

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

300 Burleson, Smithville, Texas 78957  
Phone 512.360.5231

## Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY 2021**



Our trip out west started with a big mistake. Maybe mistake isn't exactly the right word because we were properly in line at the airport just a little under two hours before our flight was supposed to leave. But it turns out American Airlines has been having all sorts of trouble: lines were out the door; only a handful of people were trying to serve hundreds of us. It was a mess. By the time we got to the counter, the agent told us that we would not make our flight. We could go stand in another line (which we did for a few minutes) and reschedule, but we learned on our phones that our best chance of getting to Santa Fe would end up being fourteen hours later than we intended. We would be waking our friends up in the middle of night, then leaving on our road trip the next day.

We griped to each other for a minute or two, left the line, but walking back to our car, we made a snap decision. We loaded up our suitcases, refigured our trip, and started driving to El Paso. (We had lost our day visiting friends, but we made it up at the other end.) Now, this added the long drives to El Paso, from El Paso to Sedona, and from Santa Fe all the way home to what turned out to be the 4000 miles we covered, but we also got to eat lunch in Junction, swim in Ft. Stockton, see the alligator statue downtown El Paso, take in the wonder of the Gila National Forest, discover Silver City and the best hash browns ever. Of course, I might go on. We were given the gift of having lots and lots of lazy time with each other, along with the opportunity to let our thoughts and conversation go wherever they wanted. Who would have expected this as we stood in that line at the airport, flustered and feeling exhausted, before our vacation began?

I hope this summer you will experience some mistakes that you will celebrate. God's joy, peace, and love are here and around the corner. God help us use whatever comes our way to find them.

## Church Leadership

**Pastor** - Rev. Kris Brown - 512.608.4293 Email - kribrown1001@gmail.com

**Clerk of Session** - Barbara Maresh - Email - bvmaresh@yahoo.com

**Pastoral Assistant** - Susan Guedry - Email - sguedry85@gmail.com

**Music Director** - Lisa Maresh - Email - lisamaresh@yahoo.com

- Piano/Organ/Harp - Monica Miller
- Trumpet - Alan Ford/Wayne King

**Session Members:** Harleigh Altmeyer, Jane Istre, Kathy Ford, Lilly Willenberg, Lisa Maresh, Monica Miller, Barbara Maresh

**Worship & Christian Formation** - Lisa Maresh/Monica Miller

**Church Administration** - Jane Istre

**Mission Outreach & Fellowship** - Kathy Ford/Lilly Willenberg

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - Harleigh Altmeyer/Monica Miller

**Web Site** - [www.fpcsmithville.org](http://www.fpcsmithville.org), Facebook, Newsletter - Kathy Ford - kathrynford@austin.rr.com

### *Sunday Schedules*

*We are open for 11 am worship, masks are optional for fully vaccinated - we will continue our Face Book Live option also.*

*When we open completely the schedule will be:*

*Coffee Hour 9:45*

*Sunday School 10 am will begin in September*  
*Worship at 11 am -Currently in the building and*  
*on Face Book Live*

*Communion on First Sunday*

*Women's Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from Sept to*  
*May at 10 a.m.*

*Please check the website for changes in schedule*

UPCOMING EVENTS:



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Saturday, JULY 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

MOVIE - "ELF", CHRISTMAS THEMED POT-DINNER, CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
If you would like to participate in a white elephant gift exchange, please bring a small wrapped (silly) gift (under \$10.00).

GAME NIGHT WILL BE IN AUGUST

Details to follow!!



Born Again Emporium is now open on Friday and Saturday from 9-2. Donations are taken only on Friday and Saturday from 9-2. Volunteers work Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Volunteers are needed for all days. Our week to work is July 5-10.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### July Birthdays

7/1 - Ruth Whitehead  
7/3 - Irving Hernandez  
7/15 - Leah Saunders  
7/17 - McKenzie Miller  
7/19 - Paul Evans  
7/28 - Blake Hernandez



### *July Communion Schedule*

Harleigh is in charge of Communion for July. She will prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays.

Monica Miller has volunteered to bring the bread and juice for ALL communion services. Thank you, Monica!

If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place.

July - Harleigh Herrington-Altmeyer

August - Jane Istre

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### July Anniversaries

7/12/2002 - Lisa Maresh & Hoyt Johnson  
7/26 - Jeri Nell & Walter Winslett

### FOOD PANTRY - JUNE

Remember to bring your donations for the food pantry on First Sunday. There are envelopes if you prefer to give money. The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank more economically than you can purchase it at the store.


From June 2 through June 30 the Food Pantry fed 463 clients with 1,457 family members, and 6 new families with 10 family members. As you can see the need is great!

### Cookbook Info

The cookbooks are here and ready to purchase for \$20. They are available at the church and will be available at a few other locations to be announced later. Contact Monica Miller for additional info. There is one correction: pg. 105, Pistachio Pudding Cake - add- 1 sm. pkg. pistachio pudding mix to the CAKE ingredients list. It is also in the FROSTING ingredients. The correction is being made to the unsold books. The cookbook is a fundraiser for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It makes a great Christmas gift!



JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p><b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                      11 am Service                      In the Building and on Facebook Live                      Communion Service</p>  <p><i>Immigration Sunday</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>BAE 9-2</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BAE 9-2</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BAE 9-2</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Christmas in July - 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall - movie: ELF, pot luck, carol singing, fun for all ages! White elephant gifr exchange</i></p>
<p>11</p> <p><b>7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                      11 am Service                      In the Building and on Facebook Live</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>8th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                      11 am Service                      In the Building and on Facebook Live  <i>Session Meeting following service</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p><b>9th Sunday after Pentecost</b>                      11 am Service                      In the Building and on Facebook Live</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>