

Family Promise Thanks

Once again the Mission Ministry would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in the February 4 –10 Family Promise visit. We had one family, a single mother and two daughters, for the total week. Thank you for preparing the meals, hosting the dinners, driving the van, spending the night, working at the Day Center, and helping with the Saturday schedule. Thank you for making their visit a success, Danny and Jean Ball, Margi and Ron Bailey, Susan Buckley, Betty Christiansen, Audrey Christie, Karen Clark, Muffy Crawl, Shirley Dukes, Barbara Evans, Pat and Bob Ezell, Robbie Ganek, Martha Haines, Mary Ann Hoskins, Mary and Pat Hudson, Ann Johnson, Donna Kattner, Liz Kessler, Joan and Tom Lowery, Cole LaMaster, Jo and David Miller, Polly Miller, Charlene Muller, Cherry Perciful, Joan Purdom, Suzie Reese, Addilee Seese, Gertie Spencer, Donna Stewart, Marilyn and Don Stewart, Marty and Warren Taylor, Jane and Larry Thomas, Joanne Tralmer, Pat Voorhees, Ine and Jerry Webb, Susan and Tom Young and WNL ladies.

Upcoming Events

- April 6 - PW Women's Spring Gathering
- April 7 - Committee Meetings
- April 12 - Youth Lock-in (Stuffing Easter Eggs)
- April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service
- April 19 - Good Friday
- April 21 - Easter Sunday
- April 28 - Youth Auction
- May 2 - National Day of Prayer
- May 5 - Confirmation Sunday
- May 26-June 2 - Family Promise Week
- June 24-28 - PDS Summer Fun
- July 8-12 - Vacation Bible School

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



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Your monthly newsletter from First Presbyterian Church of Conroe

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2019 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

"The tender leaves of hope;
tomorrow's blossoms . . ."

William Shakespeare, Henry VIII



"Blossoms of Promise" April 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
(Check-in)

Family Life Center Gymnasium
First Presbyterian Church Conroe 2727 North
Loop 336 West

Registration/Ticket Price: \$10.00 (Lunch Included)

Easter Schedule

As we approach Easter, there will be additional services and programs for everyone:

Palm Sunday April 14th

Maundy Thursday Service April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 21st

Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

Easter Services 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast will be served after the Easter Sunrise Service.



National Day of Prayer

On May 2nd, join other Americans in praying for our nation. The theme this year is "Love One Another" based on John 13:34.

Dr. Ronnie Floyd, the President of NDP, says "God is the only One who can bring unity, harmony, and oneness in America; therefore, we look only to Him in prayer. From the church house to the state house and all the way to the White House, we need to learn to love one another."

The Forever Fund

A New Way to Support our Church Into the Future



Margi and I are participating in the Forever Fund because of all that this church means to us. We were newcomers to Conroe when we joined the church twelve years ago and knew no one in town. Our daughter, Jenny, brought us to First Pres and you involved us in small groups and committees. Margi joined the Sewing Mission group and I was elected to Session, and now to the Board of Trustees. This church and its mission are the center of our lives, and we want to preserve what we found here for our children and grandchildren. The Forever Fund is a planned giving program that I presented to Session as President of the Board of Trustees and it was approved by Session on September 16,

2018. Our church Bylaws state that the Board of Trustees is given the responsibility for managing of all permanent church funds like the Eleanor Simpson Fund.

The purpose of the Forever Fund is to give our congregation the opportunity to donate assets such as cash, stocks, bonds, or property that will be invested at the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, which is led by Rev. Rick Young. The invested assets will be preserved in perpetuity as they provide a steady flow of financial support annually from investment income and growth.

The Forever Fund Program allows us to leave a permanent legacy of giving to support our mission in Conroe into future decades and centuries. A high level of participation with our small or large gifts will make this program successful.

Now may be a great time for you to begin participating in the Forever Fund either with your gifts, with pledges to give in the future, or by a bequest in your will. Our city and our country are in a period of growth and prosperity, and that encourages me to share some of the financial blessings that we are experiencing. I believe in our future. I believe we can build a stronger church.

I urge you to contact Anne Spinks, Danny Ball, Fred Kate, or myself if you have questions or desire more specific information about the Forever Fund.

-Ron Bailey, President of the Board of Trustees

(Article and photo submitted by Ron Bailey)

Presbyterian Day School's "Summer Fun" 2019

Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Registration \$35 per child (non-refundable). Deadline to register is June 1st.
\$150 per week for first child in family
\$130 for second child
\$100 for all other siblings

Ages Toddler- through children entering 4th grade

For more information call 936-756-3990 or email presbyteriandayschool@hotmail.com.



Honoring Our Fallen

On May 26th, we will be honoring all of our former FPC Conroe Veterans who have passed, with a video of their pictures. If their picture is already a part of our previous Veterans Day video, please contact us to let us know you'd like their picture included in this video. If we do not have a picture of him/her yet, please bring one by, with their name, or email those to Brandon Folts at firstpresdirector@gmail.com. We will only include those that are asked for/brought this year, so please let us know!



Vacation Bible School

"ROAR: Life is wild, God is good"

July 8th – 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

We will begin online registrations in April; the cost will be \$5 per child.

If you would like to volunteer, or just need more information, please contact Kim White (kwhite@fpccconroe.org).

Youth Events

Mark Your Calendars

Youth Auction April 28th

If you have donations, please see Kim White

Confirmation Sunday May 5th

PFC Roy Kessler, Sr. US Army Air Force Service 1942 - 1945

PFC Roy Kessler, Sr. was born on August 31, 1920, at Mill Iron, Montana. He came from a family of five, where he was the youngest, with two older sisters. They were primarily dairy farmers and moved frequently due to poor economic conditions. He grew up primarily around Pleasant Hill, Missouri. Mr. Kessler was baptized in the Christian Church at an early age. He quit school as a teenager to work full-time on the farm. He hunted rabbit and squirrels for family dinners.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945; PFC was his highest rank. He was trained in radio mechanics at Randolph Field in San Antonio, and was also rated as a carbine sharpshooter.

The group he trained with was sent to France, but he did not go with them. He was a sickly boy growing up, and it turned out he had some major physical issues. PFC Kessler spent most of WW2 as an MP at Eagle Pass/Piedras Negras (Texas/Mexico border). There was some thought at the time that German spies might try to come in that way; however, he never saw any. In his army days, he was 6-foot-tall and weighed 130 pounds. When asked how he ever survived being an MP as a flyweight, he said they went in groups of three, and he always went with the biggest two he could find.

He married Pauline Spreckelmeyer at Kansas City, Kansas, in March of 1944. He later moved the family to California where he was employed by the Monroe Business Machine company for 38 years before his retirement in 1983. The Kessler's raised two children, Connie and Roy Jr.

Mr. Kessler enjoyed his RV for 15 years before passing away in California in 1998.