

# WINDMILL JANUARY 2022 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES GROWING TOWARD

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### Farewell to 2021, Welcome to 2022

By: Tim Summerlin

You will be receiving this Windmill as we move from Advent expectancy to Christmas celebration and the passing of the old year soon thereafter. The year has not been easy or smooth. We rejoiced in the arrival of a vaccine whose protection has worked wonders, and we have witnessed the arrival of new virus variants, which dampen our notions of easy solutions. Nevertheless, the death rates of early in the year have dropped, and we have hard-earned knowledge of how to minimize risk—to ourselves and to those we love.

It has been the continuing goal of your Windmill to keep you apprised of the activity of the group of Christians who gather under the name of First Presbyterian Church-Kerrville. Many of you have partnered in creating the Windmill this year, offering book reviews, reports on church life from summer art camp to the Guayabales mission, from updates on the resurgence of our youth program to the progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Thank you all for providing the messages!

The Windmill is not the only way we keep in touch with one another and our worship and service lives. Constant Contact provides Pastor Jack's weekly messages as well as reports from our elders and deacons; our worship bulletins offer key reminders. The website tells our story. But we hope that this now-monthly publication is able to keep you informed—as lingering pandemic impact persists in keeping us from being as physically close as we wished—about how First Presbyterian seeks to live out God-centered worship, Christ-centered service and Spirit-led lives.

The closing of the year has been full, with both Schreiner and Tivy musical groups providing concerts, with the last Pop-Up Market of the year and with anticipation of our Christmas Eve services, including Sabrina's concert. We have welcomed new members and celebrated baptisms. The light shines! Let us rejoice in that fact and determine that, with God's grace, we will continue to find ways to represent the gospel message of hope in 2022.

## Thank you!

The Elders on the Faith Formation Ministry Team would like to acknowledge the individuals who worked diligently to provide educational opportunities during 2021. These individuals prepared for and presented Sunday School classes, small groups studies, and children's summer camps which were beneficial to all who attended. Thank you to the following persons for your dedication:

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# H.O.P.E.S. Kitchen Enlarges Its Mission and Outreach

**By: Cheryl Smith**

There is a new HOPE for our community! For several years, our church has given away free lunches every Saturday to anyone who needs one - no questions asked. What began with an inspiration from our youth after an impactful mission trip in 1998 has bloomed into a weekly opportunity to minister to others through meals, showers (pre-COVID), prayer and fellowship. Volunteers prepare the meals with loving hands and they are welcomed by the homeless, the hungry, and sometimes, just those in search of community. This mission project was titled HOPES (Helping Other People Every Saturday) Kitchen, and has provided over 15,000 meals since its inception.

Last spring, the San Antonio Food Bank contacted us to see if we might help with monthly food distribution in Kerrville, to which we responded "Yes!" With ready volunteers, we have helped them distribute over 89,000 lbs of food, in our 8 months of operation! It has been a labor of love and another small step to relieve food insecurity in Kerr County.

With greater start-up costs for these Food Bank Markets and a shared mission to feed our community, it seemed natural that we combine these projects under one "umbrella" of funding and operation. So, on recommendation from the Benevolence and Outreach Committee and approval from Session, the program of "Hopes Kitchen" will now be expanded to cover all local hunger insecurity programs of our church, including the cooperative food distribution we have been doing with San Antonio Food Bank, and possibly other such projects in the future.

## **Blessing Bags**

As a special gift to our Hopes Kitchen customers on Saturdays - especially for those with no roof over their heads, we are starting a new project at Christmas to give them a backpack full of basic needs and supplies, such as water bottles, toiletries, warm gloves, socks, snacks etc. We will have these special gifts ready to distribute on Christmas and give them out through the holidays. To contribute to this effort, you can drop off your monetary contributions or the following items to the church.

