

JUNE

First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From your Session

The Pearl Necklace

My daughter recently reminded me of the sweet pearl necklace story she remembers from her youth and I wanted to remind you of it or to share it with you if the story is new to you.

The story is about Jenny, who was almost five years old. Jenny saw a pearl necklace at the dime store that she fell in love with. But since it cost almost \$2, she would have to see how much money was in her piggy bank, do extra chores and maybe use her birthday dollar to buy it. When she was finally able to purchase the little necklace, she wore it everywhere and only took it off when she went swimming or had a bubble bath.

This little girl had a dear father who read her a bedtime story every night. One night when he finished the story, he asked, "Jenny, do you love me?" Jenny said, "Oh, yes, Daddy. You know that I love you." "Then give me your pearls," he answered. "Oh, Daddy not my pearls, but you can have my favorite white horse from my collection. The one with the pink tail!" Her daddy said, "That's ok, Honey. Daddy loves you" and he kissed her good night. About a week later, after story time, Jenny's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?" Jenny answered again, "Daddy, you know I love you." "Then give me your pearls," he said. "Oh, Daddy, not my pearls, but you can have my new baby doll that I got for my birthday," answered Jenny. "That's okay. Daddy loves you." And he kissed her good night.

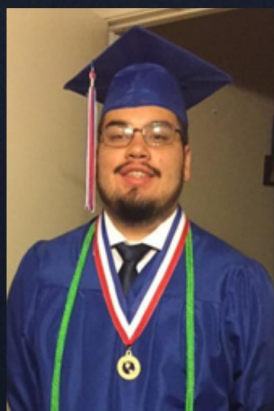
A few nights later when Jenny's daddy came in, she was sitting on her bed. He noticed that her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. "What is it, Jenny? What's

the matter?" he asked. Jenny didn't say anything, but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. When she opened her hand, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she said, "Here, Daddy. It's for you." With tears gathering in his own eyes, Jenny's kind daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime-store necklace, and with the other hand, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave it to Jenny. He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime store stuff so he could give her genuine treasure.

This story is a sweet depiction of the love our Father in heaven has for us and His desire to give us the best He has to offer. This begs the question, what are you holding onto instead of receiving God's riches for you? Are you holding on to your finances, your time, your selfish desires? When we are willing to give up our will for God's, we will experience the abundant life that Jesus promised us in John 10:10 "I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly." God wants us to have His best and when we give Him what we are holding on to, we can receive the rich blessings He has in store for us.

Sharon





Jimmy



Grant



Ross



Evelyn

On Sunday June 4, we celebrated our new graduates

- High school graduates - [Jimmy Cordova](#) and [Evelyn Walters](#)
- College graduates - [Grant Everett](#) and [Ross Shipman](#)

We are so proud of you!



When a leader calls for volunteers, he gets few responses.

There is a line in the song of the warrior queen Deborah after the victory over the Canaanites, "That the leader led Israel and that the people volunteered, O bless the Lord" (Judges 5:2)

Leaders can lead but if no one is following, they're only taking a walk. It takes both strong leaders of courage and vision, commitment and strength, and volunteers from among the Lord's people who will step up to go the second mile, do a little more than previously, exert themselves for the success of the work.

The congregation that is forced to rely on the same few overworked volunteers is on life support.

Source: An excerpt from [10 Signs You are Part of an Unhealthy Church](#) by Pastor Joe McKeever



Encourage
one another
and build up
each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV

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FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

JUNE 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Jack & Diane Pegues Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	2 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	3 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason
4 Connie Steger Joan Brown Pat Sparr	5 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin Eddie & Darlene Cowand	6 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Carol McKinney	7 Larry & Margaret Lewis. Heather, Zephyr, Erin & Christian	8 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. David Hertenstein & Evelyn	9 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	10 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Vincent & Caden Wanda Shipman
11 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	12 Miguel & Fanny Penalzoza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	13 Doris Metzger Tom & Lois Harmon	14 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	15 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	16 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram Gary & Candice Morris	17 Gary & Linda Simons Dick & Nancy Bergman
18 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Jennifer Johnson	19 Roy & Wendy Jensen George & Mary Huttar	20 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew	21 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	23 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Brittany Tucker	24 Jim & Janet Stahl Leo & Marlene Skinner
25 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	26 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	27 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	28 Jocelyn Bolles Steve & Marna Bayless	29 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	30 Dudley Austin Julia McConnell Donna To	

Happy Fathers' Day

Worship Volunteer Schedule

June 2017

June 4

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Communion Servers**

**Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl
Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand
Anna Murphy
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Doris Metzger & Anna Murphy
Jack Pegues, Diane Pegues,
Leo Skinner,
Joan Brown & Darrell Ingram**

June 11

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Edelmira & Adelmo Ruiz
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Susan Murphy
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger**

June 18

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel
Darlene Cowand
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown**

June 25

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Youth
Youth
Jocelyn Bolles
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Dick & Nancy Bergman**

June Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Rachel Simons, June 7	Susan Murphy, June 17
Vanessa Cordova, June 11	Nita Malone, June 21
Kent Glover, June 11	Devon Kezar, June 22
Katherine Liddle, June 11	

2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
April	\$14,583	\$19,394
Jan - Apr	\$78,387	\$68,557

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.