

Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice

Prayer requests -- Week of January 22

New Prayer Requests:

- Joe Massey has been experiencing some health issues and will have medical tests this week at McAllen Heart Hospital.
- Maria Colvin, former member of FPC now living in South Carolina, currently has Covid.
- Roberta Harriff, Jack and Carol's daughter-in-law, who is being treated for a rare and aggressive form on non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, will not have the invasive surgery that was being considered. Instead, she will receive radiation to try to shrink the tumor.
- Karen Ayers, Sher Wilkes' cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Crystal Simpson

Updates on recent Prayer Requests:

- Bonnie Pankin, Kathryn Henry's niece, who had two strokes earlier this month, is at home. She has suffered no lasting damage from the strokes.
- Lou Helt has recovered enough from her recent cold to be ready for visitors. There will be a memorial service for Charlie Helt on Thursday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the FPC sanctuary, with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. Condolence cards for Lou can be mailed to 1301 W. Ridge Rd., Apt. 229, Pharr, TX 78577, or she can be reached by phone at 956-601-0823.
- Nadine Force remains at Las Palmas Rehab gaining strength to return home. She is very grateful for all the cards she has received. Mail for Nadine can be sent to her Heritage Village address: 2105 Cynthia Street, Bldg. B-209, McAllen, TX 78503.

On-going Prayer Requests:

- Jan Seale shares this note: Fern Kreidler, 96, sends greetings to everyone at FPC. She is well and happy in Minnesota with her extended family. Her address is Inver Glen Senior Living, 7260 S. Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.
- Prayers of patience and strength-building for Vinson McLeod as he deals with new mobility issues.
- Prayers for Emmanuel Tabali and his family as they settle into life in the Valley
- Jim McLeod, younger brother of Vinson McLeod, is living at High Hope Care Center in Brenham, Texas. Jim enjoys receiving mail. Greetings for Jim and notes of support for his wife Mary Ann Wycoff can be sent to P.O. Box 160, Kenney TX 77452,
- Jay Travis, Ann Sahadi's son and Andrea Hudler's brother, is at home, being treated for a neurological disorder.
- Carl Walborg, son of Shirley Pippin's good friend Mary Ann Walborg, recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Connor Magee, Mark and Joyce Magee's grandson.
- Mary Ann Walborg, very good friend of Shirley Pippin, as she deals with health and cognitive issues.
- Victor Herrera, Ezequiel's brother, dealing with long-term health issues

- Cisco Villa, whom the church regularly assists, is in deteriorating health due to liver disease.
- The people of the *colonias*.

Calendar -- Week of January 22

- Wednesday, January 25: Choir Practice; 7:30 p.m.; Choir Room
- Thursday, January 26: Space for God; 10:00 a.m.; Parlor
- Thursday, January 26: CE Calling; 12:30 p.m.; Parlor
- Sunday, January 29: Worship; 10:30 a.m.; Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Link for all FPC Zoom meetings: **WORSHIP IS NOW STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE, NOT ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86050357489?pwd=VkhqODg0NjJFS2VTSm91UFFOSjVjQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 5035 7489 Passcode: 912217

One tap mobile: +13462487799,,86050357489#,,,,,0#,,912217# US (Houston)

Link for Facebook Live streaming worship services:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=first%20presbyterian%20church%2C%20mcallen%2C%20tx>.

