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REAL GOOD CHURCH

Dear Members and Friends of First Pres,

Those of us who call First Pres our church home can list many reasons why we love it. But, it can be challenging to take that enthusiasm outside of the church walls and share it with others. Evangelism isn't one of the strong suits for us Presbyterians, which means it can be very difficult to grow the church.

There is hope! Many churches have experienced major comebacks, going from just a few people in worship to a few hundred. Our goals don't need to be that lofty, but I think we can all agree that our church would be even better if we brought more people into the family.

Starting in April, we will be studying the book *Real Good Church* by Molly Phinney Baskette. The book is structured like a manual, offering practical steps for getting a church healthy again. Over the coming months, you'll see us putting these suggestions into practice, so get ready for some changes!

If you'd like to join us in this discussion, all are welcome. We will be meeting after worship in the Fellowship Hall, starting April 10th. Join us as we prayerfully explore how to become a real good church!

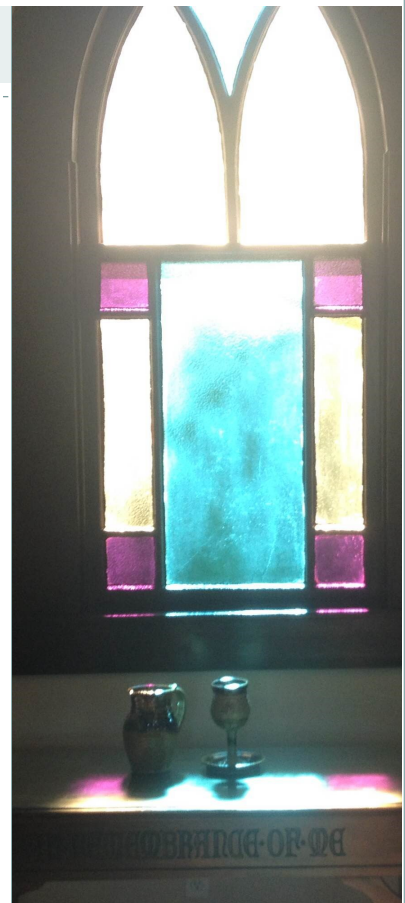
Grace and Peace to you,

Rev. Becca Weaver Longino

Church Cleanup Day

All are invited to help spruce up the church yard!

Saturday April 2nd @ 10am



PREACHING SCHEDULE

APRIL-JUNE

- 4.3.....ACTS 1:1-14
- 4.10.....ACTS 3:1-10
- 4.17.....ACTS 17:1-9
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- 4.24.....ACTS 18:1-4
-AND 1 COR 1:10-18
- 5.1.....1 COR 13:1-13
- 5.8.....1 COR 15:1-26,51-57
- 5.15.....ACTS 2:1-4
-AND 1 COR 12:1-13
- 5.22.....2 COR 2:1-10
- 5.29.....HYMN SING
- 6.5.....2 COR 4:1-15
- 6.12.....2 COR 4:16-5:10
- 6.19.....2 COR 5:11-21

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Big, Important Meetings

Memorials

- ◇ In memory of Jimmy Lucas given by Joanna Glass and family
- ◇ In memory of Tom Wofford given by Joanna Glass and family
- ◇ In memory of Tom Wofford given by Charles Weiss family
- ◇ In memory of Tom Wofford given by Bill and Susan Rutherford
- ◇ In memory of Tom Wofford given by Carrol and Beth Flynn
- ◇ In memory of Tom Wofford given by Fred and Sheila Buchholtz
- ◇ In memory of Jonny Driskell given by Fred and Sheila Buchholtz

Here are some upcoming meetings that will take place this year. You are invited to pray for these meetings as they are held, especially for the commissioners who are representing the voice of the church.

Mission Presbytery Meeting
June 3-4 @ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin

General Assembly
June 18-25 in Portland, OR

Mission Presbytery Meeting
October 28-29 @First Presbyterian Church, McAllen

Members of Session:

Joanna Glass (2013-2016), Finance and Stewardship chair

Fred Buchholtz(2016-2017), Mission and Outreach chair

Beth Flynn (2016-2017), House and Grounds chair

Etta Weise (2013-2016), Worship and Education chair

