

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

October 2019

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

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Elder of the Month: Lou Ann Cumbie

Ten Little Christians

Ten little church members standing in a line,
One disliked the preacher and then there were nine.
Nine little church members planned to
work quite late,
One forgot his promise and then there were eight.
Eight little church members with
good deeds of leaven,
One lost his enthusiasm and then there were seven.
Seven little church members got in a fix,
They quarreled over money and then there six.
Six little church members very much alive,
One moved away and then there were five.
Five little church members wishing there were more,
One became indifferent and then there were four.
Four little church members cheerful
as they could be,
One complained the meeting was dull and
then there were three.
Three little church members knew not what to do,
One joined the Klassy Club and then there were two.
Two little church members—our rhyme
is nearly done,
One got too busy and then there was one.
One lone church member won his neighbor true,
Brought him to church and then there were two.
Two earnest members, each invited one more,
That doubled their number and then there were four.
Four sincere Christians worked and couldn't wait,
Till each had won another and then there were eight.
Eight sincere members—and nothing rhymes
with sixteen—
So we simply note that in six more verses,
There would be 1,204 and that would be a
building full!

Scott Campbell, Executive Presbyter of Palo Duro Presbytery, recently shared this at a Resource Committee meeting. As humorous as it is, the poem serves as a good reminder for us. Don't just ATTEND your church—LOVE your church. Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate! First Presbyterian is a strong church that actively seeks to do God's work in the community. We seek always to hear where God is calling us next. Be the church and invite others to join in this calling.

Pastor Marie

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 and
share communion.
Come join us in this wonderful
Ministry of fellowship.*



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Presbyterian Women will meet Wednesday, October 2 at 5:15pm. We will study Chapter 2 of the Bible study, Love Carved in Stone~ A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gamble.

Dates to Remember

- 2 Plarning~ 1:00pm~3:00pm
Presbyterian Women~ 5:15pm
- 3 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Great Wall
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 6 *World Communion Sunday*
Peace and Global Witness Offering
Congregational Meeting
Hoyt Place Worship ~ 9:00am-9:30am
Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am~ Dr. Sara Core will preach.
Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2020 & Rev. Cathy Reed
- 9 Plarning~ 1:00pm~3:00pm
- 10 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Golden Chick
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 13 Sunday School ~ 9:45am
Worship ~ 10:45am~ Dr. Sara Core will preach.
Middle School & High School~ 5:30pm-6:30pm
- 16 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
Session~ 5:30pm
- 17 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Biggs
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 20 Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
Little Ones & IBKs ~ 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 23 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
- 24 Over the Hill Bunch~11:30am~ Dairy Queen
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 27 Sunday School~9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
Noisy Offering
- 30 Plarning~ 1:00pm-3:00pm
Community Wide Fall Festival~ 5:30pm-7:30pm
Newman Park
- 31 Over the Hill Bunch ~11:30am~ Casa Morales
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm

There will be a Congregational meeting on October 6th for the purpose to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and to approve an adjustment to the pastor search parameters.



- 6 Keith Brock
- 13 Patty Gesin & Richard Gesin
- 20 DeeAnne McFarland
- 27 Doug Richards



We need candy and prizes!

Community Wide Fall Festival
Wednesday October 30 5:30pm-7:30pm
Newman Park

We will have a game booth set up and need high school and adult volunteers. Let LouAnn know if you can help. We will need to collect candy and prizes from the congregation.



- 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



Bonnie Thompson, long time member, passed away on September 16 in Carrolton. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family has requested memorials be sent to First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater.

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class is beginning a study of Luke. Along with the Interpretation Bible Study series, the Eyewitness Luke Series will also be used from Right Now Media. The class meets at 9:45am each Sunday morning. Hope you can come for this study.

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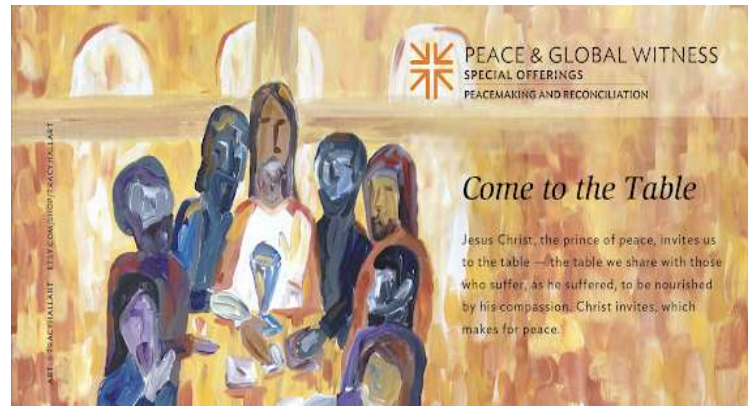
The Eyewitness Bible Series, Luke, consists of twenty 12-18 minute videos and related study guides. The videos are narrative accounts by Bible personalities of portions of Luke, such as Mary discussing the births of John the Baptist and Jesus as described in Luke 1 and 2. Together, the videos and study guides provide an in-depth view of the book of Luke. The purpose of the Eyewitness Bible Series is to help small groups, churches, families and individuals learn the Bible better.

