

WINDMILL JUNE 2022 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES GROWING TOWARD

GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP • CHRIST-CENTERED SERVICE

SPIRIT-LED LIVES



FPC Member Andrew Dodson and Church Team Up for Music Outreach Program

By Verna Benham

Andrew Dodson grew up in the Cypress area of northwest Houston and, after high school, began working at a factory. In his early 20's, with no prior experience in music, he developed a serious interest that led to studying music while maintaining his full-time job. A friend, observing his diligence and natural talent, commented, "You really ought to be a teacher." With that encouragement, he added some teaching to his already heavy schedule. Eventually bold enough to leave the factory to pursue music full-time, he applied at the Guitar Center.

Immediately accepted, he arrived his first day to be told, "Here's a class of 30 kids. Teach them ukulele." Surviving that baptism of fire, he continued giving private lessons there and in another teaching center; in all, Andrew taught around 150 students in a variety of instruments. With five years of successful teaching under his belt, Andrew and his girlfriend, Bethany, decided to leave city life. Bethany's parents had proper

ty in the Hill Country, so they chose Medina. While working at "The Old Timer" gas station, Andrew shared with two customers, Robert and Kathleen, that he was a music teacher hoping to start a music school. Kathleen was pleased because she wanted piano lessons. After they left, a friend asked, "Do you know who that was?" It was Robert Earl Keen, a nationally-known

singer-songwriter of country music! When they moved to Kerrville, Keen looked for something to support and found it in the Hill Country Youth Orchestra, which his daughter joined. On February 26, Keen performed the final of 14 concerts benefiting that group.

As Andrew began teaching Kathleen, a warm friendship developed. The Keens' keen interest in music education had found a new project. Andrew presented a concrete idea for his class, and the Keens have decided to sponsor it: Project Music-All, free lessons, guitars provided, promotional help, etc. Our church became acquainted with Andrew and Bethany when they asked Pastor Jack to marry them. They have since become participating members. The church is providing space in the Yes Center (not in use during the summer) to launch the program. Andrew's goal is "Guitar Orchestras of Kerrville." God moves in mysterious ways to share his creatures' gifts!



Andrew and Bethany Dodson.

Renovation Begins on Ryan Hall

By Tommy Tait

The updating of Ryan Hall began on Monday, May 16, 2022, under the direction of the Property Committee, chaired by Max Reinbach. Renovations will include new acoustical ceiling, recessed LED lights, ceiling mounted AV equipment, fresh paint on walls and doors, new window coverings, granite on credenza, and new carpeting. The Property Committee selected members Donna Jackson (veteran of Building Committee for current sanctuary) and Priscilla Crozier to coordinate paint colors and fabric selections and Tommy Tait to manage project construction. We hope to have the project completed by the end of August.

The majority of finances for the projects came from gifts of \$50,000 from the Estate of Larry Olson and \$15,000 from Dan Olson. Larry and Dan grew up spending summers visiting grandparents in the hill country, attending First Presbyterian Church Kerrville with their grandparents, including VBS. Dan Olson credited the beginning of his lifelong relationship with God to FPC Kerrville. Funeral and reception for Larry Olson and family and friends was held in the Sanctuary and Ryan Hall this past April. Additional funds of approximately \$26,000 remain from money requested by Max and approved by the session this past January for various projects, which included carpet and drapes for Ryan Hall.

Ryan Hall is named for beloved former pastor of 19 1/2 years, Richard G. Ryan. Growth of membership and several other accomplishments of Rev. Ryan's tenure include:

-Dec. 29, 1953, Rev. Ryan and wife Elizabeth moved to Kerrville. His first sermon was preached the first Sunday of January, 1954.

-Dec. 20, 1954, Andrew Edington Sunday School Class began a fund to build Divide Chapel. With additional fundraising, construction began June 3, 1956, and dedication Nov. 4, 1956.

-May 19, 1959, established campaign committee to remodel sanctuary and basement of existing facility, currently known as Schreiner Chapel, and construct a fellowship hall. May 17, 1961, saw first service in remodeled sanctuary and dedication of the fellowship hall.

-June 2, 1963, led services to celebrate 75th anniversary of FPC Kerrville.



-1965, approved raising funds for addition to Divide Chapel, completion noted March 20, 1966.

-Feb 26, 1969, session approved purchase of adjacent property to east of fellowship hall on corner of Washington and Jefferson, location of current sanctuary.

-Jan. 18, 1970, Martha Junkin became first female elder at FPC Kerrville.

-June, 1973, Rev. Ryan resigned to accept the call as Associate Pastor, FPC, San Antonio.

