

# WINDMILL NOVEMBER 2022 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES GROWING TOWARD

GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP • CHRIST-CENTERED SERVICE

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## Alternative Gift Market

By Carmen Sullivan

First Presbyterian Church will host the annual Alternative Gift Market in Ryan Hall on November 19-20, 2022. This will be our first in-person market since 2019, and the Missional Outreach Committee is excited to be back LIVE again for your shopping pleasure. There will be five ministries offering fair trade items for gifting. Come shop and see the colorful *Baskets of Africa* representing basket weaving traditions from seven countries. *Prosperity Candles* has new offerings perfect for the holidays and year round. *SERVV* will be back with a multitude of items, some making perfect hostess gifts. *Guatemalan Crafts* will bring another array of gift and craft items to brighten each room in the home. This year we also introduce you to *Sak Saum*, a ministry supporting women, children and men caught up in sex trafficking in Cambodia. The ministry is supported by sales of lovely, practical, colorful bags of all types.

The AGM also will have representatives to share the stories and ministries of eleven charitable organizations and show how your donations help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors all over the world. Make your holiday or birthday gift-giving personal by matching a specific ministry with the passions of the recipient. When you check out, you can pick up gift cards that have a brief description of the ministry along with their website for further information. Cash, checks or credit cards may be used at the checkout tables.

For those of you who cannot attend the in-person



**Saturday, November 19 10-4pm**  
**Sunday, November 20 9-2pm**

market, you can still support the AGM by shopping and donating to eleven ministries through the church on-line giving platform. Just go to the church website [www.fpckerrville.org](http://www.fpckerrville.org), select the heading Outreach and scroll down to the Alternative Gift Christmas Market. You can make your selections from the ministries and enter the amount you wish to donate. The donations and amounts will be itemized and will show up on your year-end statement of donations to the church. Please enjoy reading about these ministries online. **The online AGM giving dates are November 14 through November 28 only.**

This market will be publicized and is open to the public. Please help spread the word and tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity. If you would like to participate in working this market, please call Carmen Sullivan, 830-377-8941.

## Update From Your PNC

By Mary Ellen Summerlin

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet weekly, as we have with just a handful of holidays, for over a year. We continue to receive new pastor information forms, too. We are currently blessed with a short list of candidates we **consider** to be serious prospects and are doing our due diligence with interviews via Zoom and in-person visits.

While it is tempting to share some of the ups and downs of our 15-month journey to this point – especially the blessings of the people we've met and sermons we've heard -- we realize that it's our job to walk this path and better in the

long run that the process remains confidential. Rest assured, however, that your PNC is not discouraged.

After three years without an installed pastor some naturally struggle off and on to remain patient. We understand that and thank you for your consideration and support of our work. We trust that God is leading us and we are right where we are supposed to be.

Please keep up your prayers for the committee and for all the candidates, especially the one God has chosen to call to First Presbyterian Kerrville. And, in the meantime, let us all commit to growing our congregation in faith and vitality as we have always done, for we can be sure that God has good work laid out for us to do now as well as in the future.

## Answering the Call to Stephen Ministry

By Nancy Mallory

Perhaps this quote is one of the reasons I became a part of Stephen Ministry. You have to admit that the world can be overwhelming at times to all of us and that feeling may result in putting ourselves ahead of all others. We sometimes become concerned how things affect us and forget about the problems of others.

All of us have problems and losses. The last couple of years have been hard for us, as we have lost loved ones or dealt with unwanted medical diagnoses. So many of us have had to deal with depression, and we've reached out for medical help, but maybe if we just had someone we could talk to confidentially, we'd feel better.

Better yet, maybe you could be that person who helps by listening to one of your church family members. If you choose to become a Stephen Minister, I can guarantee that you will be blessed by the work you do while helping others.

If you are interested, a training class will start in January 2023. If you would like to talk about it, please contact John Mallory (830-285-1201) or (830) 285-1171), and we will be happy to give more information to you.



