

Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice

Prayer requests -- Week of May 26

New and Recent Prayer Requests:

- Prayers of thanksgiving this Memorial Day week for all who have served in our nation's armed services, especially those who have given their lives to protect and defend the people of the USA, and to further our nation's ideals of liberty and justice for all. Prayers of comfort and consolation for all those who have lost friends and family members in armed conflicts.
- Continued prayers of healing and encouragement for Gail Keyes, who has been moved to in-hospital rehab at South Texas Health System on Trenton at Sugar Road in Edinburg. She is in Room 346 and is happy to have visitors. Prayers as well for Gail's sister, Margie Karst. Cards for Gail can be mailed to 3334 Country Club Dr., Edinburg, 78542
- Prayers of healing and strengthening for Henry McElmurray, who has been moved to in-hospital rehab at the South Texas Health System facility at 301 W. Expressway 83 and McColl Road. Henry's cell phone number is: 956-451-3414
- Prayers of healing for Bernard Tabali, who remains hospitalized at South Texas Health System, but has moved to Room 856. Bernard expects to be transferred to Houston for treatment.
- Kathy Garfield requests prayers of healing and strength for her cousin, Dan Winn, following recent surgery.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that Sopphey Vance is feeling stronger after a recent hospitalization.
- Prayers for Barbara Knappenberger, mother of Ann Rowland. Barbara remains at home, comfortable and under hospice care.
- Prayers for Ezequiel Herrera, who has served since 2019 as Mission Presbytery's RGV Evangelist, and his family as he prepares to move from the Valley to New Jersey to serve a congregation there.
- Prayers for the New Life / *Nueva Vida* congregation which Ezequiel began in McAllen, that they might discern a faithful and fruitful path forward following his departure.
- An update from Kelly Leonard about her father, Bob Houlihan: "He is definitely doing better. He is now on some medication that he will keep taking for a couple of years to keep the cancer from coming back. Thank you for your continued prayers."
- Prayers for Stephanie McCrory, that she might experience protection from adversity, and achieve consistency in her attempts to better organize her circumstances.
- Prayers of thanksgiving and celebration at the birth of Jameson Michael Bradburn, son of Ian and Jessica, brother of Olivia, grandson of Beverly Avila. Jameson was born on Monday, April 22, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.
- Mac Williams, husband of Crystal Simpson and son-in-law of Lita and Bob Simpson, has been moved from the hospital to a long-term acute care facility, where he will continue to receive treatment to regain full function after liver transplant surgery last year.
- Vera Barnes as she recovers from a recent fall and broken hip. She is currently at Valley Transitional Care in Mission. Cards can be mailed to 4612 N. 5th Street, McAllen, 78504.

- Mauricia Friedman continues to recover at home following her recent hospitalization. Cards can be mailed to 7505 North 33rd Street, McAllen, 78504.
- Prayers for *Puentes de Cristo* as it moves through a period of transition. Lety Martinez is the new Executive Director. Dan Bautista and Fred Gamble have joined the Board of Directors.
- Sophia Bousquet, Lita Simpson's sister, has returned home after a recent brief hospitalization and is responding well to her therapies.
- Vinson McLeod has moved to Alfredo Gonzalez Veterans Home at 301 E. Yuma. Please contact Cory Raymond at 956-221-2240 to schedule a visit.
- Jeff Schneider, brother of Doug and dear friend of Sher and Drue Wilkes, has returned home.
- Dee Trevino reports that her grandson Erik Avila remains hospitalized following recent surgery.

On-going Prayer Requests:

- Emma Jasper; 505 Trosky Rd. W, # 112; Edgerton, MN 56128; 507-820-0269 (Updated address)
- Prayers of continued healing for David Massey, son of Joe and Jinny.
- Jay Travis, Ann Sahadi's son and Andrea Hudler's brother, who has ALS.
- Marilyn Travis, wife of Andrea Hudler's father Paul.
- Estelle Davenport; Brookridge Senior Living; 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 220, Pharr, TX 78577
- Lou Helt; 956-601-0823; 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 229; Pharr, TX 78577
- Elizabeth Gearhart; c/o Diane Albert; 1350 Burnham Lane, Batavia, IL 60510
- Ann Sahadi; 1380 Charles Drive, Apt. 415; Longmont, CO 80503; 956-509-1729
- Rita Cochrane; The Gardens at Brookridge; 1301 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 111; Pharr, TX 78577
- Prayers for Chris and Kelly Leonard and their nephew Grant.
- Donna Rowland, David's mother, who is experiencing health and memory challenges.
- Dan Eggers
- Melinda Wright
- Duke Dashbach
- Prayers of healing for Richard Kozma, former member of FPC, who is receiving treatment for prostate cancer. He and Gwyn can be reached at 15 Hawthorne Drive, Newnan, GA 30263.
- Prayers of healing for Jim Harriff, Jack's brother, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Prayers of continued improvement for Mel Philips, Kathy Garfield's brother-in-law.
- Roberta Harriff, daughter-in-law of Jack and Carole Harriff.
- Sharon Willets; 316 Hazlett Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003.
- Jesse requests prayers for his friend Carlton who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Anna Finn, Mary Ellen Schneider's sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Prayers that Dalton Moes might experience growth toward robust mental health.
- Crystal Simpson
- Jim McLeod, younger brother of Vinson McLeod.
- Carl Walborg, son of Shirley Pippin's good friend Mary Ann Walborg, diagnosed with cancer.
- Connor Magee, Mark and Joyce Magee's grandson.
- Mary Ann Walborg, good friend of Shirley Pippin, as she deals with health and cognitive issues.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East.
- Prayers for Moazz Zaid Younes (friend of ZZ Hamilton), his family and all Palestinians.
- Prayers for Sveta, Anahird, Tora, and other Ukranian and Russian friends of ZZ Hamilton.
- Victor Herrera, Ezequiel's brother, dealing with long-term health issues
- Cisco Villa
- Anthony Trevino

- Prayers for all who are hungry or lonely or without shelter this day.
 - The people of the *colonias*.
 - Prayers of safety and hope for the people of Cameroon. Gifts for PDA's work in Cameroon can be made at: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/cameroon/>
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WORSHIP LINK: Link for Facebook Live streaming worship services:

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

ZOOM LINK: Link for all FPC Zoom meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86050357489?pwd=VkhqODg0NjlFS2VTSm91UFFOSjVjQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 5035 7489 Passcode: 912217

CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://www.mcallenfpc.org/>

Calendar

- Monday, May 27: Church Office closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 28: 6:30 p.m.; Stated Session Meeting; Parlor
- Wednesday, May 29: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Library open for Mid-Week Prayer
- Thursday, May 30: 10:00 a.m.; Space for God; Parlor – LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BREAK
- Sunday, June 2: 10:30 a.m.; Worship with Communion; Sanctuary and Facebook Live

Coming Up

- June 3 – August 11: Sabbatical leave for Pastor Kathy
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Life of the Church – Week of May 26

- June 2 will be Pastor Kathy's last Sunday in worship before beginning her sabbatical. The Sabbatical Task Force has put together an excellent calendar for summer services, which is posted to the church website. Pastor Kathy will return on August 12.
- Mary Breden will be the guest preacher for June 9 worship. Mary is a retired PC(USA) pastor who most recently served New Hope Presbyterian Church in La Feria.
- Monday Messages will continue through the summer. Prayer requests and other announcements for the Monday Message may be sent to Ann Rowland at umyayaya@aol.com or to Brian Pullen in the church office; fpchurch@sbcglobal.net.
- Pastoral care needs can be submitted to Kathryn Henry at hen_68@yahoo.com or to the church office.
- The Sunday School class has begun a summer hiatus and will resume in September.
- The choir has begun their summer hiatus. Many thanks to Rob Garza, Ale Pacheco, and the choir members for so generously and beautifully sharing the gift of their music with us. And many thanks as well to organist Beverly Avila, who will continue through the summer, providing music for worship services and working with worship leaders on hymn selections.
- Speaking of Beverly and hymns – the July 28 worship service will be a Congregational Hymn Sing. Beverly is working to put that together and she would like the congregation's input. Look for an insert in the June 2 bulletin inviting you to share your favorite hymn and the reason it is special to you. If you won't be in worship, you can email Beverly directly with your hymn requests at bbradburn3@aol.com.