-Retaining ties to Kerrville, the Ryans returned in semi-retirement with Dick serving as Chaplain at Sid Peterson Hospital.

Upon completion of 1991 remodel of fellowship hall, the facility was renamed Ryan Hall in memory of Rev. Richard G. Ryan.

The Property Committee is committed that the 2022 remodel of Ryan Hall/Fellowship Hall continue traditions established in 1961 and 1991 - providing a warm and welcoming space for members to gather, share in programs of the church, pursue Christian growth, and support members and their guests in times of sorrow and joy. The true colors and textures of the hall will not be represented by paint on the wall or coverings on the windows, but by the lively conversations and Christian expressions of its members as they join in the Christian life at FPC Kerrville.

Congregation Gathers for All Church Picnic

Thank you to Heart of the Hills Camp and Jane Ragsdale, the Hospitality Committee and Deacons for hosting a fun get together at the All Church Picnic on May 14. Close to 100 of us FPC folks showed up for delicious BBQ, fellowship, music, games and swimming. Our FPC band and singalong was led by E.C. Willmann, Deen Howell, Ralph Kutzer, Andrew Dodson, Jack Haberer, Preston Gamble, Jane Ragsdale, Keaton Mitchell and John Verbraken. It was so good to get together and celebrate our church community in one of the loveliest locations on the river. More great times and fellowship to come!



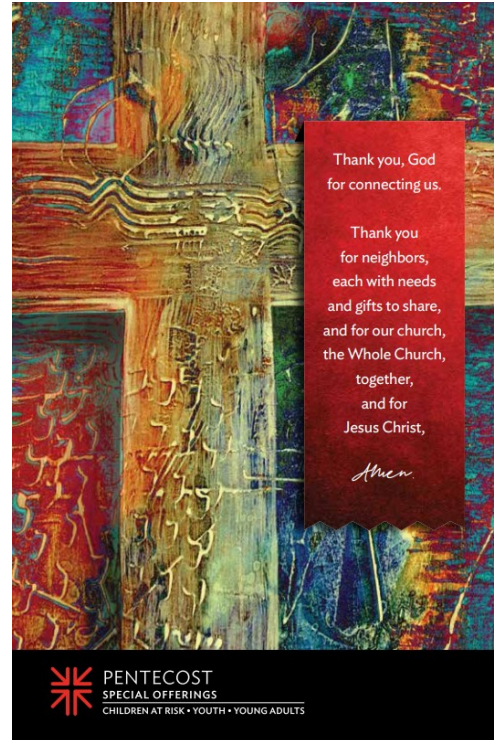
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ann Van Alst	1
Marilyn Moore	2
Cristy Cooper	2
Daniel Gray	2
Graydon Vaught	3
Judy Loudon	3
Braedon Schlechte	7
George Stieren	7
Amy Goodyear	7
Tara Veselka	8
Chris Davis	10
Mary Lacy	11
Gary Vaughan	11
Olivia Garcia	12
Taylor Lidiak	12
Landon Flint	12
Gary Crozier	14
Heather Cunningham	15
Martin Noyd	15
Nina Wright	20
Quincy Smith	20
Kyle Priour	21
Christopher Jones	22
Carmen Sullivan	22
Ann Reynolds	23
Lindsey Avery-Tognietti	25
Max Reinbach	25
Lyle Goodyear	26
Bethany Rodriguez	27
Jane Lehman	27
Donna Jewell	27
Ron Peterson	28
Beth Lidiak	28
Carl Schulse	28
Rita Odom	29
LeRoy Schlechte	29
Penelope Mitchell	29
Parker Cowden	30
Jamie Junkin	30
Justin Foster	30
Peggy McCullough	30



SPECIAL OFFERINGS PENTECOST

On Sunday, June 5, First Presbyterian Church Kerrville will participate in the PCUSA's Pentecost Offering. The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By contributing to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. On Pentecost Sunday there will be information and envelopes in your worship bulletin. Please prayerfully consider a gift.



First Presbyterian Church | Kerrville

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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Alicia Martin, Asst. Administrator
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2 and 30

Open Gym
6:00pm, FLC

June 3 & 17

Grief Support Group
10am, Manse (MSS)

June 5

Pentecost Sunday

June 10 and 11

Youth @ Presbytery
All Day, Trinity University

June 15

Youth Theater
6:30pm, Arcadia Theater

June 18

Pop-Up Market
9:00am, FLC Parking Lot

Kid's Adventure Day
At Mo-Ranch
9:00am-3:00pm

June 22

Men's Luncheon
11:30am, Bella Sera