



### Upcoming Events

- October 2 - WNL Fall Session Begins
- October 14 - CISD/PDS Holiday
- October 19 - Family Movie Night
- October 20 - PDS Book Fair
- October 23 - Street Grace Seminar
- November 2 - PW Fall Gathering
- November 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 17-24 - Family Promise
- November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

*If you have photos or events you would like to see featured in The Link, please submit them to [sharonv@fpconroe.org](mailto:sharonv@fpconroe.org).*



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# The Link

Your monthly newsletter from First Presbyterian Church of Conroe

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### Street Grace Seminar October 23<sup>rd</sup>

The sexual exploitation of minors is an intricate problem with no single solution. Together, however, we can ensure all children are protected.

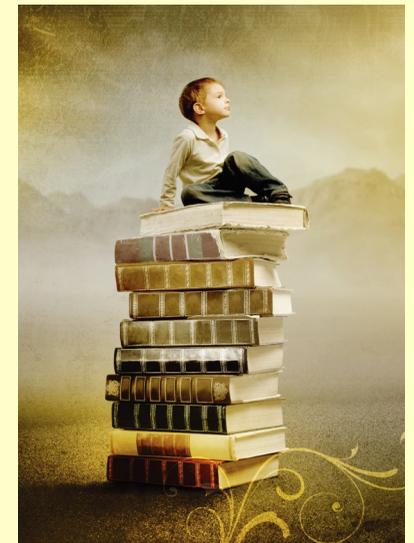
Learn about the issues, solutions and options, by joining us for an informational seminar on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:15 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

### PW Fall Gathering November 2<sup>nd</sup>



The PW Fall Gathering will be held Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Family Life Center. Check-in time is 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be followed by an entertaining, meaningful and spiritual program by Rev. Kristi Blankman, Coordinator for Youth Ministry at Presbytery of New Covenant. We hope you will join us, as she shares her life direction, which is focused on evangelism in this country and overseas. She will share experiences of her mission work in Guatemala, and how it has influenced her call to empower individuals to proclaim the Good News of Christ.

### Presbyterian Day School Book Fair



... where imaginations are unleashed

**PDS is preparing for the Fall Book Fair, and we hope you will join us.**

**When: October 15-20**  
**Where: The FPC Hallway**

## Mission Ministry Report

Our Mission Ministry has been successfully active during the first six months of 2019. Here are just a few of our accomplishments:



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** - Our Easter special offering, supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program, provided almost \$1,700 in contributions to this nationwide PCUSA donation request.

**MISSION SUNDAY** - This year, supporting the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen volunteers, we “hit a home run” by generously donating over \$7,500 during our Special Offering. Wow!



**PRESBYTERY GRANT** - We were able to apply for and win a grant for \$2,000 to support our work with Freedom Place. This is a facility that provides shelter, hope, and life-skills training to victims of human trafficking.



**INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS** - We are on-track with our goal of providing 8,000 meals this year to the local homeless population through our FPC Homeless Project. We are blessed to continue to be supported by the work of our Youth, our Mission Sewing Group, and those individuals, small groups, Women's organizations, and Sunday School classes who provide funds, food, and hours of volunteering for these homeless projects. This includes Family Promise lodging, training, and meals, Salvation Army lunches, Conroe House of Prayer breakfasts, and Freedom Place refuge and training.



**Our efforts are both generous and worthwhile... and we are thankful for your support.**

*(Article submitted by Tom Young, with photos from Sally DeStefano)*

**Family Movie Night at FPC October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.**



**\* ADMIT ONE \***

**PARKING LOT MOVIE NIGHT**

First Presbyterian Church  
Presents

**Hotel Transylvania**

SATURDAY, OCT. 19, 2019  
6:30-9:00 PM

FREE HOT DOGS &  
POPCORN

Sp Adobe Spark



## Thank You

The Mission Ministry would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in the September 2-8 Family Promise visit. We had two families. One family, Chastity and her four children graduated on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful feeling to know they are in their very own home. Our other family, Godfrey, Baila, and their son and daughter, are continuing the program. 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.

Thanks to all for making their visit a success: Danny and Jean Ball, Margi and Ron Bailey, Penny Bell, Betty Blott, Susan Buckley, Audrey Christie, Karen Clark, Muffy Crawl, Shirley Dukes, Barbara Evans, Robbie Ganek, Martha Haines, John Haller and Sally DeStefano, Mary and Pat Hudson, Judy Hughes, Ann Johnson, Donna Kattner, Joan and Tom Lowery, Charlene Muller, Suzie Reese, Paula and Bob Shepherd, Gertie Spencer, Donna Stewart, Marilyn and Don Stewart, Marty and Warren Taylor, Jane and Larry Thomas, Pat Voorhees, and Susan and Tom Young.

*(Article submitted by Jean and Danny Ball)*

## Wednesday Night Needles

Do you like to sew, knit or crochet, but can't join the Mission Sewing Group during the day? Want to work on your own things or do some mission work? Do you want to learn to quilt, knit or crochet?

Great News! Beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>, you can join The Wednesday Night Needles in Rm. 105. Please email Kristie Swoboda (k@jboda.com) and let her know what you want to do besides have great fellowship! We look forward to seeing you.

## DISCIPLE I Bible Study

This fall, during Wednesday Night Live, *DISCIPLE I* will be offered, starting at 6:00 p.m. It will begin October 9<sup>th</sup> and continue through the spring.



The *DISCIPLE I* study gives an overview of the entire Bible: the Old and New Testaments get equal time. The study emphasizes the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. *DISCIPLE I* draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.

Each member of the group needs a study manual and a Bible.

Leaders: Mary Carol Awalt and Michele Standefer