



Upcoming Events

April 5 - Palm Sunday/Communion

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 10 - Good Friday

April 12 - Easter Sunday

April 13 - FPC Holiday (Office closed)

May 7 - National Day of Prayer

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Senior (High School) Recognition

May 24-31 - Family Promise

May 25 - Memorial Day

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



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TO:



The Link

Your monthly newsletter from First Presbyterian Church of Conroe

April 2020

Palm Sunday

April 5th

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 9th

7:00 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY | MAUNDY THURSDAY | GOOD FRIDAY | EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, April 12th

Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m.

Worship Services

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Be sure to join us at
www.facebook.com/fpcConroe.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

For over 70 years, Presbyterians in the United States have come together in their support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. In 2019 alone, we responded to disasters in the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian, in India after the Kerala flooding, in Syria and Lebanon at the refugee camps, in Peru after the devastating earthquakes and mudslides, and in numerous other places around the globe.

PDA sent 7,354 volunteers, contributing 404,000 hours of labor, and granted \$3,559,424 to those in emergency need.

In the past, many members of our FPC congregation were there for the people in New Orleans, Galveston, and the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area after the hurricanes at those locations.

We can further support these volunteers with our contributions during the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Since we will be unable to meet in person for Easter Services, please visit our website to give during Easter week at www.fpcconroe.org. Please help. Thanks!

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Message for Salvation Army Volunteers

To All FPC/ Salvation Army Meal Volunteers:

It is reported that the Salvation Army lunch program is remaining open for business with the following guidelines/suggestions:

1. Meals are being handed out outside of the building in their large tent, so it's good to prepare separate bags to go.
2. "Uncrustables", which are small, frozen peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are a hit. They are reasonably priced and will thaw if you pack the bags in the morning on the day of the meals. Handmade sandwiches are also okay to serve, but please remember to use gloves when making and delivering. (Also acceptable are a bag of chips, a bottled water, packaged cookies, and a fruit.)
3. Preparing 50 bags with two Uncrustables per bag were reported to be enough. For an accurate count of the number of bags needed, please contact Deborah (at the Salvation Army) for her estimate. Thank you!

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Maddie Smith is the daughter of long-time FPC members, Rusty and Yvette Smith. She is in Conroe High School's class of 2020. Maddie plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the Mays Business School at Texas A&M, College Station and is seeking an internship in finance during her college career. She plans to continue enjoying her passion for dance with the Aggie Dance Team, which performs at various A&M events, including their basketball games. She has been a member of FPC all her life and even attended the Presbyterian Day School. You may have seen her in the sound booth on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. service providing audio/visual support. Maddie has been on four Youth Mission Trips, served as a Team Leader for VBS, and is an integral part of FPC's Youth Group. She has enjoyed being a mentor to younger FPC Youth, including her brother (Morgan), and says "I'm excited to see what God has in store for my life!" We are also excited to see what God has in store for Maddie and we're proud to call her our own.



Hailey Simon is the daughter of Kevin and Dawn Simon. Hailey was inducted into the National Honors Society and is officially a Class of 2020 Conroe High School graduate. However, she graduated early and now attends Sam Houston State University. Her career goal is to become a teacher, ideally for elementary-aged children. Hailey is an FPC Youth Elder and has been an active member of the FPC Youth Program and

VBS leader since becoming a member of FPC. She has also been on two mission trips that she describes as "amazing experiences". You may have seen Hailey in the sound booth on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. service, where she and Maddie Smith provide audio/visual support during the worship service. Hailey began coming to events at the invitation of Maddie Smith, and soon made the decision to become a member herself. She's a true blessing to our FPC family and we pray for her continued success.

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Youth Conclaves: Overcoming



FPC has three youth members and two adults on PYCC Staff, all of whom attended the Conclaves. Kyle Williams did an excellent job as Co-Moderator. His antics were a true crowd-pleaser and many people said that this was the best Conclaves weekend ever. Anna McNamara was an indispensable part of the Curriculum Team, which lost several members during the year, due to unforeseen circumstances, and ended with only three youth members. They were responsible for writing all the curriculum, which is the backbone for the entire Conclaves weekend. Anna was also a first-time Small Group Leader and really did an amazing job sharing her testimony about Christ working in



her and through her. Abby Stewart was a bundle of energy as she helped lead Conclaves attendees in energizers, games and mixers. She did an great job as a first-time Small Group Leader, and was excited to testify about how Christ has helped her overcome.

