

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

May 2021

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Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown



It feels good to be ever so slowly returning to normal. I am very much enjoying seeing some of you for the first time in a long time (you haven't changed). I hope, for the summer, you are planning maybe a visit or two, a little travel, some way to get outside of the smallness Covid has forced upon us. Our family is about to celebrate Alex's birthday at a restaurant. And this is going to be wonderful.

Yet, what a long, frightening, hard, hard year we have just gone through. While perhaps many of us might be able to share a few unexpected blessings we have received, most likely we all understand grief and loss in a deeper, more personal way because of what happened in 2020. We see loss all around us, of precious friends and family (I am holding in my heart Pastor Smith), of work, well-being and time with those we love.

It makes sense that we take a moment as we worship together to honor the losses we have experienced and at the same time to come together, thankful that we are where we are right now. The Sunday before Memorial Day is a natural Sunday to do this. Our 150th committee is planning a special Sunday service for May 30th to be held in MLK park starting a little early, at 10:00 am. Among the many things we will remember is the service we held in this park with Pastor Smith. We hope members of his church will join us. We plan to sing hymns, celebrate communion, and have some fun. We will offer a BBQ lunch for \$10.00 a plate; kids eat free. David is supplying the brisket. Will some of you volunteer to bring sides? It should be a great morning.

I look forward to spending time with you, look forward to being in the park at the beginning of summer with my dear friends.

Church Leadership

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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

150th Anniversary - Harleigh Altmeyer/Monica Miller

Web Site - www.fpcsmithville.org, Facebook, Newsletter - Kathy Ford - kathrynford@austin.rr.com

Sunday Schedules

We are open for 11 am worship with masks and social distancing,

but not for events with food.

When we open completely here is the schedule:

Coffee Hour 9:45

Sunday School 10 am

(SS for Pre-K is now available)

Worship at 11 am -Currently in the building and on

Face Book Live

Communion on First Sunday

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Tuesday from Sept to

May at 10 a.m.

Please check the website for changes in schedule

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

5/4 - Julia Grace Gosselink

5/7 - Brennen Hernandez

5/7 - Samuel Figueroa

5/18 - Lisa Altmeyer

5/27 - Ally Gosselink



*May Communion Schedule special note:
There will be 2 Communion Sundays in
May: May 2 and May 30th*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May Anniversary

5/14 - Gwen & Tom Morris

Lilly Willenberg is in charge of both Communion services for May. 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.

June - Barbara Maresh

July - Harleigh Altmeyer

FOOD PANTRY - APRIL

Remember to bring your donations on First Sunday. There are envelopes if 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 April 7 to April 28 the Food Pantry fed 390 clients, with 868 family members and 3 new families with 8 family members.

Cookbook Update

The cookbook has gone to the publisher and should be back by the end of May, hopefully in time to sell at the Memorial Service on May 30th. We would like to make some of the recipes in the cookbook to serve at the luncheon if possible.

A Blast From the Past - Oct 13, 2012

Dorothy, Gloria, Pat, Esther, Gwen, Sammye, and Freddie...

Setting up for the Fall Festival which was held in the Rec Center that year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 30 we will be having a Memorial Service in MLK Park. The theme of the service is "Honoring what we've lost and celebrating our connections through food and fun." We are inviting all to come. We are reaching out to the congregation of the late Pastor General Smith to join this service with us in his memory. The service will begin at **10:00am.**

Afterwards we are having a community luncheon to kick off the sale of our cookbook with BBQ brisket and all the fixings. Adult plates are \$10 and kids eat free. We will be selling our cookbooks for \$20 each. Kids and adults alike will love a round of corn hole, horseshoes, and egg toss! Come join us for games and a good time! If you have any questions, reach out to Harleigh.



Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, May 11 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be our last meeting until September 14th when we start a new study.

No food or drink is being served at this time but you may bring a snack and drink if you wish.

Masks and social distancing are required.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Mental Health Awareness Month begins; Foster Care Month Begins</i>
5th Sunday of Easter 2 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live Communion Older Adult week begins, Legacy Giving Sunday	3	4	5	6 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	7 <i>May Friendship Day</i>	8 <i>Fair Trade Day</i>
6th Sunday of Easter 9 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live Mother's Day	10	11 Women's Bible Study 10 am	12	13 Ascension of the Lord	14	15
7th Sunday of Easter 16 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live <i>Intercultural Church Sunday</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>1001 New Worshiping Communities</i>
Day of Pentecost 23 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live <i>Pentecost Offiering Presbyterian Heritage</i>	24	25	26 Zoom Session Meeting 7 pm	27	28	29
Trinity Sunday 30 10 am Service Communion, Lunch at MLK Park	31 Memorial Day					