

WINDMILL APRIL 2023 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

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First Presbyterian-Kerrville Has Broad Influence

By Tim Summerlin

We are often reminded that the PCUSA is a “connectional church,” which means that it is organized to pursue its mission not only on the congregational level, but also at presbytery, synod and national levels. All have their roles; all work together. Some denominations choose congregational organization only. Some choose a more hierarchical structure, with authority vested in a central office. Presbyterianism offers a middle way, if you will. For example, we have four church-wide special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. Portions of gifts remain with the local congregation to distribute. Some are overseen by presbytery or synod. And some go to the PCUSA general office for efficient meeting of world-wide needs.

Of course, those other connectional levels are not simply run by professionals. The work of our Mission Presbytery and our Synod of the Sun is impossible without congregational members who volunteer their time and energy to accomplish tasks and make decisions. More rarely, congregational members participate in the biennial General Assembly. Did you know that the late Bill Wilson, a member of First Presbyterian-Kerrville for years, served as the PCUSA’s Moderator when he worshiped in McAllen? Both teaching elders (pastors) and ruling elders (session members) are commissioners to this



church-wide body, and members of our congregation who have been commissioners include Clarice Amann, Judy Ferguson, Shirley Huser, and Mary Ellen Summerlin.

Currently the following FPCK members serve Mission Presbytery roles:

Judy Ferguson is co-chair of the Committee on Representation and Participation (Nominations)

Fred Gamble is Moderator for 2023. He will chair General Council in 2024.

B. K. Gamble is a member of the Way Forward task force to reorganize the presbytery structure.

Jack Haberer is a member of the Fiscal Oversight Committee.

Scott Russell is a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission.

Mary Ellen Summerlin is a member of the Guatemala Partnership Committee

These all have served in other capacities in the past as have **Clarice Amann** (chair of Nominations), **Sam Baublitt** (Christian Formation), **Barbie Haberer** (Pastoral Care), **Gini Norris-Lane** (Ministry), and **Mary Ellen Summerlin** (Synod Commissioner, Stewardship Committee).

The list above is surely incomplete, though not intentionally so. Have you served at one of our con-
nectional levels? Let us know so we can appreciate
your contribution. We see one another in worship,
in deacons and session meetings, in circles, at choir

practice, and in other local activities, but it can be
easy to forget that the work and influence of our
congregation stretches far beyond our immediate
area through the response to God's grace we rec-
ognize in the volunteer efforts of our members.