- **New socks (in packages, both men's and women's)**
- **Gloves or mittens**
- **Warm caps and scarfs**
- **Gently used coats (these won't go in the bags, but may be passed out, as needed)**
- **Small bottles of shampoo and body wash**
- **Small paperback books**
- **Small personal size tissue packets**
- **Small personal size sanitizer bottles or wipes**
- **Small flashlights**
- **New deodorant sticks (men's and women's)**
- **New lip balm**
- **Granola or other snack bars**
- **Meat sticks or nuts (individually wrapped)**
- **Quart and Gallon size Ziplock baggies**

Although Hopes Kitchen does not have a specific budget, it operates on a designated fund with gifts placed for it directly. To keep this special mission serving the hungry and homeless in our community, please consider a special contribution to the church, marked with "Hopes Kitchen" on the memo. In addition, volunteers and prayers for these programs are always needed and welcomed! Contact the church office or Cheryl Smith (830-739-6971) for more information.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Skipper Willmann	1
Jane Ragsdale	4
Edwina Cowden	4
Bob Shipman	5
Reese Taylor	5
Putt Shaw IV	6
Bob Ogle	7
John Hughes	8
Tim Huchton	8
Ariel Umfress	9
Tim Summerlin	12
Sonny Payne	13
JJ Graham Jr.	13
Jennifer Daschel	14
Nan Schiavo	15
Elyse Houdeshell	16
Vicki Yates	17
Jeff Cunningham	17
Joy Sebastian	17
Thomas Houdeshell	18
Susan Liljestrand	18
Wayne Yeoman	19
Clayton Mitchell	21
Bob Finch	22
Gretchen Rye	23
Jeanne Thompson	25
Fred Gamble	25
Dewayne Bannister	26
Linda Delaney	27
Brynn Lidiak	28
Vivian Priour	29
Sandy Boettcher	30
Bobby Sieker	31
John Osborn	31
Dylan Cannon	31
Madie Repka	31
Adonia Umfress	31
Adiya Umfress	31

## Update From Our Pastor Nominating Committee

By: Mary Ellen Summerlin

PNC is still hard at work, even as Christmas approaches, searching for your next long-term Pastor. To date we have received and carefully reviewed some three dozen Personal Information Forms from prospective candidates either matched by the computer in Louisville, recommended by someone, or who have initiated contact themselves. We have narrowed that list down to about seven prospects that we think could be a good fit for our congregation.

In that narrowing process we have not only thoughtfully read and discussed each of the six-page PIF's in detail, but the

entire committee individually has reviewed one or more of the video sermons available online for each candidate. Our next step will be to schedule initial Zoom interviews with some or all of those 7 prospects sometime in January. After that we will be able to consider having face to face interviews with the candidate(s) that still interest us most and seem to be the best match for our particular congregation of hopeful believers.

Please continue your faithful prayer for our church and its future especially its next installed pastor.



A few pictures from the Kirkin' O' The Tartan Service. Far left: Pastor Jack Haberer and Anna Giron, Vice President for Scots of the Texas Hill Country. Far right: Piper Kirk Scheel playing the bagpipes.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 3

CCP & Church Offices  
Closed

### January 7

Camerata Concert  
4:00, Sanctuary

### January 13

PW Day Circle Meeting  
10:30, Ryan Hall

PW Night Circle Meeting  
7:00, Ryan Hall

### January 15

Pop-Up Food Market  
8:30, FLC Parking Lot

Kids Night Out  
6:00, FLC

### January 21,22,23

Midwinters at Mo-Ranch

### Pastors:

Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer, Interim Pastor,  
Head-of-Staff  
Rev. Susan Montoya, Parish Associate  
Eldon Sheffer, Commissioned Ruling Elder

### Ministry Staff:

Dr. Sabrina Adrian, Organist  
Seth Lafler, Choir Director  
Shannon Tuschak, Care Coordinator  
Audrey Mitchell, Dir. Of Children's Ministry  
Emily McAllister, Co-Dir. Of  
Youth Ministries  
M' Leah Alexander, Co-Dir. Of  
Youth Ministries  
Alysse O'Brien, Children's Music Director  
Scott Russell, Children's Corner Director  
Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director

### Support Staff:

Mary Stone, Administrator  
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