



WELCOME

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the weekly
Connection

December 6, 2020

Church Family

The Christmas Pageant

The Children's Christmas Pageant is scheduled for next Sunday, December 13th, during the worship service. We will have both PDS and FPC children enacting "A Savior is Born!" for the congregation. We hope you will plan to join us for this presentation. Following the pageant, refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center hallway.

Poinsettia Dedications

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas, they will be \$10 each. Please make your purchase and dedication through the church office (936) 756-8884, or through the church website at www.fpcconroe.org. Forms can be found on the Welcome Desk.

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 November 30, 2020, we have received 86 pledges for a total amount of \$499,390 or an average of \$5,807 per pledge. This puts us about 80% of the way to our goal pledge income for next year. While this is a good start, there are still 45 pledging units (~\$135,970 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 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.

REMINDER! 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 2020, this memo is to remind you that the transaction must be completed by **December 31, 2020** if you want the contribution to be a tax deduction for 2020. 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 2020 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 Sharon if you wish to donate stock.

Also, for those who intend to pre-pay their pledge for **2021** in the calendar year 2020, please note that this should be completed before the last week in December as mentioned above.

- Fred Kate; Stewardship/Finance Coordinator

Financial Report

(2020 YTD as of October 2020)

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

Tickets for Christmas Eve Services

As always, we will have two Christmas Eve services on December 24th, at both 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. We would ask that if you would like to attend services in the Sanctuary that you make reservations online. The link for this process is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-eve-worship-service-tickets-131364584007>, or you can call in to the office to reserve a seat if you do not have internet access. We look forward to seeing you then.

News About Missions

We can certainly be proud of our congregation's response to Mission Sunday on November 15th. The special offering benefiting the Montgomery County Food Bank has, to date, recorded almost \$8,000 in contributions. Outstanding!

Many thanks to all of you who have opened your hearts and wallets to help this agency which, in turn, is doing so much to provide food for those impacted by the pandemic.

More News About Missions

It seems an appropriate time of year to recognize that there are members in our congregation who volunteer to purchase, prepare, and serve meals to our mission partners in the FPC Homeless Project: Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Family Promise, and Conroe House of Prayer... and they do not request reimbursement for food and supply expenses.

Because of the "above and beyond" generosity of these volunteers, we have found ourselves in a position where we can provide our homeless partners with extra funds. Last month, \$6,000 was distributed among these three local agencies for the homeless. Special angels indeed!

Prayer List

Members: Pat Ezell, Joanne Tralmer, 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, Virginia Tamborello, Ben Hughes, Jeanette DeFee, Polly Miller, Pat Smith, Jeanne Leverette, Virginia Olivier, Evelyn Kenward, Tom Braaten

Members' Relatives & Friends: Harry S., Jr. (Havens), Anna H. (Harshbarger), Russell W. (Weinburger), Tim J. (Staff), Jeffrey 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 29th

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service - 54

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service - 104

Total Attendance - 158

Today's Worship Leader

Sally DeStefano

Today's Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane Corbit, in memory of Nicole and Alex Corbit.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. Fellowship class with Cara Wood: A Bible study based on the Christmas Classic, "It's a Wonderful Life" (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)

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

11:30 a.m. Dr. Green Sunday School Class (Dr. Green's office and Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3626 6040) (Passcode: 77304)

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

Monday, December 7

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

Wednesday, December 9

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

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

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

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please visit the website at fpccconroe.org, or contact the group leader.***

Save the Date

Future Planning

December 13 - Christmas Pageant

December 19 - Family Movie Night

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 28 & 29 - Christmas Holiday (Church office closed)

January 1 - New Year's Day (Church office closed)

Ministry Leaders

Ministry Team Leaders

<i>Administration:</i>	Jay Swoboda (2020, Chair), Todd Harrell (2021), David Perciful (2022)
<i>Building & 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

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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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