

WINDMILL MARCH 2023 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES GROWING TOWARD

GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP • CHRIST-CENTERED SERVICE

SPIRIT-LED LIVES



Friendship, Fun, and Community!

By: Emily McAllister

Sunday School, jungle, meals, Souper Bowl, retreat, basketball, Main Event, service, energizers, worship, highs and lows, sardines, theater, Montreat, caroling, Bible study, dodgeball, lock-in, readers, day trips, Mo-Ranch, football, snacks, fundraisers, Mid-Winters. No this isn't a randomly generated list of words. This is a small look into youth programming at First Presbyterian Church. Youth is a time of fellowship, faith formation, and community building. There is at least one youth activity almost every week of the year. During the school year, weekly Sunday School and evening youth group complete with a shared meal is the most common. We have two weekend events with Mission Presbytery, Main Event and John Knox Ranch and Mid-Winters at Mo Ranch each year. We travel to San Antonio for fellowship and service days, stay up all night at lock-ins and go on week long summer mission trips and



Annual Pumpkin carving at evening youth group

retreats. The youth program is thriving at FPC. The youth have set a culture of acceptance, love and welcome to each other and new friends walking in the door. I think they sum it up best in the mission statement they wrote this year:

As the youth group of First Presbyterian Church while we journey together in our faith it is our mission to: Be a group of friends who choose to become a family. Love ALL. Be accepting of people who bring their own ideas and opinions. Share our different life experiences. Be decent human beings. Love each other and be a community. Be friendly leaders and set good examples. Create positive experiences and have fun.

Have you ever wondered where the youth of the church are? This is where they are. In the church and outside of it. Loving each other and setting examples of what it means to share the love of God wherever you are. I hope you'll join them as they share the wonderful worship of God they will fully plan and lead on May 21, 2023.



Bowling in Fredericksburg during a lock-in



High Ropes at Mo-Ranch during Family Retreat



Montreat Youth Conference

Upcoming Youth Events, 2023

March 16
Spring Break Youth Trip

March 31-April 2
Youth Retreat at Mo-Ranch

April 15
Lock-In (FLC)

May 21
Youth Led Worship

May 28
End of School Youth Party

June 11-16
High School
Mission Trip to Dallas

July 10-15
High School Synod Youth Workshop

July 22
Middle School Kerrville Mission Day

July 23-27
Middle School Camp Eagle

August 5
Middle School San Antonio Mission

Summer Highlights, 2023

June 11-16, Dallas Mission Trip –Youth Mission Co is where mission, creativity, and transformation are happening with young people. We understand **mission** as God's call in the lives of all people to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly in faith. We see **creativity** as a tool of understanding and growth because it gets us outside of ourselves and in connection with the Spirit. We know **transformation** to be a lasting change. Our youth will go to Dallas, TX, to serve alongside First Presbyterian Dallas' outreach, The Stewpot and other organizations working with those who are living on the margins of a large urban center. They will learn about food insecurity, poverty, homelessness, and the changing dynamics of gentrification in Dallas.

July 10-15, SYNOD Youth Workshop - Synod Youth Workshop is a conference like no other. A place to receive and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with one another, with the community of Tulsa, OK, and ultimately with the world. Our youth will gather with highschoolers from across Synod of the Sun. This week will be filled with keynote addresses, small group discussions, service projects in Tulsa, worship, and play.

July 23-27, Camp Eagle - Overnight summer camp located in Rocksprings, TX, inspires Christ-like change through outdoor adventure, authentic relationships, and biblical truth. Our middle schoolers will take on seriously BIG adventures and spiritual growth while making unforgettable friendships under the mentorship of the inspiring Camp Eagle staff. Each day there will be the keynote messages, bible study, small group discussions and high adventure activities.

Do You Know FPC's Youth Elder?

By: Tim Summerlin

During 2023 Lucy Cunningham is serving on our Session as youth representative. It is a role she is happy to fill. As Lucy says, "It's important to have youth involved in the church's mission." And she is certainly a model of involvement.

At Tivy High School, she is a member of the Golden Girls Drill Team. She participates in the theater program as well. Her favorite subject is history. At 15, she has her learner's permit and looks forward to obtaining her driver's license this summer.

First Presbyterian's Youth Group absorbs much of her time and energy as well. She knows that other churches have larger groups, but FPCK's active core offers the opportunity for involvement and close relationships. The group includes some young people from other churches as well. The key

to its success, says Lucy, is that "Emily McAllister is a great leader!"

Nancy Mallory, a good friend of Lucy says, "Lucy's personality is equal to her beauty inside and out."

When asked what she looks forward to in the new pastor, she replied, "Someone who will be here long enough to know what our church is like. We are involved with this community, and I hope we will have a pastor who is hopeful and openminded." Sounds like she brings to the Session a considerable amount of thoughtfulness.



Dodgeball Youth Fill Up Buckets!

On February 19 youth from Zion Lutheran, Holy Trinity, Madison Square, St. Marks, Forest Hills, University, and Junction First Presbyterian joined FPCK for a dodgeball tournament and much more. The youth enjoyed team building, a Bible study on Matthew 25, and a service project for Mission PDA. In addition to having fun, the youth worked together in service to prepare 30 five gallon buckets for PDA. The disaster kits are ready to go if the need should ever arise.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
Judy Liljestrand	2
Stephen Dedman	3
Maggie Meek	4
Timothy Huchton	4
Tracy Gournay	5
Caroline Daschel	5
Lois Thurmond	6
Bill Dole	6
Shelby Presley	6
C.J. Goodyear	7
E.C. Willmann	9
Cori Adams	10
Susan Montoya	13
Richard Sinclair	15
Suzanna Rye	15
Elizabeth Lewis	15
Natarsha Sanders	16
Sam Junkin	17
Sally Peterson	19
Robert Jackson	20
Margie Hirsch	20
Connie Story	20
Dixie Williams	21
Erik Silvius	21
Alysse O'Brien	21
Marty Lenard	24
Ed Wallace	25
Halya Lenard	25
Sherry Hughes	26
Jerry Ranson	26
Hollie Essary	26
Flynn Long III	26
Laura Garcia	27
Kristie Schlechte	28
Marilyn Murray	28
Kami Cooper	28
Andrew Dodson	28
Austin Lane	30
Amy Havis	31



Holy Week

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Pancake Supper Update!

The youth would like to thank everyone for their support with the pancake supper. We were able to raise a total of \$2003.00 for youth mission trips this summer.



Palm Sunday Fundraiser Brunch for Camps and Conferences Fund

Join us from 9:00 – 9:45 in Ryan Hall for our fundraiser brunch. All donations will go towards summer camps. Children Sunday School will start at 9:45 upstairs in the children's classrooms. There will be songs, a lesson about Palm Sunday and create paper palm branches to use for the children's procession into the sanctuary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2

Camerata
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

March 4

Hill Country Chorale
Concert
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

March 3 & 17

Grief Support Group
10:00 am, Ryan Hall

March 9

PW Day Circle
10:30 am, Room 207

PW Night Circle
7:00 pm, Ryan Hall

March 11

Church Officers Retreat
8:30 am, Schreiner
University

March 12

Daylight Savings Begins

March 16

Youth Day Trip
Location TBD

March 31

Youth Retreat at
Mo-Ranch
Camerata
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

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
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