**Whenever I feel helpless  
In this overwhelming world**

**I become a helper**

**During the times  
When it feels like  
I have no power**

**I serve others**

**Whenever I help wash  
The world's feet**

**My hands  
Stop shaking  
~and I know peace**

**John Roedel**

We need your help because we are the only church in Kerrville that is a Stephen Minister Church. We have been one for more than 30 years. Please come check us out. The training is life enriching.

# Member Spotlight-

## HD and Martha Maxwell

By Verna Benham

HD and Martha grew up in central Texas, HD attending school in Rockdale and Martha in Cameron. Their fathers worked in the same Milam County courthouse, HD's father as superintendent of schools and Martha's as county sheriff. Her family home was the bottom portion of the jail, prisoners housed upstairs. The building is now a museum. Some prisoners were town drunks, others there for more serious reasons, though occasionally trusted downstairs for painting and other projects. Not surprisingly, Martha has lots of stories to tell about that portion of her life.

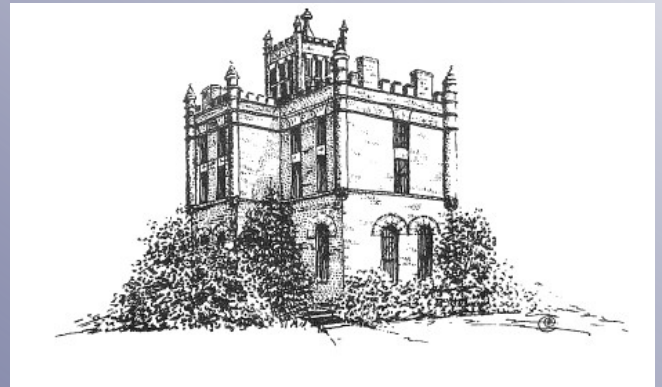
HD loves to say it took him nine years to get through college at Texas A&M to Martha's three at Baylor. He got a bachelor's degree in agriculture, later a bachelor's and master's in petroleum engineering. There was a two-year interruption for active-duty military service during the Korean War; fortunately, he was sent to Germany. Martha majored in math. During summers, she added a master's in education and began teaching, first in her hometown, then Austin (seeking wider horizons) and (further still) a year at the US Air Force school in Morocco.

In 1958, the couple married in Cameron Presbyterian Church, beginning 64 years of marriage. HD was brought up in the Christian Church (with its Presbyterian roots), and the couple have remained Presbyterian or members of a reformed church. Both of them are music lovers, Martha enjoying piano for many years. They've always joined choirs, as well as serving as deacons and elders, HD once attending General Assembly in Montreat. When First Presbyterian Kerrville built its new sanctuary, HD served on the building committee. He, Martha and then-organist Terri Henneke were very involved in selection of the Jehmlich organ from Dresden, Germany.

*Dear FPC Family,*

*As you have known for some time, we are moving to Austin to be nearer our son. The time has come and we'll be leaving, Saturday, October 21. Thanks for your support during our years in FPC. It has been a great and meaningful time in our lives which we'll cherish forever. We'll keep the church in our prayers as we move to the next phase of our lives. Our new address is: 4410 Bridlewood Dr, Austin, Texas 78727.*

*HD and Martha Maxwell*

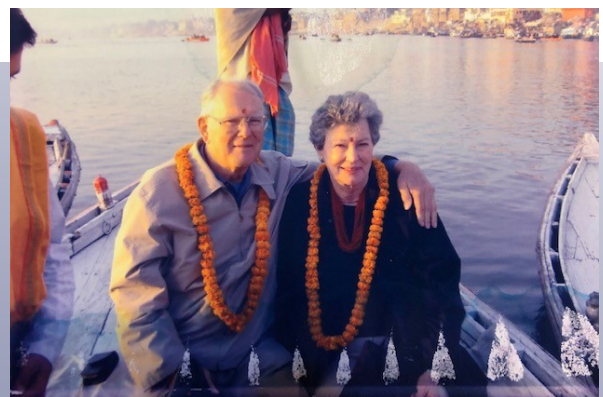


*Milam County Courthouse*

During summers of his last university years, HD began working for Union Oil of California, UNOCAL, and after graduation accepted a job offer from them. It was a growth period for offshore drilling, beginning in the swamps of Louisiana before moving to deep water. During 14 years in various towns of Louisiana, Texas and California, they were blessed with three children, Carl, Laura and Clay.

