

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School \* | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary \* (\* Child care provided.)

*Fall* Church  
School  
Kick-off  
JOIN US!

**SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**  
**9:20am to 10:20am**  
(the church school hour)

Fellowship Hall

**FALL CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**  
**PROGRESSIVE BREAKFAST**

*(See insert this issue for the  
2017 Fall Church School Schedule)*

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NOTE CARDS



In celebration of the 150th anniversary of FPC-Bryan, notecard packets will be for sale on Church School Kick-off Day, **SEP 10**. Look for the Evangelism and Membership Building Committee members (BJ Hendler, Alice Hickerson, Lonna McKay, and Karon Mathews). The packets, designed by Karen Berg, consist of 12 note cards (blank inside), each featuring a picture of our beautiful stained glass windows, including the window above 31st Street Sanctuary entrance. The packets will also include an ink pen/stylus. The cost per packet is \$15.00 with proceeds going toward our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration festivities. A limited number of packets will be available in Fellowship Hall during our Church School Kick-off festivities and on the Patio before worship and after worship.

## VISIONING SESSIONS (STEP TWO) IN SEPTEMBER

**VISIONING: STEP TWO.** Sessions – SAT, SEP 9: 9:00am-11:45am (Option 1); 1:00pm-3:45pm (Option 2) – Since our August 12 initial meeting considered the recent and current identity and ministry of FPC-Bryan, meeting #2 will consider where God is calling this congregation to be. We will articulate some possibilities for the next steps for the life and ministry of this congregation. **PREPARATION:** Be looking at some of your favorite hymns and read the words to these hymns.

In a follow-up email to Session from Visioning Facilitators David and Judy Fletcher, they wrote: "You, the Session, are to be commended for taking the time to share and listen to thoughts about the FPC membership from their Saturday gatherings. The people who participated in the process on Saturday were energetic, very positive about the church for the most part, and very willing to offer helpful and insightful comments.

A total of 61 people participated in both sessions, 40 in the morning and 21 in the afternoon which represents well over 10% of the congregation and over 25% of the most regularly attending members. The group offered comments about hope for the future of this church, pride in the facility, gratitude for the paying off of the HVAC loan indebtedness, and upward membership trends. All positives. Bottom line, this is a healthy congregation with a vibrant future. Are there issues? Definitely, but this process is uncovering them, and we observe a Session that stands ready to address them."

What remains of the immediate/current Visioning Process is for members of the congregation to participate (as many as are available) in one of the sessions on Sept 9, and for all to continue to pray for God's blessing as we discuss and discern God's best intentions for us in ministry together during the days and years ahead.

**Participation on September 9 is open to all members, even those who were not able to participate on August 12.**  
*(See article inside on how to still participate in Visioning: Step One.)*

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

School bells are ringing! Help support our adopted school – ANSON JONES ELEMENTARY.



COMPOSITION BOOKS, BACKPACKS, and #2 PENCILS are requested. A table is located on the Patio to place your donated school supplies which will be received **through Sun, Sep 3**. Thank you for your continued support!

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men of the church are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall the first Thursday of each month for fellowship and a delicious home cooked meal. They meet again on **SEP 7**. If you would like to receive an email notification, contact Allyn Jordan, [allyn@jordanhome.net](mailto:allyn@jordanhome.net).

## HVAC GIVING UPDATE

Dear First Presbyterian Members and Friends,

It is time for an update on our HVAC giving. Our Three Year Pledge Campaign has five months remaining. The congregation's dedication to reducing our loan principal has been exceptional. The approximately \$1.4 million loan has been amazingly reduced to a current loan balance of \$291,000.

I would like to discuss in more detail the 2017 giving to HVAC. Out of the fifty-six pledges for the final year of 2017, six have fulfilled their pledge and fifty have part or all of their pledge still out. Through July we have received almost \$43,000 with another \$59,000 still due. Assuming we receive the total amount still due from our pledges and adding the \$40,000 from the FPC Foundation, our remaining loan amount after the end of the 2017 year would be reduced to approximately \$192,000.

Please consider the state of your 2017 HVAC giving and let's end this final year of our three year campaign with a bang!

Yours in Christ, Rick Page, *Church Treasurer*

## Growing Disciples *Christian Education Ministries* ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

CARPENTER'S KIDS  
Sunday, September 10  
10:20am-10:45am  
on the Patio

# ART SHOW

Elementary age children gathered weekly this summer for recreation, fellowship, and fun. Now you have a chance to view their imaginations in art form.

Stop by and check out the show!

## READIN', 'RITING, 'RITHMETIC!

The Prime Time fellowship group (60+ lively, spirit-filled folks) will celebrate shenanigans in the schoolroom when they gather on **THU, SEPT 14**, at 11:30am in the Library/Parlor. School lunch will be served featuring Meatloaf. If you are able, please bring a side dish—no desserts! The program: features your stories . . . tears and fears during your first days of school, the magic of learning to read, the art of penmanship, teacher crushes, and recess shenanigans. For more information, contact the church office, 979.823.8073 or [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
CHILDREN'S CENTER  
CLOSED  
Happy  
Labor Day



## Growing Disciples

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris, Claire Schmidt, and Amber Fattig teach this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahm teaches this class.

