

First Presbyterian Church Smithville Newsletter

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Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown



When you hear the word, “saint,” what pictures come to your mind? Maybe you see a statue or two? Maybe you think of people in old stained-glass windows? You may even be vaguely uncomfortable as you remember something your grandmother told you about other Christians worshipping saints and how very bad this is. “Saint” is a funny word because in its core, it calls us toward holiness. For most of us, me included, such a path seems perhaps too steep, harder than we feel ready for.

Even so, in our church year, we are entering into a saintly season. We begin with St. Francis Day. In the midst of our celebration of God’s wonderful creation along with our recognition that we are tightly connected to all of God’s creatures, we circle, for a Sunday, around a medieval monk. When you think about it, this is a remarkable thing to do so very far out in time and space in our little town of Smithville. Because they have their lives toward the fullest good, people we call saints, like St. Francis, often leave trails of glory that we might follow. Through what they have taught and done; we might come a little closer to God.

Next, as we turn into November, we will celebrate All Saints Day at our farm. We will spend the time we need remembering those who have helped and continue to help us become the people God wants us to be. As we do, as we thank God for the good others have shared with us, good that gives us joy and shapes us, we begin to realize that we have been and are surrounded by saints, saintly people, loved ones who would have us enter into the saintly procession.

Thankful for the support, teaching, examples of others, we feel God’s nudge to join in. When we look for the word, “saint” in the bible, we discover that Paul uses “saint,” over and over in his letters. He does so simply to name the people to whom he writes. People like you and me. We are invited to take our place, do our part, be the saints our friends, families and communities need. Are we ready to take up God’s invitation?

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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- 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

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Sunday Schedules

The Following are Now Open

Sunday School -10 am

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Tuesday from Sept to May at 10 a.m.

Communion on the First Sunday of each month

Covered dish lunch on First Sunday following Service

Resuming soon:

Coffee Hour 9:45

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEOS:

As I'm sure you've noticed if you have been attempting to watch the Sunday Service on Facebook Live, there have been on-going problems with the videos - including poor sound and picture quality.

We are working on finding the best way to bring the service to those who cannot come to the building to participate. For now we plan to video the service and download it to You Tube (go to You Tube and search FPC Smithville). And we will also continue to make it available on www.fpcsmithville.org Watch for more information and thank you for your patience!



October Birthdays:

- 10/01 - Rosaleigh Saunders
- 10/01 - Kris Brown
- 10/02 - Cole Willenberg
- 10/03 - Oliver Christian Chavez
- 10/03 - Pat Brown
- 10/09 - Shawn Hernandez
- 10/13 - Sue Patterson
- 10/17 - Casey Helgren Cangemi
- 10/18 - Mark Miller
- 10/21 - Nancy Evans
- 10/24 - Gary Saunders
- 10/27 - Charlotte Hines
- 10/29 - David Herrington
- 10/31 - Todd Parsons



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES :

- 10/04 - Crystal & Irving Hernandez
- 10/29 - Sue & Jim Patterson



October Communion Schedule

Lisa M is in charge of Communion for October. 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

FROM SUSAN GUEDRY

The Women’s Bible study meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The study this year is Celebrating Sabbath. Our next meeting is October 11th. We meet monthly on the second Tuesday from September to May. Everyone is invited.

The Adult Sunday School Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. Our study is Simon Peter, a 6-week study by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is invited.

We are working at Born Again Emporium Thrift Store November 7-12. The store is open for sales and donations on Friday and Saturday. We work Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 9-2. Any time that you can give us is greatly appreciated.

NEWS FROM LISA MARESH



Adult choir continues at 9:30 on Sundays
 We will start working on Christmas music in November.
 I would also like to start bell choir up again in November to play for the Christmas season.

FOOD PANTRY - SEPTEMBER



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

Date	Families Served	Number of Family Members	New Clients
9/7/22	122	306	2
9/14/22	124	317	1
9/21/22	126	295	0
9/28/22	134	348	0
TOTALS	506	1267	3

FROM MONICA MILLER

TICKETS FOR SALE

We have 6 general admission tickets to the Jerry Jeff Walker and Hondo Crouch reveal concert in Luckenbach, Texas. It is this Saturday, October 8th; gate opens at 4:00 pm and concert is from 5:00 to 10:00 pm. At JJ's memorial several months ago, donations were given for this statue of him and Hondo. Now the statue is ready and Susan (JJ's wife), and Django (JJ's son) have put together a concert for the reveal. The tickets are \$50 each, but we are willing to let them go for \$25 each. The music will be wonderful for sure (Jimmy Buffet and Emmylou Harris were two of the greats who played the memorial), and Susan is also keeping the reveal concert lineup a surprise! If you are interested in the tickets, please email me at we4blessed@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2</p> <p>17th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building Covered dish lunch following service. <i>World Communion Sunday Peace & Global Witness Offering</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Mental Illness Awareness Week begins</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 a.m. - "The Chosen" Fellowship Hall</p>	5	6	7	8
<p>9</p> <p>18th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building <i>Domestic Violence Awareness Month begins</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>10 a.m. - Women's Bible Study</p>	12	13	14	15
<p>16</p> <p>19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m - In the building <i>World Food Day; Children's Sabbath, Educate a Child, Transform the World</i></p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>10 a.m. - "The Chosen" Fellowship Hall</p>	19	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>20th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>United Nations Day</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 a.m. - "The Chosen" Fellowship Hall</p>	26	27	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>21st Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service 11 a.m. <i>Reformation Sunday</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Happy Halloween</i></p> 					