Life of the Church – Week of January 22

- Welcome to FPC's **newest member -- Tanya Moes**. Tanya met with the Session on January 17 and was received into membership by Reaffirmation of Faith. Many of us have known Tanya through her work as teacher and Director of Lynn Flowers Presbyterian Preschool. She and her husband Sean are parents to Dalton, who lives and works in McAllen, and Averie, who is studying journalism at University of Houston.
- The Session approved the **2023 Budget** at their Stated Meeting on January 17. Look for correspondence in the coming weeks with details about the church's financial outlook for this new year.
- The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, February 19, following worship. At this meeting the congregation will:
 - receive the 2023 Church Budget as information
 - approve the Pastor's 2023 Terms of Call
 - elect the 2023 Nominating Committee. Dana Friedman, Pat Rossow, and Vinson McLeod have agreed to serve. If you want to nominate someone to the Nominating Committee from the floor during the Congregational Meeting, please secure that person's agreement before the meeting.
- **Star Words** were given out during worship on Sunday, January 8. If you would like a Star Word mailed or emailed to you, please contact Pastor Kathy. Additional Star Words and guidelines for working with your word are available in the Narthex.
- **Space for God** will meet on Thursday, January 26 in the Church Parlor with a Zoom link for remote attendance. The group is discussing *When Your Life is on Fire: What Would You Save?* by Erik Kolbell.
- Mark your calendar to attend the **Children's Bereavement Center Open House** on March 2. This will be our chance to see how they have transformed the spaces, to meet the staff, and hear how their work is progressing.

Life of the Church -- On-going

- On **Rally Day**, September 11, the CE Calling introduced the theme for this program year: ***Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice.***
- There is a **Flower** sign-up board in the hallway near the church office for members to sponsor fresh flowers in honor or memory of a loved one on the first Sunday of a month.
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** works with communities facing urgent need. Here is a link to their webpage: <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources/list/?situation=hurricane-ian>
- **Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room. Contact Robert Garza at 956-720-2301 for more information.
- **Youth Fellowship** meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at 3:00.
- **Church Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or by appointment.
- The **Puentes de Cristo** website is up. Check it out to see all the great work that is going on: <https://puentesdecristo.org/> Caly Fernandez can use these supplies:
 - H-E-B gift cards, food, hygiene supplies, and especially diapers. Supplies may be brought to FPC during office hours.
- How to reach Pastor Kathy: fpccpastorkathy@gmail.com; 512-466-5662
- How to reach Michael Pullen: fpchurch@sbcglobal.net
- All mail for the church should be sent to P.O. Box 1029, McAllen, TX 78505.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 - Kevin Henry	12 - Estaban Davila	25 - Mike Hudler
2 - Hilton Wilson	Tina Turk	27 - Elizabeth Martinez
4 - Courtney Collins	15 - Salomon Bautista	29 - Avrel Seale
9 - Feliz Pineda	16 - Lou Helt	30 - Sopphey Vance
10 - Gonzalo Zamora	21 - Pablo Davila	
11 - Adriana Davila	23 - Jeremy Tucker	

Anniversary

Raymond and Esther Jenkins

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 - Cramer Miller	15 - Kathryn Henry	21 - Caroline Collins
4 - John Anthony Freeland	Wileen King Aalborg	24 - Evelyn Garfield
8 - Carol Henry	17 - Francisco Villarreal	27 - Herlinda Morris
11 - Sandie Trevino	18 - Thomas Freeland	Ann Sahadi
13 - Aimee Travis	19 - Fern Kreidler	28 - Cory Raymond

Anniversary

Bruce and Wileen (King) Aalborg

Lectionary Readings for January 29 -- Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

- ♦ Micah 6:1-8
- ♦ Psalm 15
- ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- ♦ Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Prayer for the Week -- A Reworking of Psalm 15

O Beloved, whom will You invite
into the abode of your Heart?
Who will dwell with You in Love?

One who walks with integrity, who
is in harmony with your Word,
and sings the heart's song;

Whose tongue speaks truth
judging not others and
seeking only the good;

Whose eyes behold not the outer
garments of the body,
but see within the inner robe of Love;

Whose own weaknesses are acknowledged
and brought to light in prayer;

Who is just in all affairs of life
and takes not advantage of another.

One who does all these things,
will join the Dance of Life!
will sing the Song of Joy!

Source: Nan C. Merrill; *Psalms For Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness*; p. 21