



the weekly
Connection

December 20, 2020

Church Family

Christmas Eve Services

This year we will have two Christmas Eve services on December 24th, at both 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. If you would like to attend services in the Sanctuary, please make reservations online. The link for making reservations can be found on the church website at fpconroe.org. Or, if you would prefer, you can call in to the office to reserve your place. Child care will be available at the 7:00 service. Please contact Dena Sowden (dsowden@fpconroe.org) if your children will be in the nursery. We look forward to seeing you then.

Christmas Joy Offering

One of the three annual Special Offerings that our congregation has remained committed to, over many years, is the Christmas Joy Offering. Working with our Presbytery and The Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville, we provide funds to be used as follows: 50% for retired and current church workers who have encountered financial and physical problems, and 50% for educational needs for students at faith-based Presbyterian and minority schools and colleges. Traditionally, this offering is collected at our Christmas Eve Services. However, if you cannot attend these services, please help by sending your check to First Presbyterian Church and indicate that it is for the Joy Offering, or donate online by going to our website at fpcConroe.org and click on the "Give" tab. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Thank you and Merry Christmas.

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

Poinsettia Dedications



- ◆ Jackye Cannon: In memory of George Cannon and in memory of parents, Alma and Buck Cummings.
- ◆ Joe and Karen Clark: In loving memory of our dear friend, Pat Moorby.
- ◆ Jane Corbit: Dedicated to Charlie Corbit, Nicole and Alex Corbit.
- ◆ Sally DeStefano: Dedicated to Matthew Haller; Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Bowers, Jr.
- ◆ Shirley Dukes: Dedicated to the glory of God.
- ◆ Paul and Barbara Evans: In memory of our parents.
- ◆ David Green: In honor of Leigh Green and Millie Green, and in memory of Joe Green and LaVern and Bob Lankford.
- ◆ Bill and Linda Harshbarger: In loving memory of our parents, Violet & Alfred Hodge and Jean & Bill Harshbarger; in loving memory of our granddaughter, Ella Grace Hurlbut.
- ◆ Jean Heasley: Dedicated to our family and God's glory.
- ◆ Ann Johnson: Dedicated to the glory of God, and in memory of Ole Johnson.
- ◆ Becky Judah
- ◆ Roy and Liz Kessler: Dedicated to the glory of God.
- ◆ B.C. Linton: Dedicated to my parents, Maureen & Albert Albright.
- ◆ Gai-Lynn Marshall: Dedicated to Samuel M. Dickens and James P. Foster.
- ◆ Thad and Lucinda Marshall: Dedicated to Pastor Green and his family.
- ◆ Eric and Stephanie Nelson: Dedicated to the glory of God.
- ◆ Yvonne Rose: In memory of my grandsons, Brandon and Kenton.
- ◆ Bob and Paula Shepherd: Dedicated to our faithful Pastor and staff.
- ◆ Steve Tibbetts: Dedicated to Mrs. Connie Chamberlain and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tibbetts
- ◆ Pat Voorhees: Dedicated to a blessed Christmas from the Voorhees/Curran families, and in memory of Philip Williamson

Prayer List

Members: The family of Fran Brown, the family of Joanne Tralmer, the family of Bill Parker, the family of Martha Fox, the family of Pat Ezell, Muffy Crowl, Dick Schack, Kim Phillip, Flem Keathley, Carolyn Hebert, Paul Ivison, Leona Cowie, Lorraine Bosse, Gary and Judy Weinburger, Don and Doris Myers, Margaret Carson, Jeannene Wendt, 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 (Wilmerly), Virginia R. (Smith), Dana K. (Shorts)

Save the Date

Future Planning

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

December 25 - Christmas Day

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

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

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sunday, December 20

- 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: 864 9751 9299) (Passcode: 77304)
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Intermediate Bible Study (Rm. 702 and Zoom Meeting)

Monday, December 21

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

Wednesday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 27

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

Good Things to Know

Attendance

Sunday, December 13th
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service - 136
10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service - 167
Total Attendance - 303

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 by Sharon Walker, in memory of Lewis Walker.

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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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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