

WINDMILL AUGUST 2023 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—KERRVILLE

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New Beginnings

By Pastor Jasiel Hernandez Garcia

Dear friends,

As I conclude my first month with you all, I am deeply grateful for your generous hospitality and the many ways you have demonstrated your love and commitment to this church and its community.

Sadly, summer is coming to an end. It is time to say goodbye (at least for now) to camps, relaxing mornings at home, trips to see family and explore new places, and unexpected opportunities for fellowship. Students and teachers prepare to return to school and begin a new chapter. Schedules are now filling up. As someone married to a teacher, I have witnessed the great excitement that comes from a new school year. However, feeling overwhelmed, timid, tired, or even suspicious of the school year ahead is also natural. If you fall into this category, please remember that your friends at FPC are here to support you in whatever way you need.

New beginnings always bring mixed emotions. And changes, of course. I can assure you that no significant changes are taking place at FPC. But we are now in the process of evaluating some of the areas that have needed additional attention over the last few years. One of those areas is communications.



The communications committee is looking at streamlining our publications, social media, and website - including the church's livestream. We will spend the next couple of months exploring solutions to the concerns you all have expressed in the past regarding the church's communications. The first change we will implement is pausing this publication known as the Windmill. This August issue will be its last. It has served its purpose well. But it is time to look at a new way of communicating within and outside the church.

We will switch to four publications annually - Advent, Lent/Easter, Summer, and Fall/Stewardship. This change will allow us to "focus" on relevant topics appropriate for each season while providing a respite to the staff between each publication. The content of this

publication will expand on topics like worship, faith formation, new members, hospitality, pastoral updates, and events.

We will continue to have our weekly newsletter and bulletin insert containing all the events happening in the church's life. Birthdays will be posted on our Friday Update (e-blast) once a month.

Another change you will see in the upcoming weeks is the management of our social media platforms. The content will focus on the programs, worship, and special events happening at the church.

I hope you will embrace our future together with great hope and anticipation. I am excited about this new way of communicating within and outside the church. And please be on the lookout for our first new publication before the Advent season - you will be impressed!

With gratitude,



Summer Highlights From Our Children's and Youth Ministries

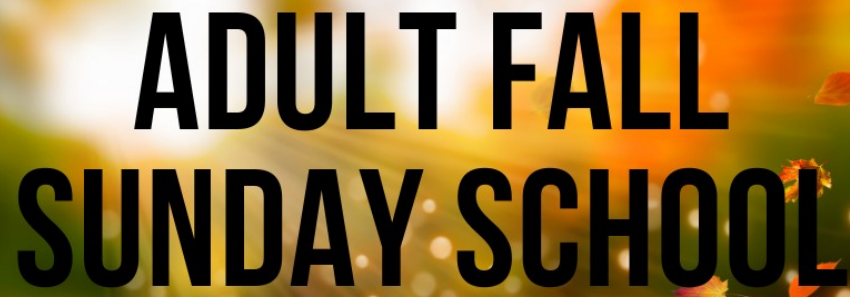
Our children's and youth ministry summer was full of events including VBS, Mission Kerrville, Creative Camp, Junior High Jubilee, Dallas Stewpot, Camp Eagle, Mo-Ranch and more. If you see one of our young people, be sure to ask them about their summer!



*All your children shall be taught
by the LORD, and great shall be
the peace of your children.*

Isaiah 54:13



A graphic for 'Adult Fall Sunday School' featuring the text in large, bold, black letters. The background is a soft-focus image of autumn foliage in warm tones of yellow, orange, and red, with some leaves appearing to float in the air.

ADULT FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since September 3rd is Labor Day weekend and many people will be gone, there will be no Adult classes that day. However, we invite you to join us on September 10th at a reception to recognition and celebrate all our adult teachers since January, 2023. During this time we will also provide an overview of the fall classes. In addition we will hear more about the following learning experiences.

- **September 17, Centennial Sunday — A special class will be held in Schreiner Chapel highlighting the art and stained glass windows.**
- **September 24, Fellowship Bible Study — This class will be led by LeRoy Schlechte and will focus on the book of Romans.**
- **September 24, Study on the Neighborhood Church co-authored by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller — Andie Silguero-Valles and Rev. Susan Montoya will team up to teach this study.**
- **November 5, Study on 1 John — Rev. Susan Montoya will lead a 4 week study of 1 John.**
- **November 12 — Alternative Gift Market will be held in Ryan Hall.**
- **December — Pastor Jasiel Garcia will wrap up 2023 with a four week study during the Advent season.**

We hope you will find these classes informative and good opportunities to stretch your Christian life. Fellowship time is from 9:30 am to 9:45 am with a class time of about 45 minutes before we all head into worship time at 11:00 am.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

David Jackson	1
Robin Moffat	1
Cora Belle Nunn	3
Vincent Ferri	4
Barbara Doan	5
Julie Dunlap	5
Joyce Schlechte	5
Shirley Huser	6
Isaiah Dreeben	7
Cooper Gray	9
Dan Schulse	10
Jimmy McCrae Jr.	10
Tina Carter	11
Dick Junkin	12
Paulita Rodriguez	13
Mike Wilson	13
Zachary Jones	14
Wes Lane	14
Andie Silguero-Valles	14
Paulette Graves	15
Kristy Harris	15
Sabrina Adrian	16
Audrey Taylor	17
Nancy Scott	18
Matt Priour	18
Gwen Jennings	21
Amy Graham	23
Todd Vaughan	23
Marcus Goodyear	24
Sara Hamilton	25
Laura Lutz	26
Shannon Tuschak	26
Monica Umfress	27
Lynn Blue	28
Teri Stieren	30
Julie Davis	30

Do you like to cook or pick-up a take-out order? The youth of FPC meet almost every Sunday evening for a time of fellowship, an important part of this is sharing a meal together. We are looking for adults who would be willing to provide these Sunday meals. Our youth will happily eat just about anything, homemade or picked up. If you are interested in providing a meal don't hesitate to get in touch with Emily McAllister, emcallister@fpckerville.org, to find the perfect Sunday.



Would you be willing to give the gift of prayer this year? We are looking for adults in our congregation who are eager to keep our middle school and high school youth in prayer. Each of our youth will be matched with an adult prayer partner from our congregation and that adult is asked to keep that specific youth in their prayers, weekly. That is the only commitment - that you keep your youth in your prayers. Their name and basic information, along with any specific prayer requests they have for the upcoming school year will be given to you. Please let Emily McAllister, emcallister@fpckerville.org know if you are willing to join in this ministry.

1918-1939: 19TH CENTURY ECHOES

SEPT. 1, 4:00PM @ KERRVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The first of two concerts centered on the musically rich period between the World Wars features music that carries forward 19th century traditions.

Korngold: Much Ado about Nothing (incidental music)
Kreisler: String Quartet in A Minor
Price: String Quartet in A Minor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 4 & 18

Grief Support Group
10:00 am, Ryan Hall

Aug 19

Pop Up Market
9:00 am, FLC Parking Lot

Aug 23

All Church Dinner
5:30 pm, FLC Gym

Sept 1

Camerata Concert
4:00 pm, Sanctuary

Sept 17

Centennial Sunday
9:45 am, Schreiner Chapel

Sept 24

Adult Sunday School Begins
9:45 am, Ryan Hall, Room 208

Pastor:

Rev. Jasiel Hernandez Garcia,
Sr. 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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