** Youth 5:30 - 6:30

**October 28:** Little Ones and IBKs 5:00 - 6:00

## Stewardship - The Necessity of Giving

I John 3:17

*If anyone has material possession and sees his brother in need but has not pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

John writes, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers". What does it mean to "lay your life down" for your brothers and sisters? Does this mean we are to literally die for them?

First, if we have material possessions, we are to give to our brother and sisters who are in need. Second, we are to love not only with words, but with actions and in truth. We could give people our excess in material goods and try to be helpful, but we would be in danger of not showing true love.

True love means actions that stem from a heart of conviction, a heart of commitment – a heart filled with the love of God. This kind of heart condition only comes when we lay our lives before the cross of Jesus and say, All that I am and all that I have are yours, Lord. Show me who you want me to love and minister to today". This takes the focus off you and puts it on God.

How can you lay down your life for your brothers and sisters within our church?

### First Presbyterian Church Financial Report

**2018 Budget**            **\$145,830.67**  
**Needed Monthly**    **\$ 12,152.55**

Month	Plate & Pledge	Expenses
January	\$ 7,455.00	\$11,463.36
February	\$ 7,677.00	\$ 8,304.63
March	\$ 8,853.00	\$ 7,696.69
April	\$17,450.00	\$10,222.84
May	\$15,845.00	\$ 8,299.26
June	\$17,201.00	\$ 7,016.94
July	\$ 8,692.00	\$11,951.80
August	\$ 7,328.00	\$ 7,813.04

Received Year to Date        \$90,501.00  
Over (Under) Budget        \$ (6,715.00)

### Noisy Offering Designated toward the Ministerial Alliance

Received Year to Date        \$ 750.54

### Food Pantry

Designated to Nolan County Food  
Pantry

Received Year to Date        \$833.00

**Congratulations to Doug Richards  
for receiving the Outstanding  
Citizen Award from the Sweetwater  
Chamber of Commerce!**

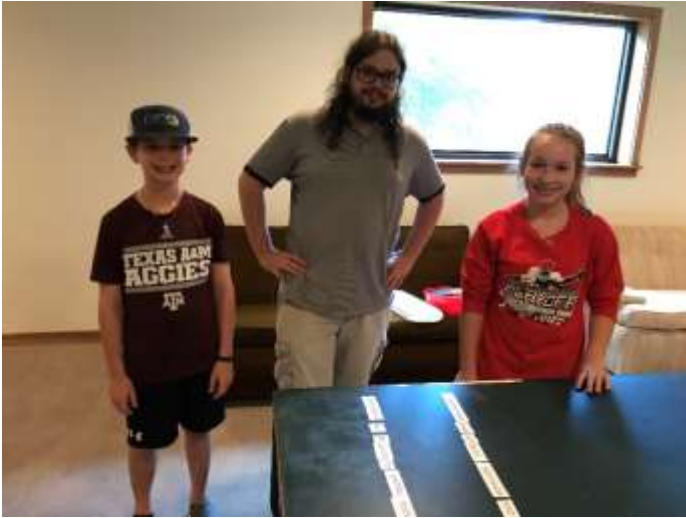




## Children and Youth Activities



Caden Wilburn, Macy Newberry,  
Lou Ann Cumbie, Dorian Westacott,



Caden Wilburn, Caleb Reed,  
Aly Moore and Katie Reed



Caden Wilburn, Brynlee Scott,  
Peyton Gee and Harper Gee