Fall is around the corner! And you know what that means, church school for all ages kicks off on **SUN, SEP 10**. Children will gather for refreshments in the hall outside their classroom.





Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*  
[youngadults@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcbryan.org)

## VISIONING: STEP ONE PARTICIPATION

For those of you who were not able to be with us for one of the Visioning Sessions on August 12, listed below are three items to which you may respond and submit to the church. Responses will be collated and shared with the Session as it continues its work for this congregation.

1. Strengths I observe at FPC-Bryan, are . . .
2. Needs of the congregation that I suggest are . . .
3. Message(s) I offer the Session are . . .

Signed (opt.) \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your response **by Tue, Sep 5:**

1. mail to First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Carter Creek Pkwy, Bryan TX 77802;
2. email to Karen, [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org), or;
3. place your response in the offering plate on Sunday.

## CIRCLE III: SEPTEMBER MEETING

In September, Circle III will meet on **SEP 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon)**, at 2:00pm in the Parlor. For more information, contact leader Sharon Bowling, [bowlijd@verizon.net](mailto:bowlijd@verizon.net) or 979.704.2579.

## YOUTH Haps



Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*  
[youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org)

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Fall Church School kicks off **SUN, SEP 10**, in Fellowship Hall. Youth will gather for refreshments in Fellowship Hall then proceed to their class for the remainder of the church school hour (9:20am to 10:20am).

*(See front page announcement.)*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Room 401 at 7:00pm continues to be the place for youth to be **EVERY WEDNESDAY** for bible study. Study leaders alternate between **ERIC PETERSON** and one of our youth, **RACHEL PRATT**.

## FELLOWSHIP

**SUN, SEP 3 – NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**SUN, SEP 10, 6:00pm** – bible/faith discussion from "Faith Topics" published by *Thoughtful Christian*, and time permitting, fun team building games.

## YOUNG ADULTS PLANNING MEETING

On **TUE, SEP 5**, at 6:30pm, young adults will be having a planning potluck meeting hosted by Jackie & Steve Zimmerman, 5800 Sheffield Terrace Lane in Bryan. We will be discussing events that we want to do as a group for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. **All attending are encouraged to bring food and/or drinks.** All young adults are welcome to come to this meeting for some fellowship and planning.

## YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND RETREAT AT MO-RANCH

FPC-Bryan young adults **BRIANA CRIACO, PAYTON FOOTE, CHELSEA KINDRED, and ERIC PETERSON** head to Mo-Ranch on September 15 for a weekend retreat "Improvising with God: God's Work in an Imperfect World." Keynote discussions led by The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana will explore the questions: We affirm that "God is with us," but how do we understand that in light of our chaotic, ever-changing world? How is God at work in our lives, and how do we respond to that work?

## CARING & SHARING

Thank-you so much for the love and best wishes we received from all who hosted and attended the baby shower for our soon to be baby, Jude Alan Haverland. The family feels blessed to have such a wonderful church family, and we loved sharing our joy with all.

Sincerely, Josh & Rachael Haverland  
 proud grandparents David & Janice Haverland

## Happy Birthday Wishes to . . .



**ESTER HUBACEK** who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 27. Ester has been celebrating all month. She was honored during Prime Time Fellowship on August 10 (pictured), at the Brazos County Senior Citizens Center on August 15, during the Church Ladies Fellowship Lunch on August 16, by her family and friends on August 19, and more. Ester has been a member of FPC-Bryan since June 3, 1951. We give thanks to God for Ester and her ministry to, through, and beyond the walls of this church.



Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



08/31 Kathy Goepfinger  
08/31 Rosalie Gonzalez  
'09/01 Harold Wert  
09/02 Diane Boellstorff  
09/02 Hanna Fattig  
09/02 Evelyn Neely  
09/02 Ian Thoele

09/04 Rick Hickerson  
09/05 Betty Trant  
09/07 Bettye Donald  
09/07 Anja Norris  
09/08 Lillian Thompson  
09/09 Ruth Ann Gholson  
09/09 Janice Sahn  
09/09 Cheryl Turney  
09/10 Briana Criaco  
09/10 Allyn Jordan  
09/11 Russell Dempsey  
09/12 Diane Norman  
09/13 Candace Berg



- ♥ Madison Hodges  
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ George McArthur
- ♥ Haskell Monroe
- ♥ Gladys Wilding
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
IN THE  
MILITARY**

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**  
covering news and events from SEP 13-27  
due to Labor Day Holiday,  
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,  
The Chimes, is **NOON, THU, AUG 31.**  
Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

**ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**SEPTEMBER 3**  
Psalm 127:1; Matthew 10:5-13

**SEPTEMBER 10**  
Psalm 23; John 10:1-18