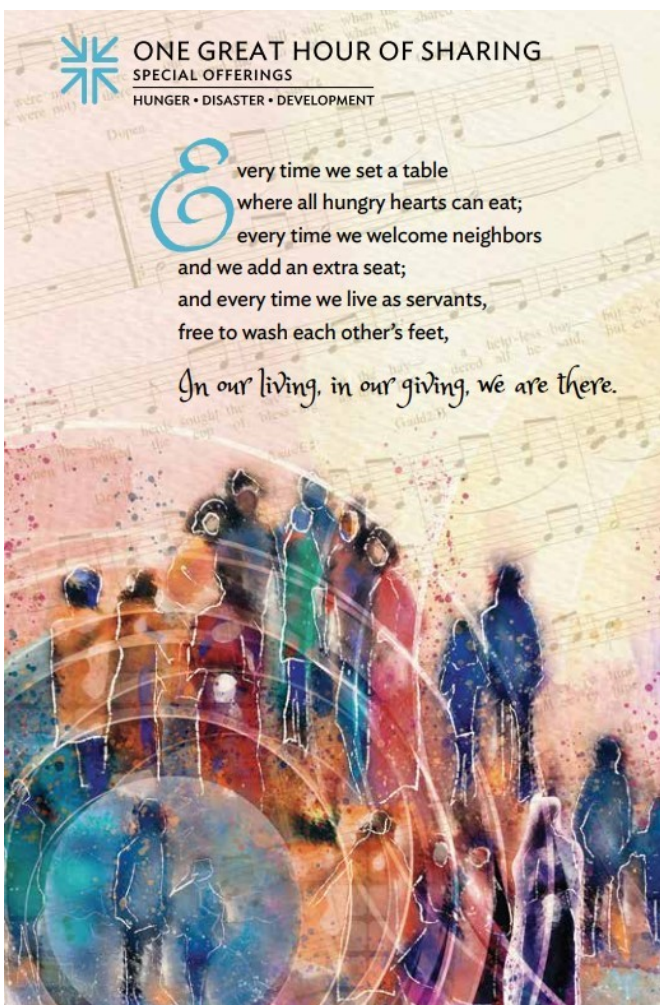
FPC Fellowship



We had over 120 in attendance for our first All Church
Dinner in March.



Fellowship 1 Bunco Night



One Great Hour of Sharing

By Tim Summerlin

As we move to Holy Week and the celebration of God's love for humanity that is Easter, it is natural to call to mind One Great Hour of Sharing, the PCUSA special offering whose inclusive purpose is aid those worldwide suffering from war, natural disasters, political upheaval or a chronic lack of sufficient food.

Whether the beneficiaries of One Great Hour are near or far, they are the face of Jesus Christ in our midst. We know too much to ask, "When did we see you poor or hungry, suffering or in need?" We see and hear these cries every day from our fellow beings. Let us do our part in this, the Presbyterian Church's single largest way of responding to those who have experienced natural and human disasters and who need our help. April 9th is the Sunday set aside to receive these gifts, though they may be sent electronically or dropped by the church office in days before or after. Thank you for your demonstrated love.

FPC-Kerrville Spotlight-

Elaine Scogin

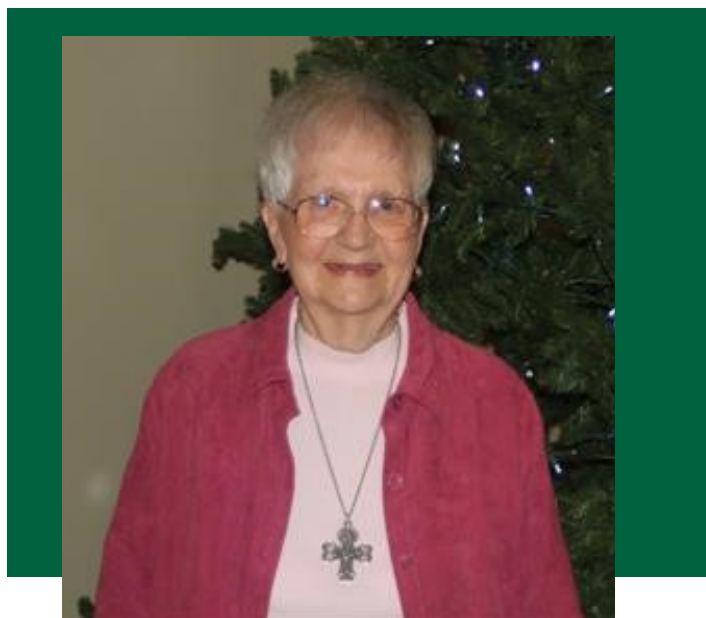
By Verna Benham

Elaine Haufler Scogin is about to reach the century mark, born April 30, 1923, in Comfort, TX. Her parents were of German heritage. After WWI, there was an unhappy period of antagonism toward anyone of German descent, of enough concern that her family ceased speaking German in public. However, German was Elaine's only language up to the age of five, when they moved to Kerrville. Attending school where everything was in English was very hard for her at first, but fortunately she learned quickly.

She remembers happily playing outside with 15 or so other children until dark. Each mother had a distinctive whistle to call them home for supper. Their parents had no concern whatever about their safety. Nor did anyone feel a need to lock doors of homes or cars. Elaine continued in Kerrville schools until graduating from Tivy High School in 1940. While still a junior, she met her future husband, Garland Scogin, when his family moved into a house across the street. In 1943, they were married in a small family ceremony at home.

