

CHURCH FOR A NEW TIME

God Summons Us To:

◆ Faithful Growth ◆ Bold Witness ◆ Compassionate Mission

Prayer requests -- Week of June 19

New Prayer Requests:

- Prayers for Dan Eggers, who will have surgery to remove a growth on his right kidney.
- Connor Magee, Mark and Joyce Magee's grandson, who was born with cerebral palsy, is having surgery to insert a permanent feeding tube.

Updates on recent Prayer Requests:

- Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Eric Reichenberger, nephew of Beverly Avila and grandson of Emma Jasper, and for the family gathering in his memory last week in Woodstock, Minnesota.
- Prayers of thanksgiving that Eng Parker arrived safely in Australia on June 9.
- Pastor Kathy had a Zoom chat with her brother Monty last week, and he looked and sounded good after the recent MRI which revealed new brain tumor growth. So far, he is tolerating his new medication regimen well.

On-going Prayer Requests:

- The people of Uvalde and all who are impacted by gun violence.
- Ernie Williams as he continues treatment for cancerous growths on his scalp.
- 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 several health and cognitive issues.
- Col. (Ret.) R.T. Dixon is continuing to receive hospice care. His wife Carol Ann is doing well after healing from a broken femur. The Dixons are friends of Shirley Pippin.
- Carole Harriff's brother Broderick Smith who has a badly deteriorated retina, and his wife, Janette, who is receiving treatment for breast cancer.
- Raul Aleniz, friend of Shirley Pippin, who is undergoing treatment for metastasized cancer.
- Jim and Mary Ann McLeod.
- Victor Herrera, Ezequiel's brother, dealing with long-term health issues
- The people of the *colonias*.

Calendar -- Week of June 19

- Monday, June 20: LFPS Classroom Clear-out Day; 9:30 a.m.; meet in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, June 21: Session; 6:30 p.m.; FPC Parlor and Zoom
- Wednesday, June 22: follow up to LFPS classroom clear-out workday; 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 25: RESCHEDULED - Baby shower for Rebecca Hernandez; 2-4 p.m.; FPC Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, June 26: Worship -- 10:30 a.m.; FPC Sanctuary and Facebook

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)

Life of the Church – Week of June 19

- The 2022 PC(USA) General Assembly has begun. Here is a link to *Presbyterian Outlook's* coverage of the GA events: <https://pres-outlook.org/tag/GA225/>
- There will be a workday on Monday, June 20, beginning at 9:30, to begin sorting and organizing the contents of the LFPS classrooms. Some will be donated to various organizations, others will be sold or given away on Wednesday, June 22. Tanya and the school staff can use our help on both of those days.
- The baby shower for Rebecca Hernandez, daughter of Betty and Dan Bautista, was rescheduled from June 18 to June 25 after Rebecca tested positive for Covid-19. If this new date changes your RSVP status, please contact Dan at 956-239-2950.
- The family of Joe Allen Taylor, former member of FPC, will hold a memorial service for him at the church on Saturday, July 9 at 10:00, with a graveside service following. There will be a fellowship time from 9 to 10 before the service. If you can help to provide hospitality for that fellowship, please contact Henry McElmurray or Pastor Kathy.
- The PC(USA) has resources available around the issue of gun violence. The 2010 General Assembly approved a document entitled *Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call*. It can be found here: https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/acswp/pdf/gun-violence-policy.pdf
And here is a link to an Action Alert entitled "The Beloved Community and Gun Violence" from the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness: <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&view=bt&ver=ops2cvpehp6&search=inbox&th=%23thread-f%3A1733907128850201963&cvid=2>
- 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. Fall books will be: *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass and *When Your Life is on Fire: What Would You Save?* by Erik Kobell. Copies of each are available in the church office.
- **Church Office Hours** are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, or by appointment.
- **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%20mcallen%2C%20tx>. Services are recorded and available to watch at your convenience.
- **Youth Fellowship** has finished for the 2021-2022 year and will resume in the fall.
- 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.

June Birthdays

2 - Kelly Flowers
4 - Sheila Wilson
8 - Barbara Flowers
9 - Lois Clark
Amanda Garfield

11 - Erren Seale
19 - Shannon Leonard
Nicholas Wright
21 - Van Talbert
22 - Hugo Pruneda

24 - Bennie McDonald
26 - Victoria Montemayor
27 - Allison Garza

June Anniversaries

Jim and Kathy Collins
Cam and Kathryn Henry

Doug and Debra Schneider
Hilton and Sheila Wilson

Lectionary Readings for June 26

- ♦ 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 ♦ Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 ♦ Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- ♦ Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Prayer for the Week --

PRAYER TO BEGIN THE DAY

Jesus, I desire to start this day with you. And yet, my mind keeps flitting to so many things:

the projects I want to accomplish,
the people I want to talk to,
the people I wish I didn't have to talk to.

I wonder. Are these things distractions to spiritual concentrations or invitations to see God in the ordinary? I'm not sure.

Jesus, I know that you are that Center who knows no distraction.

So I offer up my mental fragmentation to you, O Lord my God.

May my scatteredness become your gatheredness.

As I'm contemplating a thousand things, Jesus,

may I somehow be contemplating you.

Amen.

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