

Happy Anniversary

Happy anniversary to Stephen and Connie Tibbetts. They will be celebrating their 51st anniversary on August 5th.

Book/Puzzle Swap



Are you finding that you have more time on your hands than usual?

Have you exhausted “Gunsmoke” and “Matlock” reruns during the quarantine?

How about participating in a book exchange? If you have books or jigsaw puzzles you would like to swap out, there is a box located in the Narthex (in front of the church office). Just place your books in the box and take what you would like.

Upcoming Events

August 30-September 6 - Family Promise

September 7 - Labor Day

September 8 - CISD/PDS Return to School (tentative)



If you have photos or events you would like to see featured in The Link, please submit them to sharonv@fpccconroe.org.



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The Link

Your monthly newsletter from First Presbyterian Church of Conroe

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Getting Back to “Normal”



The Chancel Choir practices their music and social distancing in the Sanctuary.



(Photos submitted by Shirley Dukes)

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FPC Church Programming

You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch these videos.

Sundays:

- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship Service**
Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
- 3:00 PM Intermediate Grade Sunday School**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82565858919>
- 6:30 PM Youth Sunday School**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86141523860>

Mondays:

- 1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Bible Study**
Zoom Room Meeting ID available from Marty Taylor

Wednesdays:

- 9:30 AM FPC Staff Meeting**
Zoom Room Meeting; ID is available by invitation
- 5:45 PM Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)**
- 6:00 PM The Spark (Youth Event) Family Life Center**
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)**

Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays: FPC Offices Closed

*“Spending time with God is the key to our strength
and success in all areas of life. Be sure that you
never try to work God into your schedule,
but always work your schedule around Him.”*
— Joyce Meyer

First Presbyterian Church Receives Grant for Missions

The Missions Committee is pleased to announce that FPC received an Outreach Grant from Presbytery for \$2,000, in order to help support the purchase of food items for the "FPC Homeless Project" meals that FPC provides. Our volunteers purchase, cook, and serve meals (currently brown-bag) for The Salvation Army soup kitchen lunches, for the Conroe House of Prayer homeless breakfasts, and for our overnight Family Promise guest families. We normally serve almost 8,000 meals annually and we continue to serve about 4,000 meals despite Covid limitations.

We are "doubly-blessed"... you'll recall that, a few weeks ago, we learned that we had received a Presbytery Social Justice grant to support our work with Freedom Place and the victims of sex trafficking. That was thanks again to Presbytery.

As you may see, your Missions Ministry team has been busy through these trying times and will continue to be so. With the help of people like Penny Bell and Sally De Stefano on our grant team, and with generous others like yourselves, FPC's congregation will help with funding upcoming projects later in the year as well. We plan to keep our Missions work churning to provide for those in need, so please support us when you can. Thanks for believing in what we do.

Registering for Church Services

If you feel that you are ready to begin meeting in the Sanctuary for Sunday services, registration is available online and through the church office. Although this method may seem somewhat limiting, we are not allowed to have seating for large numbers of attendees just yet. We ask that those with internet access to please register online, and those without internet access can call into the church office Tuesday through Thursday at (936) 756-8884.

Entering/Exiting the Building

Just a reminder that everyone should continue to enter/exit the church and day school through the doors in the Narthex. This will allow us to keep everything sanitized and disinfected to the advantage of everyone who is working on our campus.

Child Care During Worship Services

Due to the constraints we are currently under with COVID-19, we cannot provide child care during church services at this time. We do hope to offer this convenience just as soon as possible, so please watch for updates.

Your Comfort While in Services

As we prepare to re-enter the building for worship services, there are many things to consider with regard to keeping everyone safe and healthy. As such, we will not be sitting in the cloth chairs or using the blankets and pillows previously provided. Therefore, if you tend to be chilly in the Sanctuary, please dress accordingly.

Presbyterian Day School Kindergarten Graduation 2020

On July 15, PDS conducted the graduation ceremony for their 2020 kindergarten class. Although the ceremony was a little later than initially planned, it turned out to be momentous for all that were involved.

Congratulations to our PDS graduating class!



(Photos submitted by Dena Sowden and Dr. Green)



CONGRATULATIONS

Still Graduating, Still Celebrating!



There was so much our 2020 graduates had either denied to them, or had put on hold, due to the COVID-19 virus. As a result, they spent the better part of the summer break taking care of graduations, proms and celebrations that every graduate should get to enjoy.

Thanks to the efforts of parents, youth and ministry, our FPC graduates were celebrated well. Our July issue featured our graduating seniors; however, we didn't get to feature the after-party. Thanks to all those who helped to make this happen. And again, congratulations class of 2020!

(Photos submitted by Dena Sowden)



Before entering a church, you must self-screen for any of the following new or worsening signs of COVID-19:

Cough

Chills

Muscle pain

Headache

Sore throat

Diarrhea

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

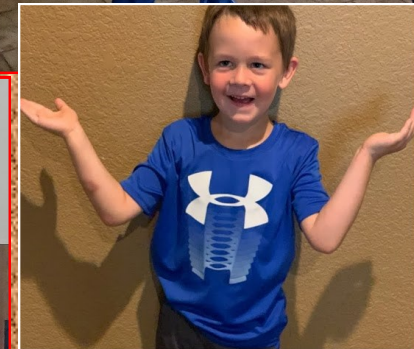
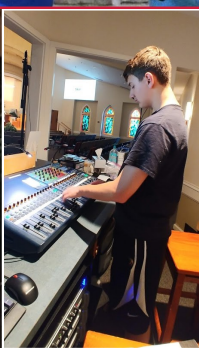
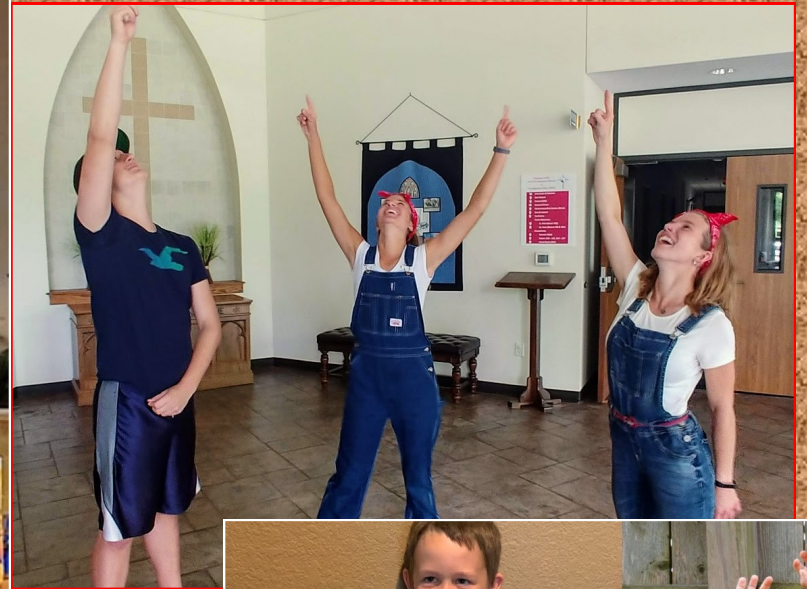
Repeated shaking with chills

Loss of taste or smell

Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit

Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19

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