## Calendar of Weekly Events

## Sunday, December 22

Youth Soup Kitchen 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services (Sanctuary) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

## Monday, December 23

1:30-3:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Youth area)

## Tuesday, December 24

7:30-9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Library) 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Services with Communion (Sanctuary)

#### Wednesday, December 25



to all!

FPC Office Closed

## Thursday, December 26 FPC Office Closed

## Friday, December 27

8:00-9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Black Walnut Café)

## Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Services (Sanctuary) 11:00 a.m. No children's Sunday School today

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#### **First Presbyterian Church**

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## Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Green, Senior Pastor Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education Brandon Folts, Director of Music Nadine Wilkinson, Organist Shirley Dukes, Parish Nurse Sharon VanSchuyver, Church Administrator Yvonne Rose, Office Assistant

# Sunday School

#### **Children and Youth**

 10:00 a.m.:
 <u>3 yr. old thru K</u>, Rm. 202

 10:00 a.m.:
 <u>1st - 3rd Grade</u>, Rm. 200

 10:00 a.m.:
 <u>4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>, FLC

 10:00 a.m.:
 <u>7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>, FLC

## **Adult Classes**

Discussing God's Word — 10:00 a.m. (Rm. 206) Acknowledging God
Fellowship — 10:00 a.m. (Rm. 204) A study of the Gospel of Luke, using Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from Luke".
Bereans — 10:00 a.m. (Rm. 105) The Study of The Epistle to the Hebrews
Exploring Our Faith — 10:00 a.m. (FPC Library) "The Great Spiritual Migration" by Brian D. McLaren
Jesus & Java — 10:00 a.m. (Parlor) Goliath Must Fall: Winning the Battle Against your Giants

## Prayer List

**Members:** Peaches Grams, Jo & David Miller, Fay Harrison, Lorraine Bosse, Margaret Carson, Darlene Andrews, John Gutekunst, David Gotschall, Jean Heasley, Sarah Gutekunst, Clyde Cruikshank, Joanne Tralmer, Virginia Tamborello, Frances Mitchell, Ben Hughes, Judy Weinburger, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Pat Smith, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Jane LaMaster, Evelyn Kenward, Tom & Alma Braaten, Philip Williamson

**Members' Relatives & Friends:** Stephanie C. (Spinks), Enrique E. (Moore), Stephen R. (Heasley), Benjamin (Harshbarger), Ann (Ebanks), Paul M. (Alan Moore), Craig S. and Alan B. (Swoboda), Cy S. (Taylor), Lee H. and Gene H. (Helms), Deborah R. (Rose), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Megan M. (Havens), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Diane B., Pat S.'s family, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Janis H. and Katie B. (Pohla), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmberly), Virginia R. (Smiths), Layne & Jerry and Peggy & family (Voorhees), Dana K. (Shorts).

## Ministry Team Elders

Jay Swoboda (2020, Chair), Todd Harrell (2021), David Perciful (2022)
Warren Taylor (2020), Stephan Tibbetts (2022)
Donald Yates (2020)
Hailey Simon (2020), Kyle Williams (2020), Mark Sowden (2021), Anne Spinks (2021), Mike Garrison (2022)
Shirley Dukes (2021)
Gabby Alvarez (2020), Donna Stewart (2021)
Tom Young (2021), Rusty Smith (2022)
Keith Stewart (2020)
Karen Clark (2021)



# the weekly **Connection**

for Sunday, December 22, 2019

# First Presbyterian Conroe

Worship Schedule 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes

# **Church Family**

# Christmas Joy Offering December 24th

Through our Christmas Joy Offering, we at FPC have an opportunity to reflect the perfect gift given to us... the gift of Jesus.

The gifts received through this offering will be used:

50% to provide support for students... future leaders... the opportunity to attend Presbyterian-related schools and colleges, and:

50% to provide emergency financial assistance to retired Presbyterian church workers who are in need due to health care crises or natural disasters. Some cannot afford to remain in their current homes or cannot afford assisted living or long-term care.

This Joy Offering will be received on Christmas Eve. If you are unable to attend the Christmas Eve service, Joy Offering envelopes will be available to you during Christmas week, or you may donate online if you wish at fpcconroe.org/wish. In short, our Christmas Joy Gift will go to both future and past leaders in our Presbyterian churches. Please be generous! Thank you and merry Christmas to all.

# PW Honorary Lifetime Membership Award

It's time once again to look around for that one special woman who you think is deserving of the Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership award. She needs to be at least a 5-year member of this church and an active supporter of PW and its activities. Service to our church counts, but service to PW (in this church) is most important. If you would like to nominate someone, please send as much information as you can find about her PW and church activities (preferably in a letter that can be given to her with her award), to Marty Taylor at martyltay@yahoo.com. Please send your nomination(s) no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Berean's Sunday School Class January 5th

The Berean's Sunday School class will begin a new study on January  $5^{th}$ , where they will be studying Paul's Letter to Philemon. We look forward to seeing you then.

# Financial Report (2019 YTD as of 11/30/19)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$667,045	\$664,655
Expenses	\$666,635	\$663,100

## To fellow members of FPC-C:

I would like to update you on the status of our current Stewardship Campaign for the 2020. As of December 9, 2019, we have received 113 pledges (26 of which were new pledges!) for a total amount of \$521,212 or an average of \$4,613 per pledge. This puts us about 89% of the way to our goal pledge income for next year. While we continue to make good progress, there are still 33 pledging units (~\$122,480 in potential revenue) who made a commitment for the 2019 budget, but have not, as of today, responded to the 2020 budget campaign. I would encourage those who have not responded to prayerfully consider continuing your financial support of the church. If you intend to pledge, please submit your pledge card, so that we may finalize our 2020 Budget prior to year-end. I continue to pray (and hope that you do too) for the welfare and programs of our church.

## **Pledge Information**

For those of you who are considering making a donation of stock to the church, or making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to the church for the calendar year 2019, this memo is to remind you that the transaction must be completed by **December 31, 2019** if you want the contribution to be a tax deduction for 2019. However, please try to complete transactions **before** the last week in December to avoid a last minute "glitch" that may keep you from being eligible for a 2019 tax deduction. The Church Administrator, Sharon VanSchuyver, has paperwork in the church office that greatly facilitates the stock donation process, so please feel to contact her if you wish to donate stock.

Also, for those who intend to pre-pay their pledge for **2020** in the calendar year 2019, please note that this should be completed before the last week in December as mentioned above.

- Fred Kate; Stewardship and Finance Coordinator

# **Good Things to Know**

# Attendance December 15th

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - 182 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - 75 Online Attendance - 45 Total Attendance - 302

## Today's Ushers

9:00 a.m. Chuck and Janet Pohla 11:00 a.m. Mike and Cheryl Garrison

> Today's Worship Leader Karen Clark

# **Today's Flowers**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane Corbit, in memory of Charlie Corbit, and Marty and Warren Taylor, with thanks to God for the gift of His Son.

# Save the Date

# Future Planning

December 18 - PDS Winter Break begins December 18 & 19 - MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) December 20 - CISD Winter Break begins December 24 - Christmas Eve Services (7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.) December 25 & 26 - FPC Office Closed for Holiday December 29 - One 10:00 a.m. Worship Service January 1 - New Year's Day (FPC Office Closed) January 5 - Committee Meetings January 18 - Family Movie Night