



# First Presbyterian Church

## November, 2014

*Bringing people to the celebration of Christ*

### Gospel Lessons for November

**11/2** 2 Kings 5:1-14

**11/9** Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8

**11/16** Isaiah 36: 1-3; 13-20; 37:1-7

**11/23** Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7: 1-11

**11/30** Hanging of the Greens Service



### Calendar of Events

**11/2** Worship, 9 am

All Saints Day & Communion Sunday

**11/4** Volunteer Day at Food Bank, 8-11 am

**11/5** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm

**11/9** Worship, 9 am

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

**11/11** Session Meeting

**11/12** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 6 pm

**11/13** Presbyterian Women, 2 pm

**11/15** Garage Sale, 8 am-Noon

**11/16** Worship, 9 am

**11/18** Supper & Stories, 6 pm

**11/23** Worship, 9 am

Christ the King Sunday & Communion Sunday

**11/30** Worship, 9 am/Hanging of the Greens Service & First Sunday in Advent



### Pastor's Message

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the congregation survey. Session has reviewed the responses and each committee will work over the next few months to address each idea, question, and concern from those surveys. We appreciate the thoughtful responses that were given. Here is what we can report for now:

- A majority of members voted for the 9am worship hour, so that will remain the same.
- Most people requested that mission funds be directed toward local needs, with a 50/50 split between local and global a close second.
- Most people requested that 10% of the budget be designated toward mission projects, with 25% a close second. Session will take a look at the current 9% and discern how to raise that number.

If you have any questions or concerns as we continue discussing the future of the church, don't hesitate to speak with a member of Session or with myself. We love to hear what is on your minds!

*Grace & Peace,*  
**Pastor Becca**

## All Saints Day

In recognition of All Saints' Day, the **November 2<sup>nd</sup> service** will include an opportunity for members to light candles in honor of loved ones who have joined the great cloud of witness in heaven.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

**11/4** Fred Buchholtz

**11/16** Beth Flynn

**11/24** Sally Kuny

A *special blessing* for everyone with a birthday or anniversary will be held on the **second Sunday of each month**. Anyone with a birthday or anniversary during that month will be invited to be recognized with the rest of their month's special folks and will receive a blessing and gift. Join us for a celebration of our church family!

## Liturgy/Church Host Schedule

Our thanks to **Etta Weise and Sandy Barnett** for serving as liturgists and church hosts during the months of November and December.

## Session

Session will meet **Tuesday, November 11**.

## Special Opportunities

**Sailboat Church** discussions and dinners continue on **Wednesday, November 5 & 12, at 6 pm**. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Special thanks to those who are serving as discussion leaders and/or dinner hosts.

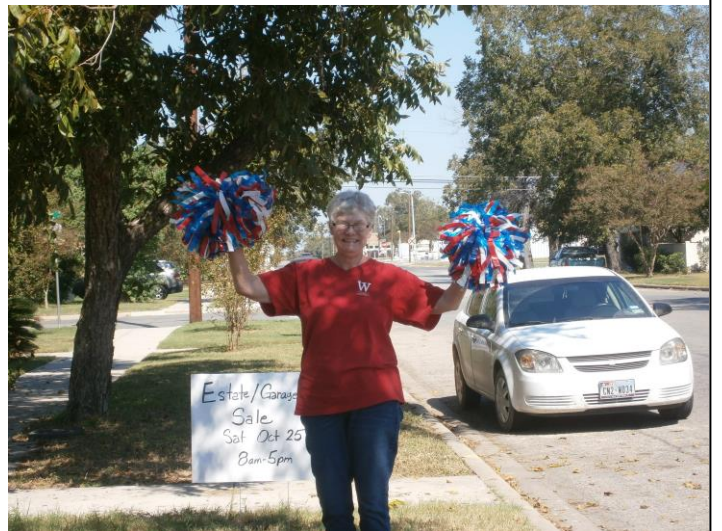
**Supper and Storytelling** will be **Tuesday, November 18, at 6pm**. **Joanna Glass** will serve as this month's storyteller.

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet at **2 pm Thursday, November 13**. This month's study is **Lesson Three: Covenants and God's Enduring Faithfulness**.

## Church Estate/Garage Sale

A special thank you to everyone who worked and supported the recent estate/garage sale. A total of \$2,200 was raised!



A second sale has been scheduled from **8 am-noon on Saturday, November 15**. Discussion is underway among session members to make this sale "mission focused" with vouchers for sale items distributed at the Food Bank. Stay tuned for more information!

## Mission and Outreach

On **Tuesday, November 4**, FPC members will serve as volunteers from 8-11 am at the Food Bank at 402 S. Mulberry. Please join in and volunteer in a much needed service to the community.

The **Food Bank** also needs donations, including chile or canned meat, cornbread mix or crackers for the month of November. A **special appeal** has been made for canned fruit, an item the Food Bank is in short supply of at the moment. So please, "be fruity" in your contributions this month!

## Sympathy Extended

Sympathy is extended to Ernestine Harman and family on the passing of **Raymond B. Harman** on October 16.

## Congratulations, Beth!

A very special congratulations is in order for **Beth Flynn**, who has successfully completed the coursework and examination to become a Certified Ruling Elder. Beth was recognized at the recent meeting of Mission Presbytery in San Antonio.

## Prayer List

### Congregation:

Nell Brown  
Elizabeth Payne  
Ernestine Harman  
Bert & Mary Reid  
Tom & Helen Wofford

### Friends/Families of the Congregation:

Mary Ann & David Cochran  
Marianna's sister, Carolyn  
Joanna's daughter-in-law, Debbie, & her friend, Joyce  
Fred Buchholtz's sister-in-law, Debbie  
Marge Shultz & James Manford's sister, Betsy  
Mary Nelson's mother, Frances  
Jimmy Manford's wife, Althea  
Margie & Dick Hudson  
Bill & Becky Slaughter  
Alavaro Herrera  
Baby Journey  
Jennifer, Lynn, Mark Withers, Jerry Kidd,  
Dr. Hensly, Keith, Dovie Edwards Brantford, Mike  
Allen  
Adam & Stephanie Mareth

## Contributions for October, 2014

Contributions to the Memorial Fund during the months of October include the following:

### *In memory of*

**A.W. McCrary Sr.:** Fred & Sheila Buchholtz

**Peggy Pierce:** Fred & Sheila Buchholtz

Contributions to the Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign made in October included the following Tributes:

### *In memory of*

**Raymond Harman:** Joanna Glass

**Raymond Harman:** Charles & Etta Weise

**W.D. Killian Jr.:** Joanna Glass, Tad & Dee Families

### *In honor of*

**Bill Rutherford (for church estate sale):** Carrol Flynn

**Evie Shanklin:** Bill & Susan Rutherford

**Ruby Kinney:** Bill & Susan Rutherford

**Carolyn Grine:** Bill & Susan Rutherford

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