



First Presbyterian Church
Gainesville, Texas

4TH OF JULY SONGFEST

On Wednesday, July 4th, our church is once again celebrating America with our annual “4th of July Patriotic Songfest.” The event will kick off at 7:00 PM and will include lots of singing, special music, and our traditional salute to the branches of the armed forces. Red, White and Blue are the colors of the day – so mark your calendars and invite your families and friends to join you for some good-olé flag-waving, hand-clapping honoring of America!

Refreshments following songfest in Tyler Hall.

Please note: there will not be a hotdog supper before the songfest this year – so you would have to eat those hotdogs before you come!



Creative Arts Camp

“Artful Antics”

July 30–August 3, 2018

8:30am–11:30am

Ages 7–13 years old

\$5.00 per child

How Can You Help?

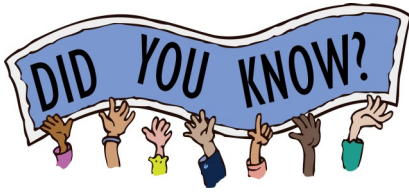
Well, folks, the time is drawing near for our Creative Arts Camp. With each person's help we will make this year the best year ever. The box in Tyler Hall is still in need of more colorful magazines for our collage project.

- 1) Pass the enclosed application on to a child because our enrollment is limited to only 30 artists.
- 2) Watch for our sign up sheets on the bulletin board. There will be a need for persons to help daily in:
 - a. Instruction
 - b. Assistance in the kitchen
 - c. Donations of refreshments

If you sign up in any capacity, we need you at an orientation meeting at 11:45am on July 1st. This is the monthly Christian Education meeting and an overview and tentative schedule of the activities will be discussed.

Come, take part and enjoy the young artists and be revitalized by the youthful energy experienced in our art adventures with the children.

Many Thanks to those whose in body or spirit support our Creative Arts Camp with your help and prayers. ~Sylvia



- That Pam Cooper did a great job as June’s pulpit assistant?
- That Jessica Lacefield got married on June 23rd to Corey Bullock?
- That Jenny and Justin Mouton (Carla and Charlie Waters’ daughter and son-in-law) are now officially looking to adopt?
- That catching a big fish really makes Matt Chalmers smile?
- That our “Taco Tuesday” and movie was a big success?
- That Judy Neal was recently installed as “Worthy Matron” for Gainesville’s “Eastern Star” chapter?
- That Paul Bentley is a new grand-father?
- That Jesse Coulter is a very talented musician?
- That Mary Frances and Chop Van Pelt continue to appreciate your prayers?
- That Carla Waters is doing fine after her recent surgery?
- That Angie Hare has officially “retired”?
- That the “New Life Leadership Team” has really appreciated your prayers and support?
- That there is now proof that Presbyterians can worship outside in June?
- That Daphne Kehrlis is now home after a recent hospital stay?
- That Chip Claxton’s daughter and family recently received a large anonymous donation to help pay for their son’s medical expenses?
- That Tim and Mary Turbeville are new grand-parents?



On behalf of the congregation we extend our Christian sympathy to:

Joy Hague at the death of her son
John (J.J.) Rowe.

Jesus said, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest.”



Sarah will be on vacation
July 16-20, 2018!!



These Days daily devotional guides for July-September 2018 are now available.

You will find them in the windows of the Sanctuary, or you can pick one up in the church office.



A number of years ago the ministers of a major city gathered at a local church for their annual Christmas party. Sometime during the evening, one of the custodians of the church found a tiny boy standing in a hallway crying. A quick investigation showed that the boy belonged to no one in the building. Parking lots and properties near the church were checked but no one was found.

The police were called and in a very short time they sent out bulletins to local radio and television stations throughout the community.

Later that evening there were reports that an out-of-state car had stopped at a local service station north of the city. Someone in the car asked if a boy had been found at a downtown church – and then the car drove off. The parents of the boy were never found. The little boy was placed in a wonderful home where he was taken care of and later adopted.

The morning after the little boy was found, a news reporter began her story with this sentence: “Someone trusted the church last night, and the church came through.”

God’s house did come through. Two parents, obviously imperfect, were adequately aware enough to know that there was one place in town they could count on to take the responsibility they couldn’t – and that place is the house of God.

Peace, John

Men’s Breakfast

The Men’s Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, July 24th, at 8:00 AM at the Fried Pie on the square! All the men of the church are encouraged to come and enjoy a great time of food and for solving all the world’s problems!

July Session Meeting

The Session will hold its regular July meeting on Sunday, July 15th, in the Seekers’ Classroom at 12:00 noon. All written committee reports are due in the church office by Thursday, July 12th.



On returning from his service in WWI, William H. Tyler, the son of F.A. Tyler, donated the choir chairs for the church.

Sermons Online!

Rev. Hare’s Sunday sermons are available on the church webpage! Just go to www.fpcgainesville.net – click on the “Sermons” link at the top of the page – then click on the dropdown tap – and you’re there! You can also find Rev. Hare’s sermons on the church Facebook.



In the old Evangelical United Brethren Church (united with the Methodists back in 1968) there was once a denominationally-supported orphanage at Flat Rock, Ohio. The children’s home always seemed to have a struggle, but more so during the Great Depression of the 1930’s, when contributions for its support fell off drastically as people just didn’t have anything extra to give.

The superintendent of the Flat Rock Children’s Home spent long hours on the road trying to scrape up what support he could for his struggling facility. He was a man of great faith – so he always seemed to work the following line into every presentation he made: “We seem to live from hand to mouth! It is our mouth, but God’s hand.”

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Worshipping Under the Trees

