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

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From Your Session

Hello Church Family and Friends.

This month I've been giving the opportunity to write the front-page article for June's Newsletter. First thing that came to my mind was, what do I write about? See, to me, it's a privilege to be able to communicate with you in this way, and I want it to be valuable. Then, I read some of the past Newsletter Articles and the pressure is even bigger. I still don't know what to write about and the due date is now past due!

Here I go again, Heavenly Father help me . . .

Well, it is for the month of June and what do we celebrate in June? We honor our Fathers and we celebrate Father's Day, and what better opportunity to honor our Heavenly Father than in this article. Isn't it awesome to know we have a Heavenly Father who is always there for us when we need Him? We can always trust in Him. It is such a great feeling to know He loves Us so much, that it doesn't matter who we are, He accepts us and loves us, comforts us, restores us, and He meets us where we are and brings us home.

There are so many scriptures that describe and guide us in what to do according to the Father.

"The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him." (Proverbs 20:7)

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline

and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

Imagine the quality of life of those children whose fathers apply these scriptures in their daily lives. What a blessing to those children and at the same time for those fathers. We often talk about the love and compassion our Heavenly Father has for us, and when we emulate that love and that compassion with our children it's a life changer. And, I feel it's never too late to apply that in our daily lives if we haven't done it.

"A wise son brings Joy to his father." (Proverbs 15:20)

"Honor your Father as the Lord your God has commanded you..." (Deuteronomy 5:16)

And just as our Heavenly Father loves us, we need to love Him back, think about how you feel when a child or someone you love recognizes your love for them and loves you back.

If you are a Father, I wish you a very Happy Father's Day, and I invite you to celebrate and honor our Heavenly Father.

Jaime



PW News

The following article appeared in the First Quarter 2021 edition of ***The Innovator***, the quarterly newsletter of Presbyterian Women in Grace Presbytery.

PWs in the News – from First Presbyterian, Duncanville:

"We don't actually have an organized PW group here at First Pres, Duncanville, in the sense of having officers or meetings but consider all women part of PW. In years past, we had a more formal group with officers, monthly meetings, retreats etc., but no longer. Joan Brown and myself have been the unofficial "co-leaders" (very loosely) for about the past eight years and served on the PW board (when we had one) for the past 35 years right up to the present. We have two women's groups (formerly called "circles", now called fellowships). Because of the virus, one group no longer meets but our group (including Joan and myself) meets monthly at individual homes. There are seven of us in this group. The other group (about the same number) prefers not to meet at the present time. Until last fall, we had been using the National PW Bible Study each year. Last fall, our group decided to select something different and are doing a bible study on Women in the Old Testament.

We generally have two fund raisers each year (up until 2020), a Plant and Bake Sale in May and a Christmas Auction/Spaghetti Supper in December and raise about \$2,000 between these two events, with the Christmas auction being the larger fund raiser of the two. In 2020 we were unable to have the plant & bake sale because churches were required to be closed at the time. Then, for our annual auction and supper in December, since we knew some folks would be reluctant to attend, we held our very first auction on-line! We are very fortunate to have a wonderful church administrator who set it up for us. We ran the on-line auction for about two weeks, had about 115 items donated from handmade quilts to home baked pies, store bought gifts for men, women and children, gift certificates to stores and restaurants, etc. We had our most successful auction ever raising over \$2200 and will probably do it again next year!! Since we always had a spaghetti supper (at no charge) at the same time as the in-person auction as an incentive to come to the auction, we decided to offer a spaghetti & meatball supper with salad, bread and dessert "TO GO" on a Saturday evening in December at a very nominal fee, and were very successful with that endeavor as well and will probably do it again. We plan to resume the plant and bake sale again this year also.

We support a number of worthwhile organizations with the funds we raise: National PW Mission, Heifer International, Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville TX, Bridges Safe House in Cedar Hill, TX, and the Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home in Belize. We also provide the garden flowers for the gardens on our church grounds and other projects within the church as funds are available. In 2018 we put together a cookbook ourselves (replacing one from 30 years ago) and raised about \$2200 in cookbook sales to assist the church-wide fundraiser to send our choir to Carnegie Hall NYC to sing the Messiah in a combined international chorus. The church needed to raise a total of \$45,000 (cost of \$2,000 per choir member) and PW committed to sponsoring one choir member and were successful in reaching that goal.

Our church resumed in-person services last May as soon as we were permitted to do so and we continue the same, with about half of our congregation attending in-person and the others on-line. We are a small church but staying active and moving forward."

Jocelyn Bolles for PW

As an addendum to the above and for the benefit of our wonderful church family at FPCD, our Spring Plant and Bake Sale held on May 2, 2021, generated sales of \$1,425 and a net profit of \$1,000. Thanks to one and all who provided baked goods (and meals) to sell as well as those of you who purchased our home baked goodies and/or plants for your gardens!

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Worship Volunteer Schedule June 2021


June 6	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
June 13	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
June 20	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
June 27	Tellers	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova

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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.

Vanessa Cordova, June 11	Ross Shipman, June 16
Kent Glover, June 11	Nita Malone, June 21
Katherine Liddle, June 11	Devon Kezar, June 22
Caius Thorpe, June 14	

		
2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
April	\$15,679	\$23,163*
Jan-Apr	\$137,604**	\$130,944***
* \$217 of this for building projects		
***\$46,577 of this for building repairs		
****\$52,965 of this for building projects		

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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