

CHURCH FOR A NEW TIME

God Summons Us To:

◆ Faithful Growth ◆ Bold Witness ◆ Compassionate Mission

Prayer requests -- Week of May 1

New Prayer Requests:

- Dan Eggers will have dental surgery on Tuesday, May 3.

Updates on recent Prayer Requests:

- Elizabeth Gearhart had shoulder surgery last week and is recovering at home. Cards for Elizabeth may be sent to 9601 Union Road, Plymouth, IN 46563.
- Ernie Williams has begun immunotherapy treatment to reduce / eliminate cancerous growths on his scalp. If this regimen is successful, he will not need surgery.
- Sher Wilkes is continuing to heal from recent surgery.
- From Shirley Pippin: Aaron Wilson is awaiting further test results to confirm his diagnosis and determine treatment. His wife, Sally, is receiving non-surgical treatment for back problems.
- Beverly Avila's brother-in-law Bruce Johnson has returned to work part-time. He is still experiencing facial swelling, for which he is taking antibiotics.
- David Rowland's father, Jim, is at home continuing to recover from his recent stroke.
- Monty Jennings, Pastor Kathy's brother, has begun his next chemotherapy regimen as part of the clinical trial in which he is participating.

On-going Prayer Requests:

- Prayers of comfort for the family of Stephen Charles Moes (father-in-law of Tanya Moes, Lynn Flowers Preschool director), who died on Monday, April 18. Cards for Tanya and her husband Sean may be sent to 1613 N. 24 ½ Street, McAllen, 78501.
 - 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 cognitive issues.
 - Col. (Ret.) R.T. Dixon who is in hospice care, and his wife Carol Ann Dixon, who is healing from a broken femur. The Dixons are friends of Shirley Pippin.
 - Carole Harriff's brother Broderick Smith who began losing the sight in his left eye quite suddenly due to a badly deteriorated retina, had a recent doctor visit which resulted in a good report of his current condition and a more hopeful prognosis. Broderick's wife, Janette, has just begun treatment for breast cancer.
 - Raul Aleniz, friend of Shirley Pippin, who is undergoing treatment for metastasized cancer.
 - Susan Schane is dealing with multiple health issues. Susan directed the SOS summer reading program.
 - 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 May 1

- Thursday, May 5: Space for God -- 10:00 a.m.; FPC Parlor and Zoom
 - Sunday, May 8: Session-led Worship service -- 10:30 a.m.; FPC Sanctuary and Facebook
 - Sunday, May 8: Youth Fellowship -- 3:30 p.m.; Fellowship Hall
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Zoom Link for all FPC Zoom meetings:

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

Meeting ID: 860 5035 7489 Passcode: 912217

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

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbahNHKVfB>

Life of the Church – Week of May 1

- **New members:** The FPC Session met Sunday after worship with Joe and Jinny Massey to receive them as members of the congregation by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church, Bryan. They will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, May 15 during worship, but you don't need to wait to welcome them!
- The FPC Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, May 22 following worship for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders to the Session Class of 2025.
- Beginning on Monday, May 2, **Church Office Hours** will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or by appointment.
- **Space for God** will have a hybrid in-person / Zoom meeting this Thursday to discuss future topics and schedule.
- You won't want to miss **Session-led Worship** on May 8.
- With the closing of Lynn Flowers Preschool at the end of the current semester, FPC has the opportunity to dream big for how we can use our facility to live out our discipleship. The **Building Use Task Force** met last week to begin the conversation. If you have input -- suggestions, concerns, etc. -- please communicate them to Pastor Kathy by Wednesday. There will be at least one Town Hall meeting on the topic.
- Mark your calendar for **Pentecost**. Following worship on June 5, the Session will host a **Pentecost Picnic** for the congregation which will also be a **Wedding Shower** for our choir members Amy Whitehouse and Justin Lopez, who are getting married on July 16. If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for Amy and Justin, you can submit that to the church office any time between now and May 31. Look for more details in the weeks to come.
- **HYBRID CHURCH** -- FPC worship is streamed on Facebook Live. You can find services here: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=first%20presbyterian%20church%2C%20mcalleen%2C%20tx>. Services are recorded and available to watch at your convenience.
- **Youth Fellowship** offers you a chance to spend some time with our young people by being the additional adult for their Sunday afternoon meetings. Please contact Lita Simpson (lita.mojicasimpson@gmail.com) to sign up.
- 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; 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.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

10 - Samuel Friedman

11 - Sher Wilkes

12 - Laura Turk

13 - Debra Schneider

14 - Kyle Henry

16 - Bethann Freeland

18 - Estelle Davenport

Lindsey Schneider

Judy Suter

30- Nadine Force-Macey

Anniversaries

Dan & Betty Bautista

Hugo & Nancy Pruneda

Lectionary Readings for May 8– Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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

Prayer for the Week

As we continue in the six weeks of Eastertide, here is a Sabbath Poem by Wendell Berry which speaks to the season.

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Do not live for death,
 pay it no fear or wonder.
 This is the firmest law
 of the truest faith. Death
 is the dew that wets the grass
 in the early morning dark.
 It is God’s entirely. Withdraw
 your fatal homage, and live.

Wendell Berry; *This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems*; p. 372