Remember you can still sign up and you are welcome to share this with family members and friends. The sign up link is on the website, www.fpcsweetwater.org



New mailing address:

Arleen Kennedy
1622 Morris Ave.
Sweetwater, TX 79556



October 6~ Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

We are going to be participating in the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.

Blessed are the peacemakers. By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. We will give the offering to the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center of Sweetwater.

25% of this Offering will go to our mid-council, joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians around the globe.

Special envelopes will be in the pews on Sunday October 6th. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.



October 13: 5:30-6:30 Middle School and high School. Note the new time!!

October 20: Little Ones and IBKs 5:00-6:00

October 30: We will have the Community Wide Fall Festival at Newman Park. 5:30-7:30. We will have a game booth set up and need high school and adult volunteers. Let LouAnn know if you can help. We will need to collect candy and prizes from the congregation.

Lou Ann



Stewardship - The Manner of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:10-13

And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give, but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Paul was complementing the church in Corinth on their attitude toward giving, not just on the act or amount of their giving. He points out two very important points in this passage. Giving is an important part of Christian discipleship – the completion of this act is important. But equally important is the willingness and desire to do so.

First Presbyterian Church 2019 Financial Report

2019 Budget \$161,526.05
Needed Monthly \$ 12,584.00

Month	Plate & Pledge	Expenses
January	\$ 12,620.00	\$12,203.06
February	\$ 10,369.00	\$ 9,389.05
March	\$ 11,498.00	\$ 8,867.57
April	\$ 11,434.00	\$10,216.97
May	\$ 8,497.00	\$ 7,862.75
June	\$ 11,347.00	\$ 9,977.24
July	\$ 11,203.00	\$11,669.62
August	\$ 7,022.00	\$10,578.61

Received Year to Date \$ 83,990.00
Over (**Under**) Budget \$(**16,682.00**)

2019 Noisy Offering

Designated toward the Ministerial Alliance

Received Year to Date \$798.44

2019 Food Pantry

Designated to Nolan County Food Pantry

Received Year to Date \$375.00

Session Minutes

Stewardship and Finance: *Financial Report was unanimously approved.*

Building and Grounds: *Gary Brown reported that new carpet was laid in the Secretary's Office, Pastor's Office, and Choir Room by Knight Carpet on August 26th. The cost of the carpet was \$560 below bid price. The choir room was painted prior to carpet being installed.*

Gary will be contacting a tree trimming company for a bid on trimming trees around the church at the end of the year or first of next year.

Gary will also be contacting the Sierra Security Systems to obtain the cost of an additional camera to be placed in the columbarium area.

Columbarium:

Boo Nemir reported that Columbarium Committee has elected to stain the concrete under the bell, the sidewalk and flooring in the Columbarium.

Christian Education:

Lou Ann Cumbie announced that Cayley Scott has a family conflict and will no longer be serving as a Youth Director. Lou Ann is leading Sunday night rotations with the children and youth. She is requesting assistance with the children and youth until a new Youth Director is found.

Mission and Outreach:

Doug Richards announced that the Peace & Global Witness Offering has been scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 2019 (World Communion Sunday). He will present a Minute in Mission the week prior to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Moderator's Report:

Reverend Mickey reported that the Ministerial Alliance Life House is now open. Life House is an independent Non-Profit Organization. Counseling is being offered each weekday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parenting classes and Celebrate Recovery Classes for persons with a drug problem are available. Life House bedrooms will be available for individuals referred by the Police Department for need of overnight accommodations. Donations are appreciated.

Reverend Mickey reported that she will be gone on Sunday, October 13th. Dr. Sara Corey will be offering the message in her absence.



The LifeHouse has some volunteer positions open we are needing filled. Volunteers will assist in receiving financial assistance requests as well as various other tasks.

Shifts available are:

Monday 9:00am-12:00pm

Monday-Thursdays 1:00pm-4:00pm (any or all)

If you know of anyone looking for a place to serve consistently, please have them get in touch with me at 236-9200.

Loren Rule

Presbyterian Women met at Mulberry Manor for their first meeting.



Paula Huckbee, Sherie Alldredge, Hilary Brennan, Prudencia Mekogue, Patty Gesin, Boo Nemir, Gayle Biggerstaff, Donella Parker, Becky Brock, Linda Duncan, Nancy Spillers, Pat Beall, Rev. Marie Mickey, Doloras Berryhill





Children and Youth September 2019



*To everything there is a season, and a
time to every purpose under the heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*



Harper Gee, Brynlee Scott, Peyton Gee



Peyton Gee, Harper Gee,
Dustin Hammit, Emily Hammit

Vision 2020

