

## CHURCH FOR A NEW TIME

God Summons Us To:

◆ Faithful Growth     ◆ Bold Witness     ◆ Compassionate Mission

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### Prayer requests -- Week of August 7

#### **New Prayer Requests:**

- Adriana Davila will have knee replacement surgery on Thursday.
- Malcolm Meek, friend of Nadine Force, will have surgery on Tuesday. He has been diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer.
- Emma Jasper has moved into an assisted living facility in Edgerton, MN because scoliosis-caused pinched nerves are interfering with her mobility. Emma's daughter Beverly Avila requests prayers that Emma's transition to a new living situation and reduced independence will not be too difficult. And prayers, as well, for Beverly as she adjusts to the end of Emma's 34-year-long tradition of spending part of the year in McAllen.
- All who are testing positive for Covid as new variants continue to swirl around us.

#### **Updates on recent Prayer Requests:**

- Nadine Force continues with rehab at Las Palmas but is feeling stronger and ready to return to The Gardens at Brookridge. Cards may be sent to 1201 W. Ridge Road, Apt. 130; Pharr, TX 78577.

#### **On-going Prayer Requests:**

- Prayers for comfort for the family and friends of Alice Walkup, widow of former pastor Robert Walkup, who died recently at the age of 104. Cards or letters should be sent to Virginia Walkup Coleman, 2361 Getwell Road, Hernando, MS 38632.
  - Carl Walborg, son of Shirley Pippin's good friend Mary Ann Walborg, recently diagnosed with cancer, is waiting for further medical test results to determine treatment.
  - Jeff Schneider, Doug Schneider's brother, who is wearing a defibrillation vest to monitor and correct his heart activity. Please keep Jeff and his wife Mary Ellen in prayer.
  - Charlie Helt remains at McAllen Nursing Center, 600 N. Cynthia. He is able to have visitors but sleeps much of the time. Please keep both Charlie and Lou in prayer.
  - Ernie Williams as he continues immunotherapy treatment.
  - The people of Uvalde and all who are impacted by gun violence.
  - Connor Magee, Mark and Joyce Magee's grandson, who was born with cerebral palsy, and recently had surgery to insert a permanent feeding tube.
  - Beverly Avila's brother-in-law Bruce Johnson has returned to work part-time. He is still undergoing treatment for his cancer.
  - Ryann Johnson, Kelly Leonard's sister, is continuing to receive treatment for breast cancer.
  - Mary Ann Walborg, very good friend of Shirley Pippin, as she deals with health and cognitive issues.
  - Carole Harriff's brother Broderick Smith who has a badly deteriorated retina, and his wife, Janette, who is receiving treatment for breast cancer.
  - Jim and Mary Ann McLeod.
  - Victor Herrera, Ezequiel's brother, dealing with long-term health issues
  - The people of the *colonias*.
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## Calendar -- Week of August 7

- Sunday, August 14: Worship; 10:30 a.m.; FPC Sanctuary and Facebook Live
- Sunday, August 21: Worship -- Blessing of the Backpacks; Report from David and Tabitha Rowland on their mission trip to Uganda; 10:30 a.m. FPC Sanctuary and Facebook Live
- Monday, August 22: Finance Calling; 4:30 p.m.; Zoom
- Tuesday, August 23: Session Stated Meeting; 6:30 p.m.; FPC Parlor and Zoom

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**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>.

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## Life of the Church – Week of August 7

- **Choir Rehearsal** resumes this week -- Wednesday, August 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you've thought you might like to be part of the beautiful music the FPC Choir makes each week, check out choir practice or contact Robert Garza at 956-720-2301.
  - Pastor Kathy will be in Austin this week, without access to email, but available by phone or text at 512-466-5662.
  - If you've had more thoughts since our July 10 **Roundtable Conversations** or you were not able to be here but have ideas for how the congregation might move faithfully into the future, please contact Pastor Kathy or a Session member. The current FPC Session members are: Lita Simpson, Margie Karst, Sher Wilkes, Nancy Pruneda, Chris Leonard, David Rowland, Dana Friedman, Eduardo Mendoza, and Steve Flowers.
  - The 2022 **General Assembly of the PC(USA)** has concluded. A lot happened! Here's a link to information about actions taken at this General Assembly:  
<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/7/12/summary-general-assembly-actions/>
  - The **Puentes de Cristo** website is up. Check it out to see all the great work that is going on:  
<https://puentesdecristo.org/>
  - **Space for God** will resume on September 1. The first fall book will be: *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass.
  - **Church Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or by appointment.
  - Caly Fernandez can use these supplies for **the Puentes de Cristo colonias ministry**:
    - 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: [fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastorkathy@gmail.com); 512-466-5662
  - How to reach Michael Pullen: [fpchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchurch@sbcglobal.net)
  - All mail for the church should be sent to P.O. Box 1029, McAllen, TX 78505.
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## August Birthdays

