

# WINDMILL JANUARY 2023 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES GROWING TOWARD

GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP • CHRIST-CENTERED SERVICE

SPIRIT-LED LIVES



## Our Elders and Deacons

### In with the New, Ongoing with the Old

By Jack Haberer

The congregation will gather for Epiphany-inspired worship on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas this year, that is, Sunday, January 8, 2023. The inspiration will be prompted by the news of Bethlehem's Child being revealed to foreigners – from ancient lands even as foreign as Iran; it shouts to all who are not direct descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (hence, Jewish), that Israel's Savior has welcomed us into the Kingdom of God.

Epiphany also carries that welcome to its broadest implication: as Jesus-lovers, we are inspired, even commissioned, to throw wide our arms to welcome today's strangers and outsiders into the community of the King.

The inspiration will wax tangible as we participate in the passing of the batons of leaders past, present and future in the church. We will commend with thanks and bid adieu to Session, Diaconate and Trustee officers of those boards who are completing their term of service, and beginning a well-deserved sabbath from many of the duties so well fulfilled.

The inspiration will be born anew as a new class of officers is ordained and/or installed into those three boards.

Those completing their term include:

**Elders:**

Barbara Sheffer  
Dewayne Bannister  
Paulette Graves  
John Mallory  
Keaton Mitchell  
Max Reinbach  
Blake Smith

**Deacons:**

Sue Bratcher  
Priscilla Crozier  
Pam Jucknies  
Eunice McCoy  
Shannon Tuschak

**Trustee:**

Scott Russell

Their terms on these respective boards are ending, but their service and status remain unchanged. "Once ordained, always ordained," we say in Presbyterian circles.

## Those being installed (\*=newly ordained)

Elders:	Steve Clyburn	Deacons:	*Sam Baublitt
	*Pam Cooper		*Angela Greene
	*Lucy Cunningham		*Alice Lerp
	Jane Pickett		Tricia Matthews
	*Cheryl Sieker		Sally Peterson
	Mary Ellen Summerlin		*Nancy Wilson
	Ed Wallace		*Kristie Schlechte
Trustee:	Mark Cowden		

## The resulting new Session committees will be led by the following elders:

Property	Tommy Tait*
Visitors/New Members	Mary Ellen Summerlin*
Worship & Music	Bruce Story*, Ed Wallace
Planning & Training	Sam Begeman*
Missional Outreach	Julie Dunlap, *Jane Ragsdale, Lucy Cunningham
Personnel	B.K. Gamble*, Pam Cooper
Children's Ministry	Matt Priour*, Jane Pickett
Youth & Young Adult	Heather Cunningham*
Adult Discipleship	Clarice Amann*
Budget & Finance	Steve Clyburn*, David Williams
Stewardship & Communications	David Williams*
Children's Corner Preschool	Becca Huchton*
Hospitality & Fellowship	Hilary Mosty*, Cheryl Sieker

\* Denotes Chairperson



## Youth Caroling and Christmas Party

On Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> the youth gathered and spread out across Kerrville to sing carols and spread Christmas cheer. Five youth and three adults enjoyed singing to over 30 houses all around town! We came back to the church for dinner and a gingerbread house contest. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser we raised over \$1,200 for our summer trips

# FPC-Kerrville Spotlight-

## Alfred Valero

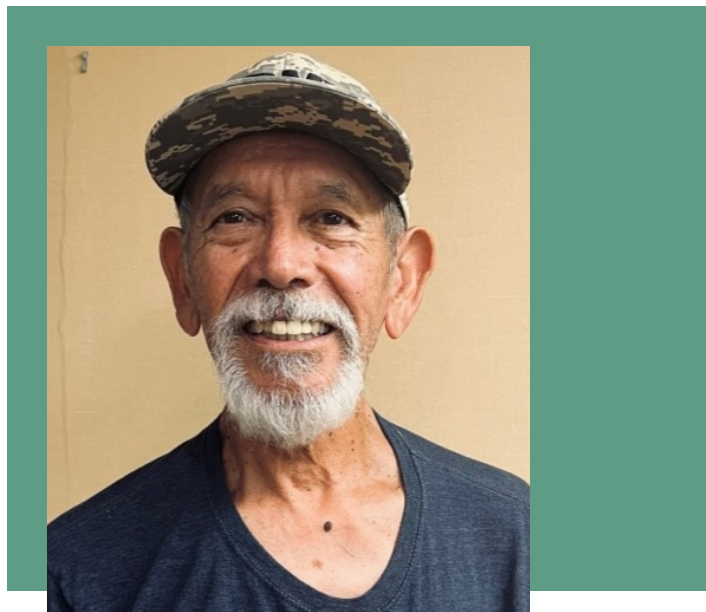
By Tim Summerlin

We want to use this end of the year Windmill to introduce the congregation to our new facilities director, Alfred Valero. Alfred or Al (even Butch, to use a nickname that goes back to his youth) has been with First Presbyterian for the last three months, following Mike Garcia's retirement. Many of you who are on the church campus frequently have met him, but today we offer a proper introduction.