In 1974, HD was sent to England, where he became Managing Director of UNOCAL. They lived 11 years in Oxshott, a small village near London, their children attending English schools. For work or pleasure, they traveled widely in Europe, Zaire, India, Indonesia, China, Japan, and Bhutan. They made lasting friendships at their United Reform Church. Highlights of their lives are the friends made along the way and the opportunity to host family and friends in their homes wherever they've been.

Reluctantly, the Maxwells left their beloved Tierra Linda home (and garden, which provided many vegetables to the choir) and have now moved to a new home in Austin near family. They will be greatly missed in our church. We wish them Godspeed and thank them for their friendship and generosity.





## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alice Lerp	1
Erik Bugl	2
Judy Reinhardt	3
Bob Murray	4
Amy Priour	4
Bob Bowers	5
Jacob Barnes	5
Kitty Harris	6
Cohen Essary	6
Joan Craft	8
Jane Pickett	8
Mary Ellen Summerlin	9
Gwen Adrian	12
Judy Priour	14
Bill Suehs	14
LouAnne Smith	14
Rick Assunto	15
Bethany Dodson	15
Beth Cunningham	16
Kent Shane	18
Sam Dreeben	18
Katy Rye	19
Jeff Thompson	20
Eldon Sheffer	21
Doris Schulse	21
Lauren Liljestrand	22
Marialice Billingsley	22
Lissa Peters	23
Nannine Reynolds	23
M'Leah Alexander	23
Joyce Earwood	26
Barb Sheffer	27
Katie Van Dyke de Ceballos	27
Ted McCullough	28
Sue Schulse	30

## Main Event Update

By Emily McAllister

On September 23-25, 7 youth, Keaton, Harper, Jacob, Jadice, Parker, Timothy and June, along with John and Emily joined youth groups from across Mission Presbytery at John Knox Ranch for Main Event! We spent the weekend wrestling with the theme "Brick by Brick: Rebuilding God's World." What does it look like to support each other and our community? Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell, the Director of Partnership for Disaster Response for the Synod of the Sun spent time telling us about her role and how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance meets the needs of communities after a disaster. The youth then filled 22 disaster buckets and packed over 50

hygiene kits that will be distributed to Mission Presbytery churches to hold until there is a need. Some will stay right here at FPC Kerrville! We played, swam, energized, ate, laughed and worshiped together. Rev. Laurie Palmer the Stated Clerk of Mission Presbytery joined our gathering to oversee communion during Sunday morning worship. Keaton Mitchell was one of three youth serving communion. I am so thankful to have been able to participate in this weekend and would like to extend deep gratitude to FPC for always supporting youth programming and their participation in the Church.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 1

Yoga for Community  
(every Tuesday)  
5:30 pm, Ryan Hall

### November 2

Yoga (Chair) for  
Community  
(every Wednesday)  
10:00 am, Ryan Hall

### November 10

Presbyterian Women  
Day Circle  
10:30 am, Room 206  
Night Circle  
7:00 pm, Ryan Hall

### November 11-13

Family Retreat at  
Mo-Ranch  
See website for  
schedule

### November 19

Alternative Gift Market  
10:00-4:00 pm  
Ryan Hall

### November 20

Alternative Gift Market  
9:00-2:00 pm  
Ryan Hall

### 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,  
Director of Children's Ministry  
Emily McAllister,  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Alysse O'Brien,  
Director of Children's Music  
Scott Russell,  
Director of Children's Corner  
Ann Reynolds, YES Center Director

### Support Staff:

Mary Stone, Business Administrator  
Alicia Martin, Asst. Administrator  
Alfred Valero, Facilities Manager

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