

**First Presbyterian Church,**

**300 Burleson St.,**

**Smithville, TX 78957**

 A Message from Pastor Kris:

I so enjoyed our brief moment back in our building. Being outside together was also wonderful. You know, even though it was a little warm on one of them, those two Sundays in our front yard were in some ways my favorites. So many of you were able to be there. It did my heart a lot of good to see you face-to-face.

 As we go forward into July, I expect to be a bit down in the dumps. Of course, it makes sense that we stream our worship services on Face Book Live instead of having bodies in the church. We cannot risk the well-being of anyone, and this virus seems to come a little closer each day. I know you understand. We will worship together as best we can, even if worshipping together involves our being apart.

 And we’ll look so forward to the time we can be in the church on Sunday morning. We seem to be running a much longer race than we thought. To get through to the Sunday when we will next be able to sit in the pews and  open our hymnals and see the light come streaming through the stained-glass windows, it will help so much for us to continue what we did back in April and May. Let’s send in videos and pictures to Kathy so that she may post them. And keep calling one another. And keep each other in our prayers. Of course, if you need anything, don’t hesitate to call [(512) 773-1210)]. God grant that we come through whole. God keep you all safe.

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Sunday Schedule

When we fully reopen – check web site or Facebook to confirm the start date which will be after end of June.

9:45 am – Coffee/Social Hour

10 am Sunday school for all ages 3 to adults

Worship Service - 11 am

Communion and Covered Dish Luncheon on 1st Sunday each Month (See calendar for exceptions)

Church Leadership

**Pastor –** Kristin Brown- 512.608.4293

**Clerk of Session** – Leah Saunders

**Pastoral Assistant** - Susan Guedry 512.304.8082

**Piano/Organ/Harp –** Monica Miller

**Session Members – Leah Saunders, Lisa Maresh, Lisa Altmeyer, Kathy Ford, Monica Miller, Harleigh Altmeyer**

**Worship –** Elder Monica Miller

**Mission Outreach** – Elder Leah Saunders

**Fellowship** & **Christian Formation –** Elder Lisa Maresh

**Church Administration -** Elder Jane Istre

**Custodian** – Anna Hernandez 512.237.3880

**Web Page, Facebook Page, Newsletter –** ElderKathy Ford – 512.217.5706

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Smithville Food Pantry

Prepared by Mary Ellen Keathey

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| **Date** | **Clients** | **Family Members** | **New****Clients** | **New** **Family****Members** |
| **6/3** | 94 | 218 | 2 | 6 |
| **6/10** | 102 | 244 | 2 | 5 |
| **6/17** | 106 | 243 | 1 | 1 |
| **6/24** | 120 | 280 | 1 | 4 |
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| **JUNE****TOTALS** | 422 | 958 | 6 | 16 |

The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank much more economically than you can purchase it at the store, so please consider giving by check/cash or donate on line and mark “for Food Pantry”. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Dillon.



**Church Attendance – JUNE 2020**

**Prepared by Dot Dillon**

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| **Date** | **Members** | **Reg Visitors** | **New Visitors** | **Total** |
| **6/7** | 23 | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| **6/14** | 22 | 5 |  | 27 |
| **6/21** | 8 | 3 |  | 11 |
| **6/28** |  |  |  |  |

Note: 6/7 and 6/14 were Church in the Yard; 6/21 was in the sanctuary, and 6/28 was on Face Book Live

**Because Sunday, July 5 is Communion Sunday, and since we will be watching at home on Face Book Live, you will need to have some bread and juice/wine handy to participate in this part of the service. A copy of the bulletin will be available on the church web site before the service.** **Here is the link to the church web page:**

<http://www.fpcsmithville.org>

and to the Church Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=144090672292316&ref=br_rs>

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**July Birthdays**

July 1 – Ruth Whitehead

July 2 – Virginia Ilseng

July 3 - Irving Hernandez

July 11 – Tina Martin

July 15 – Leah Saunders

July 17 – McKenzie Miller

July 19 – Paul Evans

July 23 – Grayson Morris

July 28 – Blake Hernandez

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**July Anniversaries**

July 12 – Lisa Maresh & Hoyt Johnson

July 26 –Jeri Nell & Walter Winslett



The **Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study** will **not meet** at the church on Monday, April 13th. The meeting will be rescheduled in May if possible. An email will be sent and information posted on the church web page and Face book page regarding a date as soon as it is available.

Our 2019-2020 study is "Love Carved in Stone": A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gambler.

 The P**resbyterian Women’s Bible Study** will resume our studies in September when the new material is received.

If you have any questions, please contact Gwen Morris

Looking for a good book to read?

 Recommended by Kathy Ford

A Woman of No Importance by Sonya Purnell

**Virginia Hall was born into a wealthy Baltimore family in 1906. She was raised to marry into her privileged class, but wanted a life of adventure. Despite a hunting accident that cost her left leg, she became one of the most successful spies in World War II, first for the British and then for the Americans. Her story was long hidden, but is now being told in full.**

Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can’t afford health insurance.





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|  **Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday**

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|  514TH Sunday in Ordinary Time**11 am Service on Facebook Live – Communion Sunday –(Have your bread and juice handy for this part of the service)***Immigration Sunday* |  6  |  7  |  **8** | 9 |  10  |  11  |
|  1215th Sunday in Ordinary Time**11 am Service on Facebook Live** |  13 |  14 |  15 |  16 |  17 |  18 |
| 2 1916th Sunday in Ordinary Time**11 am – Service on Facebook Live** |  20 |  21 |  22 *7 pm Zoom Session Meeting* |  23*)* |  24  |  25 |
|  2617th Sunday in Ordinary Time**11 am – Service on Facebook Live**  |  27 | 28 |  29 |  30 |  31 |  |
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| **JULY 2020** |