Alfred Pete Valero, Jr., was born in Fredericksburg at his home before being taken to the hospital for his initial checkup. Members of his family had worked for the AC Schwethelm family for years, on both the ranch and the brick making plant in Saspancos. Al went to school first in Comfort and later graduated from Tivy High School. As a boy, he worked at diverse jobs—picking crops in the High Plains, working on engine repair and at various ranch tasks.

After completing his time in the service (Army), Al returned to the Hill Country. He spent time away, working in states such as California and New York at various jobs, but ultimately would return to his home area. Al processed accounts at Schreiner Bank until it closed. He studied for two years at Schreiner College at that time and later worked there. His longest employment, however, was with the Veteran's Administration.

Al's interest in history was encouraged by Dr. Joe Baulch at Schreiner, and he found it relevant to his work at the VA, where he was a supervisor. The World War II veterans with whom he associated there included a survivor of the Bataan Death March and a member of the Flying Tigers of fame for their exploits in the Himalayas.



*Alfred Valero, Facilities Director*

Meanwhile, Alfred married, and he and his wife had four daughters, two living in Kerrville, one in San Antonio, and one in Cedar Park. In 2010 he retired from the Veteran's Administration, but he has never been one to settle into the rocking chair. Among his post-retirement employment has been as custodian at Zion Lutheran. When he saw the facility director position at First Presbyterian open, he recognized it as a congenial one and interviewed. Al's philosophy is a simple one well tested by time: "Treat people the way you want to be treated, and you will receive the same." He has seen enough of very different behavior in his life to know how sound that Golden Rule is.

When you see Alfred at the church, give him a hello. If you knew him "back when," you can even call him Butch! Schedules with four daughters and families have to be juggled, but the whole crew will find a way to be together sometime during the Christmas holidays. Welcome to First Presbyterian-Kerrville, Al!



**Fellowship 1 enjoying some holiday cheer at The Schlechtes, The Lanes, and The Goodyears Christmas party.**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Skipper Willmann	1
Jane Ragsdale	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
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
Asher Umfress	30
Bobby Sieker	31
John Osborn	31
Madie Repka	31
Adonia Umfress	31
Adiya Umfress	31



Please extend our invitation to all members and friends in the Scots of the Texas Hill Country family for them to participate in a Kirkin o' the Tartans service and celebration at 11:00 a.m., on Sunday, January 15, 2023, here at First Presbyterian Church, Kerrville.

We will welcome, name and honor all clans present in the worship service – with the blessing of Kirk Sheel's bagpiping, accompanied by our own Dr. Sabrina Adrian on the magnificent Jeimlich organ. We will be naming all clans associated with the church – and adding the clans of all guests present as well *(It will help us greatly if attendees will call or email us in advance to let us know to which clan you belong).*

Certainly, we hope that all will be gussied up in their respective clan sashes, ties, skirts, jewelry, etc. And we'll follow with a sweet feast of short-breads, tea and coffee – in our newly renovated Ryan Hall (which will also be dedicated in a brief service).

The service will begin at 11:00 A.M. Preservice piping by Kirk Scheel will begin by 10:45 outside.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate: cold, rainy and windy – like the mother country. Hahaha!

To RSVP, please email Alicia Martin-Admin Assistant [amartin@fpckerrville.org](mailto:amartin@fpckerrville.org) or call 830-257-3310.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 2

Church Offices  
Closed

### January 6 & 20

Grief Support Group  
10:00 am, Ryan Hall

### January 12

Presbyterian Women  
Day Circle  
10:30 am, Room 207  
  
Presbyterian Women  
Night Circle  
7:00 pm, Ryan Hall

### January 15

Kirkin' O' The Tartans  
11:00 am, Sanctuary  
Reception  
12:00 pm, Ryan Hall

### January 20

Camerata  
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

### January 20-22

Youth go to  
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,  
Director of Children's Ministry  
Emily McAllister,  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Alyse 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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