- Rob Garza, FPC Choir Director, is working with Renee Leonard, who frequently plays the piano for our services, to prepare a Gospel Music Sunday on June 30 at 10:30 in the sanctuary. Mark your calendar for this special event in the life of the church.
- **Space for God** will finish discussing *Wearing God* by Lauren Winner this Thursday, May 30. Reading assignment is “In This Poverty of Expression, Thou Findest that He Is All” and “A Short Note from the Women’s Prison”.
- Many thanks to everyone who ordered a **Glory to God** hymnal. New hymnals will be placed in the sanctuary after Dedication labels are affixed during the June 23 Service Sunday.

Life of the Church -- On-going

- A growing number of people are coming to the church for food and hygiene bags. If you would like to help with that ministry, you can make a financial contribution or purchase any of these food items for our cupboard:
 - peanut butter crackers
 - tuna packets
 - fruit cups / applesauce
 - potted meat / Vienna sausages
 - protein bars
 - cereal bars
 - beef jerky
 - bottled water
- If you’d like to add your voice to the **FPC Chancel Choir’s** worshipful praise of God, check out choir practice or contact Robert Garza at 956-720-2301 or rob_grza10@yahoo.com. Choir practice is held at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Choir Room.
- **“Leave a Prayer / Take a Blessing”**. There is a table in the Library with materials to write a prayer and post it on the bulletin board. Prayers can be shared or private. Printed blessings are available for you to take one (or several). Each month will bring a new blessing.
- The **church staff** – Pastor Kathy, church administrator Brian Pullen, custodian Shannon Pruneda, and facilities manager Martin Davila – hold weekly meetings on Monday morning. If you have an item for the staff to discuss, please send it to fpchurch@sbcglobal.net or fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com.
- 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.
- Dan Eggers has written a pamphlet about how to lower the cost of running air conditioners. He has provided copies for the congregation. If you would like one, you can stop by the church office or ask to have one mailed to you.
- **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>
- **Church Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or by appointment.
- The exterior **Parlor doors** are now key-entry only. If you have an access card for those doors, please dispose of it. To request a key for the exterior church doors, contact the church office.
- How to reach Pastor Kathy: fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com; 512-466-5662
- How to reach the church office: fpchurch@sbcglobal.net
- All mail for the church should be sent to P.O. Box 1029, McAllen, TX 78505.

Financial Report through April

2024	Revenue	Expenses	Net
MTD (April)	\$23,246.25	\$28,538.91	- \$5,292.66
YTD	\$106,119.28	\$105,065.32	+ \$1,053.96

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10 – Samuel Friedman
11 – Sher Wilkes
12 – Laura Turk
13 – Debra Schneider

14 – Kyle Henry
Kathleen Maxson
16 – Bethann Freeland

18 – Estelle Davenport
Lindsey Schneider
Judy Suter
26 – Meredith Ashlye Jenkins
30 – Nadine Force-Macey

Anniversaries

Dan and Betty Bautista

Hugo and Nancy Pruneda (5/29/1976)

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 – Calista Garfield
2 – Kelly Flowers
8 – Barbara Flowers
9 – Lois Clark
Amanda Garfield

11 – Erren Seale
Raymond Jenkins IV
12 – C. A. Kelly
19 – Shannon Leonard
Nicholas Wright

21 – Van Talbert
22 – Ricky Garfield
Hugo Pruneda
26 – Victoria Montemayor
27 – Allison Garza

Anniversaries

Jim and Kathy Collins

Cam and Kathryn Henry (6/1/1968)

Melvyn and Kathleen Maxson

Doug and Debra Schneider (6/24/1978)

Readings for June 2

• **1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)**

• **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

• **2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

• **Mark 2:23 – 3:6**

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶ He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1} Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴ Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God**

Prayer for the Week –

God of delight,
your Wisdom sings your Word
at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet.
Invite us into your joyful being
where you know and are known
in each beginning,
in all sustenance,
in every redemption,
that we may manifest your unity
in the diverse ministries you entrust to us,
truly reflecting your triune majesty
in the faith that acts,
in the hope that does not disappoint,
and in the love that endures. Amen.

May Library Blessing:



**Good people,
Most royal greening verdancy,
Rooted in the sun,
You shine with radiant light.
In this circle of earthly existence
You shine so finely,
It surpasses understanding.
God hugs you.
You are encircled by the arms
of the mystery of God.
Hildegard of Bingen**