2 - Antonio "Tony" Zamora  
5 - Anna Bohart  
Joan Graham  
8 - Esther Jenkins  
Ron Risica

12 - Ethan Hudler  
13 - Tom Turk  
14 - Shirley Druse  
23 - Tabitha Rowland  
25 - Lety Magee

25 - Mark Magee  
28 - Maria Colvin  
Jan Seale  
29 - Mitch Magee  
31 - Cassie Vorback-Vose

## August Anniversaries

Spud & Jan Brown  
Mark & Bethann Freeland  
Charles & Lou Helt

Rob & Lita Simpson  
Ernie & Ann Williams

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## Lectionary Readings for August 14

- ♦ Isaiah 5:1-7
- ♦ Psalm 82:1-2, 8-19
- ♦ Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- ♦ Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- ♦ The sermon text for August 14 will be a Complementary Lectionary Text: Psalm 82

God calls the judges into his courtroom,  
he puts all the judges in the dock.

<sup>2</sup> "Enough! You've corrupted justice long enough,  
you've let the wicked get away with murder.

<sup>3</sup> You're here to defend the defenseless,  
to make sure that underdogs get a fair break;

<sup>4</sup> Your job is to stand up for the powerless,  
and prosecute all those who exploit them."

<sup>5</sup> Ignorant judges! Head-in-the-sand judges!  
They haven't a clue what's going on.  
And now everything's falling apart,  
the world's coming unglued.

<sup>6</sup> "I appointed you judges, each one of you,  
deputies of the High God,

<sup>7</sup> But you've betrayed your commission  
and now you're stripped of your rank, busted."

<sup>8</sup> O God give them what they've got coming!  
You've got the whole world in your hands!

(The Message)

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

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**Prayer for the Week -- A Prayer for Disturbance**

Lord, make me a channel of your disturbance.  
Where there is apathy, let me provoke.  
Where this is silence, may I be a voice.  
Where there is too much comfort and too little action,  
grant disruption.  
Where there are doors closed and hearts locked,  
grant us the willingness to listen.  
When laws dictate and pain is overlooked --  
when tradition speaks louder than need --  
disturb us, O Lord.  
Teach us to be radical.  
Grant that I may seek rather  
to do justice than to talk about it;  
to be with as well as for the poor;  
the love the unlovable as well as the lovely;  
to touch the passion of Jesus  
in the pain of those I meet;  
to accept responsibility to be church  
as the church is meant to be.  
Lord, make me a channel of your disturbance.

Gina Kohlhelpp

# First Presbyterian Church, McAllen

## 2022 Benevolence Schedule

This schedule of payments has been approved by the Session for the church's 2022 Benevolence distributions.

<i><b>Proposed Distribution of Benevolences for 2022</b></i>	<i><b>YTD</b></i>	<i><b>Proposed Allocations - 4/19/22</b></i>	<i><b>6/30/22</b></i>	<i><b>9/30/22</b></i>	<i><b>On or before 12/31/22</b></i>	<i><b>2022 Totals</b></i>
Angry Tias & Abuelas of RGV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Emily's Meals	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,600.00
Food Bank of RGV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Lynn Flowers Preschool	\$291.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$291.19
John Knox Ranch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Mission Presbytery	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Mo-Ranch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Palmer Drug Abuse Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Pastor's Local Assistance	\$1,300.00	\$200.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00
Presbyterian Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,308.81	\$0.00	\$5,308.81
Puentes de Cristo	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Shreiner University	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Su Casa de Esperanza	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Totals	\$1,591.19	\$6,350.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,208.81	\$7,400.00	\$28,800.00