Pictured below are half the care boxes our Conclaves attendees prepared to send to long-term care patients at Texas Children's Hospital during one of the two Conclaves weekend. The boxes are at FPC Conroe, waiting to be delivered to TCH once this pandemic is under control (unless they will accept them sooner). The boxes include items to help personalize their hospital room with blankets, bathroom décor and personal care items.



(Article and photos submitted by Dena Sowden)

A Message from Dr. Green



Dear Friends,

Right now, it feels like everything has changed. Even as I write this note, our elected and appointed leaders are modifying rules that are in place to slow the spread of COVID-19. They are extending the current restrictions through Sunday, May 3. For our collective safety, the church will comply with these rules, but we will not stop being the church.

Though we cannot use the church's facilities for programs and activities, the life and work of the church will continue to thrive and to move forward. Instead of cancelling activities or events, we are adjusting schedules and moving programs into new, online venues. In this issue of *The Link* newsletter, you will find a current schedule of the church's ongoing activities. Because this information changes often, updates will be posted at the church's website www.fpcconroe.org.

We all look forward to the day when we can see each other in person. Until then, we will continue to get together online for Worship Services, Sunday School Classes, Bible Studies, and meetings. To make this work – even temporarily – I need your help. Some in our church family do not have access to a computer, tablet or smart phone. Please reach out to them and help them to stay connected. Some live alone and others are feeling a bit overwhelmed by stress. We all need to hear the comforting voice of a friend. Please be that friend.

I am grateful for you and am praying for you as we work through this together.

All the best,

Dr. David H. Green

Disinfecting the Building

We are taking precautions to insure that anyone who enters First Presbyterian Church is in a safe environment. Our cleaning crew has been working diligently to disinfect the building in its entirety. If you need to enter the church, please enter through the FPC side of the building. This helps us keep all areas clean and helps us know how many individuals are in the building at a time, so that we are not in violation of the law. If you encounter a room that is marked off with yellow tape, please do not enter it. We thank you for your help with this.

FPC Church Programming

You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch this video.

Sundays:

- 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship Service**
Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Sunday School** (Cara Wood)
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 267 960 141
(Password: 330714) <https://zoom.us/j/267960141>
(or call +13462487799,, 267960141#)
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship Service**
Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
- 12:15 PM Building & Grounds Committee (April 5th only)**
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 267 960 141 (Password: 330714)
<https://zoom.us/j/267960141>
(or call +13462487799,, 267960141#)

Mondays:

- 11:00 AM PDS Staff Meeting** (Every Other Week)
Zoom Room Meeting ID is available by invitation
- 1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Bible Study** (Marty Taylor)
Zoom Room Meeting ID available by invitation

Tuesdays:

- 7:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study**
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 844 897 863
<https://zoom.us/j/844897863>
(or call +13462487799,,844897863#)
- 11:00 AM PDS Children's Chapel**
Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)

Wednesdays:



- 9:30 AM FPC Staff Meeting**
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 479 254 281
<https://zoom.us/j/479254281> (or call +13462487799,,479254281#)
- 11:00 AM PDS Children's Praise & Worship**
Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
- 2:00 PM Handbell Choir**
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 237 364 240
<https://zoom.us/j/237364240> (or call +13462487799,,237364240#)
- 3:00 PM Chancel Choir**
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 332 284 801
<https://zoom.us/j/332284801> (or call +13462487799,,332284801#)
- 6:00 PM Jesus & Java Sunday School** (Yvette Smith)
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 463-586-770
<https://zoom.us/j/463586770> (or call +13462487799,, 463586770#)
- 6:00 PM The Spark** (Youth Event)
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 525-257-3330
<https://zoom.us/j/755543531> (or call +13462487799,, 755543531#)

Thursdays:

- 11:00 AM PDS Children's Chapel**
Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcConroe)
- 6:30 PM Confirmation 2020** (Youth Class)
Zoom Room Meeting ID: 864-039-702
<https://zoom.us/j/864039703> (or call +13462487799,, 864039702#)

Fridays & Saturdays: FPC Offices Closed