Garland, as a member of the National Guard, was called up to serve with the field artillery in Germany during WWII--an anxious time for Elaine, waiting for each letter. At war's end, he had further service in Austria before he could return home. Elaine had begun working at Peterson's Garage and Auto Co., continuing there for 35 years. She remembers her pride at receiving \$15.60 for her first 48-hour week, \$5 of which she immediately put in savings. Peterson sold all five models of GM cars. In those days, a handshake and a promise to pay when the crops came in was considered sufficient to buy a car! Elaine comments, "The world hasn't changed--- but people have!"

Elaine also worked ten years as office manager for Hill Country Savings and Loan, and Garland worked many years in the sporting goods depart-



Elaine Scogin

ment of Schreiner's Department Store. The couple enjoyed long walks--a couple of miles before breakfast and jobs. When no children arrived, they pursued adoption, but \$5,000 for each child was unaffordable.

Thus, since Garland's passing in 1996, loving friends have become Elaine's only family. She once belonged to three bridge clubs and still meets regularly with one group. Her careful savings of money since early childhood have enabled her to continue living in her own home, with some caregiving help. After a man popped by to see her, she remarked, "I've known him since he was a boy. He's done so much, is really like a son."

It was 76 years ago, April 13 of 1947, that Elaine and Garland joined First Presbyterian Church. She knows only a few members now as, for several years, mobility issues have kept her from attending. She particularly loved the beautiful old sanctuary with its Tiffany windows and recalls many hours spent in its basement washing and drying tiny cups after communion services.

Congratulations, Elaine, as you near 100, and for your 75 years as a faithful part of the First Presbyterian flock. Our streaming worship service is well justified in reaching members like you.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lee Locke	2
Mark Armstrong	3
Mary Ann Young	3
Max Lane	3
Warren Ferguson	4
Bobby Doan	6
Alexa Lacy	6
Amanda Williams	7
Andrew Houdeshell	8
Bonnie Powers	8
Ron Lightfoot	9
Cathy Henry	10
Joey Rodriguez	11
Kourtney Doster	12
Lukas Silvius	14
Janell Steele	15
Deda Garlitz	15
Jean Weber	15
Jadice Barnes	15
Evelyn Humphrey	17
Jameson Mitchell	17
Mary Hayes	18
Erle Adrian	18
John Ruth	21
Kim Parker	22
Richard Johnson	22
Frank Dunlap	22
Pam Cooper	22
Carol Moffat	23
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

Update From PNC!

By Mary Ellen Summerlin

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has made a recommendation to the Session for a congregational meeting on April 23 to approve the calling of a new installed pastor and the terms of call. This is such a long awaited and exciting day in the history of our congregation that we know you will want to be there! We hope that even some of those members we haven't seen in a while will be able to join us that day. Although our new pastor will not actually be in the pulpit until July 2, we think this milestone on our way deserves a celebration, so the PNC is also planning a reception after the meeting. There will be light refreshments (finger sandwiches and cookies). Let's rejoice together!



POSTCARDS

APR. 14 4:00PM @ FPC

Wallen:

Five Postcards for Violin & Viola

Schickele:

Little Suite for Autumn for Violin & Viola

Puts:

Arches for Solo Violin

Strauss:

Piano Quartet, Op. 13

Purchase tickets at cameratasa.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2

Fundraiser Brunch for
Camps & Conferences
9:00 am, Ryan Hall

April 6

Maundy Thursday
Service of Shadows
w/communion
7:00 pm

April 7

Pre-Service Concert
Camerata String
6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Good Friday Service
7:00 pm, Sanctuary

April 9

Worship Service
8:30 am, Sanctuary
Easter Sunday Family
Celebration
9:30 am, FLC Gym
Worship Service
11:00 am, Sanctuary

April 14

Camerata Concert
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

April 23

Congregational
Meeting
12:00 pm, Sanctuary

Our Church Offices will be closed on April 10.

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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