

WINDMILL JUNE 2023 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

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GOD-CENTERED WORSHIP • CHRIST-CENTERED SERVICE

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Get Ready for Summer!

May has been generous to us with its rains, and many of our yards have the flower bonus to show for it, not to mention the tomatoes and peppers on their way. But our seniors have graduated, and the tempo of life will change as vacations start. In the meantime, don't forget that we are not closing up shop at First Presbyterian. Not only do we have a new pastor and wife to welcome, but we have a full slate of activities in Christian education to offer for all ages. What follows is a guide to that slate. We hope you will keep this handy for your own use and for visiting grandchildren and others. Our thanks go to all of those who make these summer Christian learning opportunities possible.



Adult Summer School Class Schedule

June 4	Jose Irizarry (President of Austin Seminary) - Faith & Theological Education
June 11, 18	Jeff Cunningham - Faith & The Performing Arts
June 25	BK Gamble - Faith & The Voices of Doyle
July 2	Pastor Jasiel & Jessie - Faith & Conversation
July 9	Gretchen Rye and Amy Ives, RN - Faith & Your Journey Home
July 16, 23	Dick Junkin - Faith, Big Bang Cosmos & Thinking about God
July 30	Charles Sullivan - Faith, Ethics, and The Law
August 6	Barb Sheffer - Faith & Quilts From The DAR Museum
August 13, 20, 27	Charlie McCormick - Faith & The Legends of Mary Magdalene

Summer Camp Opportunities for Children

Perhaps your child is old enough to go to camp this year! A church day camp offers a fun experience with more time to give spiritual input than Sunday morning. Children tend to blossom spiritually in this context. This summer we have several camp opportunities for your children to try.

Mo-Ranch and John Knox overnight camps: As a child grows older, sending them to an overnight Christian camp is a wonderful gift to them. Overnight camp is a big investment as camps are not inexpensive, but the benefits are immense. Plus, our church has a camps and conference fund that will reimburse you for one half of the cost of a week of camp at Mo Ranch or John Knox.

FPCK Camps: Registration is underway for our fun summer programs that we are holding here at First Presbyterian Kerrville! Please see our website for the registration forms.

Vacation Bible School, from June 5-8, is open to all children who are going into kindergarten all the way up to those going into the sixth grade. We will be exploring the *"I Am" Statements of Jesus* using crafts, Bible stories, games, music and science. We will start with a light supper each night. Tell your friends about it! All are welcome!

Creative Camp is June 26-30th, open to children who are going into 2nd grade through those going into 6th grade. Our theme is *"Days of Creation,"* and we have lots of fun projects planned. On Friday at noon, we will have an Art Show, and the whole church is invited to come see it.

In his book *The God We Can Know*, Rob Fuquay begins by telling his readers, "God wants to be recognized... God is not hiding. God doesn't avoid us. God wants to be known." Since the beginning of Creation, God has desired to be in relationship with all of creation, especially humans. Even when people turn away from God, God continues steadfastly in the desire for a relationship with all people. Through our summer camps at church, at John Knox and at Mo Ranch, it is our deepest desire that children everywhere will continue to grow closer to God.

Jam Packed Youth Summer in Store

Seventeen FPCK youth led the church in an incredible service of worship to our Lord on May 21st. They were supported by faithful adults and other youth who helped behind the scenes writing and preparing for worship. Our seniors were celebrated, challenges issued, new songs sung, and God was praised.



We now round the corner into summer! The youth will be traveling to Dallas, Hunt, and Rocksprings, Texas, for service, faith formation and fun trips. In the weeks between these longer trips, we will have day trips and continue our Sunday evening fellowship time. It is my hope that this summer will bring laughter, service, new friendships, and a deepening of faith for our youth. We will welcome incoming sixth graders during August and say another goodbye to our graduates.

If you would like to support youth programming, prayers this summer are coveted! When you see one of our youth, ask them about the trips they've been on, the camps they've been to, and where they've seen God. In August we will ask for your help to fill a semester of meal sign-ups and look for new prayer partners.

