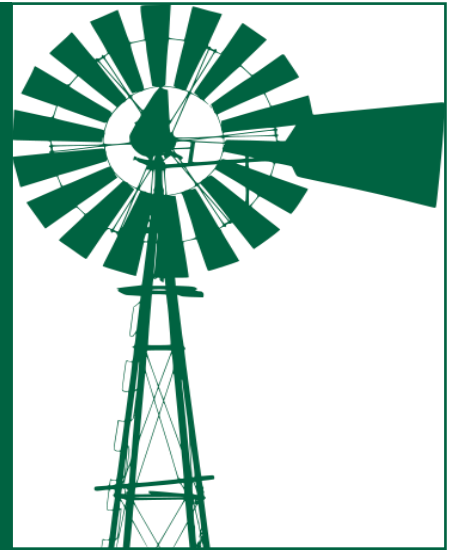


WINDMILL APRIL 2022 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES GROWING TOWARD

GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP • CHRIST-CENTERED SERVICE

SPIRIT-LED LIVES



No current issue is of greater concern to those who take the Gospel seriously than the suffering of the people of Ukraine. Many of you have responded to the calls for help already and in diverse ways.



Please read this week's E-blast for details on how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is carrying out the mission to help Ukrainian refugees and how you can be a part of it.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

By: Mary Ellen Summerlin

GOOD NEWS: The Pastor Nominating Committee is continuing to make good progress towards a final selection of a new Senior Pastor. As we have reported to you previously, your Committee has carefully reviewed 41 separate Personal Information Forms from various pastor/candidate possibilities, and have watched their sermons, and then had Zoom meetings with the few we were most interested in. That process has now led us to schedule an on-site visit here in Kerrville with one particular candidate, who seems very interested, and who we likewise currently feel might be an inspiring guide in the coming years for our congregation, both young and old. With the pressures of the Lent Season for all pastors everywhere, however, that on-site visit here necessarily will not occur

until April. And of course that on-site visit does not guarantee an invitation nor does it guarantee an acceptance.

To keep our options open, we also are currently in the midst of consideration of one other prospect, who came to our attention most recently, and we still have several prospects that we can come back to for further review, if that becomes necessary.

We continue to approach this privileged task prayerfully, and we humbly request each member of the congregation to likewise keep each member of the Committee, the over-all search process, the various candidates, and our First Presbyterian congregation in your own sincere prayer life.



Gene Hutzler and grandmother Maud Brymer.

Member Spotlight: Gene Hutzler

By: Verna Benham

Gene Hutzler was born on May 13, 1930, in Bandera, TX. There was nothing routine about his birth. His mother Lucy and her twin sister Lulu contracted polio at 14 months. Lulu didn't survive, and Lucy was confined to a wheelchair her entire life. Nevertheless, she was an active child. When her father built a motorized car for her, her friends demanded cars too. Lucy fell in love with a cowboy, Otto Hutzler, of Alsatian descent and Catholic, not considered suitable by Lucy's protective parents, Dr. and Mrs. Brymer. The Catholic Church in Castroville would marry them only if their children would be brought up Catholic. When they refused, Otto was excommunicated on the spot. Undeterred, Lucy and Otto eloped and were married by a JP in San Antonio.

Baby Gene's arrival caused great concern, given Lucy's paralysis. In the tense waiting room, Lucy's mother revealed a pistol and told Otto she would blow his head off if they died! Fortunately, the Caesarian delivery was successful. She later adored her son-in-law for his tender

care of Lucy, arranging the household so she could cook and manage it well.

Gene was a precocious child, interested in everything, learning well in a good school. He and his free-roaming friends were full of pranks. Gene peeked through keyholes at the clinic watching Dr. Brymer deliver babies, perform surgeries, and set bones. His grandfather decided to take him along on country house calls. With his best buddy, Al Plummer Jr., Gene also hung out at the Plummer Funeral Home, fascinated by the work. The two boys, age 13, were entrusted with driving a man who had been shot to the Kerrville hospital.

As his grandfather aged, Gene assisted him in various ways, wrapping arms around his waist to help him pull, setting bones. Dr. Brymer asked if he planned to be a doctor. Gene noticed the chickens and eggs at home, payments by patients who lacked cash, and said, "Not for me—I'm going to be an undertaker." Actually, he was afraid that he wouldn't be able to stand losing patients. So, after completing a business major at NTAC in Arlington, he got a degree in Mortuary Science in Houston. He spent 60 years as a mortician, many as owner of the Kerrville Funeral Home.

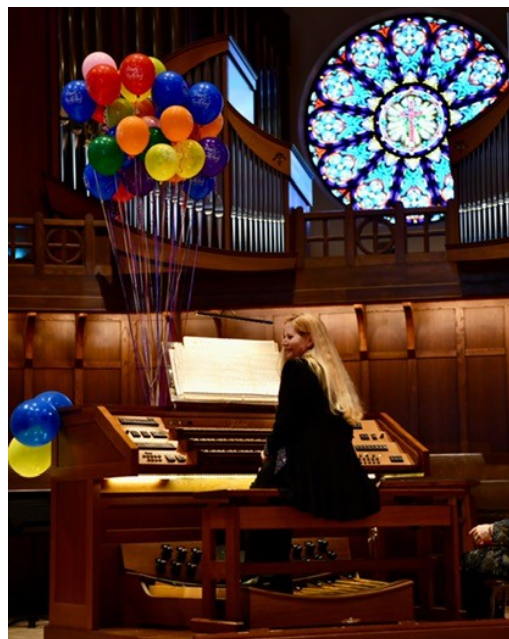
Asked about funny incidents, Gene told of a graveside service where a large snake crawled out of the hole and wrapped itself around the tentpole where mourners were sitting-- the family fled. Another time, a lady insisted on taking her pig into her old country church. When Gene politely objected, she said, "I've lived here a long time, and where I go that pig goes!" The pig quickly settled under the pew and went to sleep.

