



the weekly
Connection

September 5, 2021

Church Family

New Covid Protocol

With the increase of Covid cases in Montgomery County, and in an effort to follow CISD protocol, we are asking that everyone who visits the church or day school sign in before entering the building. Face masks are still optional for church services and activities, but anyone entering the day school while children are present are asked to wear a mask. Thank you for understanding.

New Sunday Schedule Beginning September 12th

- 8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship in the Narthex (start background spiritual music in the Sanctuary for prayer and meditation prior to the Call to Worship)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Christmas Boxes for the Houston International Seafarer's Center

As part of an annual city-wide faith community outreach project, Presbyterian Women will fill, wrap and deliver shoe boxes with toiletries and personal items to the Seafarer's Center. These boxes benefit those on ships that visit Houston in the weeks before Christmas, and who are (by occupation) almost always away from their own homes in the holiday season. Congregation-wide support is what makes it possible for us to meet a goal of 100 boxes.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the purchase of items for the boxes, please make checks payable to the church with a notation that it is for "Seafarer's boxes". Shopping will be underway through October, with packing being done on November 4th. Please call Susan Buckley for additional information as to how you can help.

Help Needed for Sunday School Classes

Do you want to help children learn about the Bible and see it in a new light? Would you like to see children learn the context and application of Biblical text and then apply it to their everyday lives? If so, you can make that difference in a child's faith life. Teachers are needed for Intermediate, Elementary and Pre-K classes. Even if you can only spare one Sunday per month, you can team up with other volunteers to help make a difference in our children's futures. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help shape a child's faith, and contact Dena Sowden for details (979) 255-2096 or dsowden@FpcConroe.org.

New Bible Study for The Wanderers Beginning September 19th

The subject of the upcoming study is ***Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning in Modern Music***. Join The Wanderers Sunday School class in this seven-week study of Ecclesiastes through the lens of modern music. We'll explore songs like "Paper in Fire" by John Mellencamp, "Turn, Turn, Turn" by The Byrds, "The Wanderer" by U2 (with Johnny Cash), "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas, and more. In addition to studying the background of each song, we'll listen to the music and have a rich discussion about how the song relates to themes within Ecclesiastes, one of the most challenging and thought-provoking books of the Bible. This will be an intriguing study that will be eye-opening and fun. Invite a friend or two to wander with us through Ecclesiastes.

Financial Report
(2021 YTD as of August 31, 2021)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$469,000	\$448,965
Expenses	\$479,160	\$492,080

Prayer List

Members: The family of Sarah Gutekunst, Sandy Davis, Jean Ball, George Shackelford, Margaret Hill, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Pat Smith, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Evelyn Kenward, Tom Braaten



Members' Relatives & Friends: Sherry B. (Harrison), Mitchell B. (Blott), Margie E. (Hughes), Kellye H. and Jeffrey H. (Heasley), Sabra S. (Swoboda), Deborah R. (Rose), Jack S. and Jay, Katie B. (Pohla), Matt F. (Elms), Wendy S. (Adamson), Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Russell W. (Weinburger), Tim J. (Staff), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Judy N. (Dukes), Sherry M. (Garrison), Diane B., Pat S.'s family, Lindsey W., Ruby G., Beverly F. (S. Walker), Enrique E. (Moore), Ann (Ebanks), Paul M. (Alan Moore), Lee H. and Gene H. (Helms), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, August 29th

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service - 112

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service - 90

Total Attendance - 202

Today's Worship Leader

Mark Sowden

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the Swoboda family, in celebration of 20 years of FPC life here at the new church grounds.

Save the Date

Future Planning

September 6 - Labor Day (FPC and PDS offices closed)

September 12 - Rally Day/New church schedule begins

September 15 - Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Kick-off

September 18 - Family Move Night

September 19 - Session Meeting

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday September 5	<p>10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Exploring Our Faith – (Rm. 207) <i>The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided By Politics And Religion</i>, by Jonathan Haidt.</p> <p>11:15 a.m. “The Wanderers” Fellowship and Small Group Study (Parlor)</p> <p>11:15 a.m. Covered Dish Luncheon (FLC gym)</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Committee Meetings</p>
Monday September 6	<p>Labor Day Holiday (PDS and FPC Closed)</p>
Tuesday September 7	<p>7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Pastor's office and Zoom Meeting ID: 844 897 863, Password: 77304)</p>
Wednesday September 8	<p>9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mission Sewing (Rm. 105)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Meeting ID available by invitation)</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Spark (Gym)</p> <p>7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>
NEW SCHEDULE Sunday September 12	<p>8:30 a.m. Communion and Prayer Service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study on the C.S. Lewis Book, <i>“The Screwtape Letters”</i> (Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141, Password: 330714) https://zoom.us/j/267960141 (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Bereans Sunday School Class with Bob Shepherd (Rm. 105): Paul's letter to the Colossians.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Young & U Sunday School Class (young adults and university age students) (Library)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Fellowship in Narthex</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live www.facebook.com/fpcConroe or YouTube.com/fpcConroe)</p>

*If you have any questions about the calendar of events,
please visit the website at fpcconroe.org, or contact the group leader.*

Ministry Leaders

Ministry Team Leaders

<i>Administration:</i>	Jay Swoboda (2022, Chair)
<i>Building & Grounds:</i>	Stephan Tibbetts (2022, Chair), David Perciful (2022)
<i>Care-Prayer:</i>	Bob Shepherd (2023, Chair)
<i>Discipleship:</i>	Anne Spinks (2021, Chair), Mark Sowden (2021)
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Shirley Dukes (2021, Chair)
<i>Membership:</i>	Donna Stewart (2021, Chair), Anna McNamara (2022), Abby Stewart (2022), Dena Sowden (2023)
<i>Missions:</i>	Tom Young (2021)
<i>PDS:</i>	Karen Clark (2021), Sharon Walker (2022)
<i>Worship:</i>	Chuck and Janet Pohla (2023, Chairs)

Staff and Church Information

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Dena Sowden, Director of Christian Education
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Sharon VanSchuyver, Church Administrator
Yvonne Rose, Office Assistant
Louise Reed, Day School Director
Sharon McLaurin, PDS Office Assistant

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