Thank you, FPCK, for honoring the baptismal promise you made to these young people and always supporting youth ministry.

Welcoming New Members

We love to use the Windmill to help introduce new members to the congregation, both with photos and brief biographies. Please welcome new members CiCi and Leslie next time you see them.

Cinda "CiCi" Courtney was born and raised in Wichita Falls, then lived and worked in Austin, Houston, Amarillo, and Edmond, OK, before moving to Kerrville in March 2020. As the pandemic had just begun, she found it "a very quiet city." Her son and family lived here, and since her position at Central Oklahoma was eliminated in downsizing, the Kerrville move seemed logical. CiCi took her degree from UT-Austin, and her interests—reading, crafting, interior design, and travel—have remained with her from college days. At FPCK, she volunteers with HOPES Kitchen, work she thoroughly enjoys. She works at Schreiner University as a tutor in its LSS program. Of her seven grandchildren—four here in Kerrville and three in Colorado Springs—she says, they "keep me loving and learning about their lives and watching them grow!"



Leslie Wells Rambin says, "I was born in Dallas. I went to University of Texas at Arlington and studied accounting, then worked as a freelance interior decorator for years. I moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 2000 with my husband and son because of my husband's job. He was killed in a motorcycle accident in 2007. Six months prior to my husband's death, my son joined the US Coast Guard and was sent to Washington, DC. He is still in the Coast Guard but now lives in North Carolina. I started Fort Lauderdale Vacation Rentals LLC in 2001 and ran that for 18 years while still decorating." Finally, she got sick of the hurricanes, sold everything, and moved to Kerrville because her brother lives here in Riverhill down the street from her. "I am an avid traveler, and have traveled almost everywhere in the world more than once. My favorite country is Italy. "Leslie has been a Rotarian for 16 years and serves on the Auxiliary Board of Hill Country Youth Ranch. Family? "I have 3 adorable rescue little Maltese mix pups-- Miss Zuri Prada, Gucci, and Versace. "



Pentecost Offering on May 28th

Last Sunday's remarkable Youth Worship, a vital and thought-provoking service, was the ideal reminder of the Pentecost special offering, whose focus is youth.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Traditionally, our congregational share has gone to support attendance at Triennium and youth service projects. Pentecost Sunday, May 28, is the traditional day for bringing gifts to this offering, but, of course, they are welcome at anytime during this season. First Presbyterian-Kerrville is historically a strong supporter of Pentecost. Let that tradition continue!



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
Devynn Martinez	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
Max Reinbach	25
Lyle Goodyear	26
Bethany Murphy	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



Students at the YES Center have been saving up their spare change and have a total of \$50.00 to donate to KStar, which is a non-profit that provides services to children. The students were very excited and proud to give back to our community. They all attend Tom Daniels Elementary.



For all the saints...

Of all that is good, the Missional Outreach committee fully holds this church of ours right up there!

Here are three good reasons why:

#1) Missional Outreach happily committed \$3,000 unbudgeted dollars toward earthquake relief for Syria and Turkey.

#2) Our session enthusiastically endorsed our desire to challenge the congregation to match that amount.

#3) In just a heartbeat, our congregation opened their hearts and wallets with gifts of \$4,125—going above and beyond the match by 37.5%!

When Jesus commanded us over and over love each other and to feed his flock, this is what he meant. Deep thanks to all who truly demonstrated the heart of our Lord.

Jane Ragsdale on behalf of Missional Outreach Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4

Adult Sunday
Classes Begin
9:30, Ryan Hall

June 5-8

Vacation Bible School
5:30 pm, FLC

June 10

Youth Trip (Newsies)
8:00 pm,
Point Theater

June 11-16

High School Dallas
Mission Trip

June 18

Father's Day

June 20

Youth Lunch &
Swimming
12:00 pm,
Olympic Pool

June 25-30

Senior High
Celebration
Mo-Ranch

June 26-30

Creative Camp
9:00 am–Noon

June 28

All Church Dinner
5:30 pm, FLC

Pastor:

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

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