Gene has been active in First Presbyterian Church in the choir, as Session member, Deacon and Trustee. He has also used his musical and acting talents at the Point Theater and has served as president of several organizations such as the Lions Club and Girl Scouts. He and Nell, who passed away in 2016, raised three daughters, a step-daughter and three step-sons. We salute you Gene!

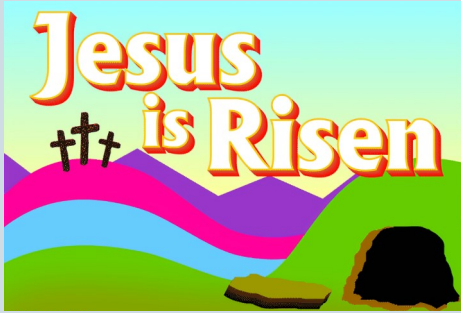
Bach's 337th Birthday Concert

"The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love."

Those are the words we affirmed on Sunday, March 20th, words from The Confession of 1967. They could hardly have been more timely, coming as they did the day after an inspiring concert given by our Dr. Sabrina Adrian of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. No other composer, certainly no other of Bach's stature, was more serious about understanding his gift as an instrument to be dedicated to the glory of God; and the group gathered in our sanctuary—which itself contributed to the awe reflected in the music—felt that dedication powerfully. We were all blessed to be a part of Sabrina's gift of this music to church and community.



Children's Ministry News and Highlights



Easter – April 17th

9:30-10:45am

Make resurrection rolls! Seek clues around the church in a group scavenger hunt! Color a "He is Risen" banner! Then together we will hear and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.



Vacation Bible School – Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God

July 5-8, 5:30-8:00pm

Food Truck Party VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11: "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God. Through fun activities grounded in stories from both the Old and New Testaments, VBS will open kids' eyes to the countless ways God provides, loves and cares for us, while inviting the kids to join God in providing, loving and caring for others.



Kids Adventure Day at Mo-Ranch

June 18th

The children will enjoy a day of adventures, relaxation, refreshment, and fellowship at Mo-Ranch. Planned activities include swimming, picnic lunch, games and exploring Mo-Ranch. More details coming soon.



Fun and Games at FPC

August 1-5

Our August camp will include mission projects, storytelling, games, swimming, crafts and more. We are still working out the details but will announce those as soon as they are determined.

Spring is the season of renewal and - a new website!

In January we received approval from the Communications Committee to contract with Adapting Online - an internet consulting and website design company based out of Austin. Adapting Online came highly recommended as they designed and maintain websites for Mo Ranch, KPUB and Kerrville Pets Alive. As we began this adventure, we didn't know quite what to expect. After three months of continuous reviews and edits, we can all agree that designing websites is hard work and always a work in progress.

It is our hope that the new website representing FPC is fresh, inviting, and informative. We are on schedule to "go live" during the first week of April and just in time for Easter. Please let us know what you think.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lee Locke	2
Mark Armstrong	3
Mary Ann Young	3
Warren Ferguson	4
R.W. Hutcherson	4
Bobby Doan	6
Amanda Williams	7
Andrew Houdeshell	8
Ken Huber	8
Bonnie Powers	8
Ron Lightfoot	9
Jerry Bratcher	10
Cathy Henry	10
Joey Rodriguez	11
Kourtney Doster	12
Peggy Curlis	13
Alice Ann Bacon	14
Lukas Silvius	14
Janell Steele	15
Deda Garlitz	15
Jean Weber	15
Jadice Barnes	15
Evelyn Humphrey	17
Gillian Stieren	17
Mary Hayes	18
Erle Adrian	18
John Ruth	21
Kim Parker	22
Richard Johnson	22
Frank Dunlap	22
Pam Cooper	22
Carol Moffat	22
Wanda Fischer	24
Mike Guerrero	27
Dayton Baublitz	28
Shelby Mejia	28
Beverly Hedger	28
Jan Youngblood	29
Darlene Bannister	30
Elaine Scogin	30
Don Turner	30
Judy Vaught	30

Youth on the Move

The youth hosted their annual Youth Pancake Supper on March 1st and had a wonderful turnout, so thank you! They were able to mingle with and serve many of our members, while learning valuable skills about hosting and taking care of others. It was wonderful to see people of all ages sit

down and enjoy a meal together, and many stayed the entire time we served simply enjoying each other's company. A huge thank you to the parents and volunteers that planned, cooked, served, and helped clean up. We appreciate you so much. And thank you to our church family for always supporting the young people of the church, they notice.



Youth Midwinters was postponed from January (Covid) to late February. Eight of our Youth and two sponsors spent a COLD weekend at MO-Ranch. The theme was God's Masterpiece. The leadership from the Presbytery was outstanding with many, varied workshops for our edification. Saturday night we had a campfire, s'mores and great times. Thank you church for supporting our varied Youth activities.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7

PW Night Circle
7:00pm, Ryan Hall

April 8

Camerata Concert
4:00pm, Sanctuary

April 14

PW Day Circle
10:30am, Ryan Hall

Maundy Thursday
Service, 7:00pm
Sanctuary,
Live Streamed

April 15

Good Friday Service
7:00pm
Sanctuary,
Live Streamed

April 17

Easter Service
8:30am, Sanctuary

Easter Brunch
9:30am, Ryan Hall

Easter Service
11:00am, Sanctuary
Live Streamed

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

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