



# Welcome

the weekly  
**Connection**

November 15, 2020

## Church Family

### ***Welcome to Our New Pianist***

We would like to welcome our new pianist, Stephanie Cooke. Stephanie teaches choir at Cryar Intermediate School and has taught at the Woodlands High School alongside Dr. Bob Horton, Director of Fine Arts for CISD. She has been the church organist at many places, most recently in Pearland. Welcome, Stephanie!

### ***The Montgomery County Food Bank Needs Our Help!***

As we all know, the Coronavirus pandemic has caused the loss of income to many families in our area. The Montgomery County Food Bank has been there for many of these families by providing more than 35,000 meals per month. However, the Food Bank is feeling the pressure caused by this situation, and is in need of our assistance.

For this reason, your Mission Ministry Team has decided to make the Montgomery County Food Bank the recipient for all funds donated during our annual "Mission Sunday Special Offering" on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. As we expect that more donations will be made by mail rather than in-person, please include "Food Bank donation" on your check. You may either mail the check, drop it by the church office, or donate via credit card through the church website at [www.fpcconroe.org/give](http://www.fpcconroe.org/give). Thanks and blessings to you for your help.

### ***Jeanette DeFee Turns 102!***

Everyone is invited to Jeanette's "Drive-Up" party on Sunday (today) November 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Jeanette will be receiving well-wishers from her carport at 18 Shadowood Drive. Of course, we will mask-up and keep our distance. It might be best to park and walk up the driveway a bit, so that Jeanette can see all of her friends. There will be a basket for cards.

### ***Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Cards***

To fellow members of FPC-C:

I would like to update you on the status of our current Stewardship Campaign for the budget for 2021. As of 11/10/20, we have received 70 pledges for a total amount of \$410,190 or an average of \$5,860 per pledge. This puts us about 65% of the way to our goal pledge income for next year. While this is a good start, there are still 61 pledging units (~\$221,960 in potential revenue) who made a commitment for the 2020 budget but have not, as of today, responded to the 2021 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 in the next couple of weeks so that we may finalize our 2021 Budget prior to year-end. I continue to pray (and hope that you do also) for the welfare and programs of our church.

- Fred Kate; Stewardship/Finance Coordinator

### ***Financial Report***

(2020 YTD as of 10/31/20)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue	\$626,535	\$593,355
Expenses	\$626,530	\$594,305

## **Wednesday Night Live Thanksgiving Feast**



On November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have the last of our WNL activities until the new year, as well as a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast. If you plan to partake of this annual treat, PLEASE do not forget to register online or with the office by Tuesday (11/17) afternoon, as reservations are required. You have the option to dine on-site or use our drive thru, contactless delivery. The choice is yours and can be indicated when making your reservation on the FPC website. Just click on the Announcements tab and select WNL. If you prefer to register by phone, you can call the FPC office to sign up there as well. If you are under the age of 13 or over the age of 75, your meal is FREE during this COVID climate. Otherwise, the cost is \$4/person. Dinner is served from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

## **Child Care Now Available on Sundays**

We are happy to announce that child care is now available on Sunday mornings for those attending church services in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Dena Sowden at [dsowden@fpcconroe.org](mailto:dsowden@fpcconroe.org).

## **Food Preparation Needed for Freedom Place**

For several years our church has worked with Freedom Place, a local residential treatment center for girls recovering from having been sex trafficked. We also have received a number of financial grants from our Presbytery to support this important ministry. Some of the girls attend youth meetings at our church when they can.

Freedom Place needs help in food preparation and delivery, especially over the next few weeks, but potentially on a more regular basis as well. If you can help with lunch or dinner prep/delivery, please contact Jaye Hull at (281) 210-1500 x1726. You may be able to use the FLC kitchen to prepare meals if coordinated with the office.

## **Prayer List**

**Members:** Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Rev. David Green, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Gary and Judy Weinburger, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Jeannene Wendt, Peaches Grams, Fay Harrison, Clyde Cruikshank, Joanne Tralmer, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Pat Smith, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Jane LaMaster, Evelyn Kenward, Tom Braaten

**Members' Relatives & Friends:** Harry S. Jr. (Havens), Anna H. (Harshbarger), Russell W. (Weinburger), Tim J. (Staff), Kelly H. (Heasley), Krissy P. & family (Kasmiersky), Freddy G. (Taylor), Judy N. (Dukes), Zakary V. (Haines), Sherry M. (Garrison), Craig S. and Elaine N. (Swoboda), 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), Deborah R. (Rose), Caleb & Michaela W. (Henderson), Lisa & her children (Webb), Gerald H. (Roberts), Tamara B. (Harrison), Leslie M. family and Martha K. (Juhl), Janis H. and Katie B. (Pohla), Tucker H. (Hudson), Nikkia (Wilmberly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

## **Good Things to Know**

### **Attendance**

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service - 47

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service - 131

Total Attendance - 178

### **Today's Worship Leader**

Jay Swoboda

### **Today's Flowers**

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the daughters of Jeanette DeFee, who wish to honor their mother on her 102 birthday. Happy birthday, Jeanette!

## Calendar of Weekly Events

### Sunday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood (Library) (Zoom Meeting ID: 267 960 141)  
(Password: 330714) <https://zoom.us/j/267960141> (or call +1 346 248 7799, 267960141#)

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook Live [www.facebook.com/fpcConroe](http://www.facebook.com/fpcConroe))

11:00 a.m. Exploring Our Faith – (Currently by Zoom; contact [sbuckley429@comcast.net](mailto:sbuckley429@comcast.net) for a link), Studying “A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam”, by Karen Armstrong.

11:15 a.m. Dr. Green Sunday School Class (Rm. 105 and Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3626 6040) (Passcode: 77304)

11:15 a.m. Sunday Intermediate Bible Study (Rm. 702 and Zoom Meeting)

### Monday, November 16

1:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Bible Study (Zoom Meeting - ID available from Marty Taylor)

### Wednesday, November 18

9:30 a.m. FPC Staff Meeting (Zoom Meeting ID available by invitation)

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Live Thanksgiving Feast (Gym and drive-thru)

5:45 p.m. Handbells Practice (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. The Spark Youth Event (FLC Gym)

6:00-7:00 p.m. Dr. Green's WNL Bible Study Group (Rm. 105)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, November 22

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please visit the website at [fpcconroe.org](http://fpcconroe.org), or contact the group leader.***

## Save the Date

### ***Future Planning***

November 18 - WNL Thanksgiving Feast

November 21 - Family Movie Night

November 22-29 - Family Promise

November 23-27 CISD Thanksgiving Break Begins

November 26 - Thanksgiving

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

## Ministry Leaders

### Ministry Team Leaders

<i>Administration:</i>	Jay Swoboda (2020, Chair), Todd Harrell (2021), David Perciful (2022)
<i>Building &amp; Grounds:</i>	Warren Taylor (2020), Stephan Tibbetts (2022)
<i>Care-Prayer:</i>	Donald Yates (2020)
<i>Discipleship:</i>	Hailey Simon (2020), Kyle Williams (2020), Mark Sowden (2021), Anne Spinks (2021), Mike Garrison (2022)
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Shirley Dukes (2021)
<i>Membership:</i>	Gabby Alvarez (2020), Donna Stewart (2021)
<i>Missions:</i>	Tom Young (2021)
<i>Trustee:</i>	Keith Stewart (2020)
<i>Worship:</i>	Karen Clark (2021)

## Staff and Church Information

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### Staff

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

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