

February 2019



Valentines for VISTO Luncheon

Sunday, February 10, 2019

11:30 am ~ Tyler Hall

Our annual sweetheart lunch and dessert auction will be Sunday, Feb. 10, following morning worship.

The meal will be furnished by the Fellowship Committee, so no need to bring anything BUT...your most favorite homemade dessert for our action with all the proceeds going to VISTO.

Please have your desserts with their description here *before* worship so that we may get them arranged for the auction.

If you are not wanting to bake an item, you may still contribute with a donation to VISTO. Please make your checks payable to FPC and memo to VISTO.

Come and join your church family for a good and fun time!

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Girls In Fun Together

February 7, 2019

5:30 pm

The Wolf Den



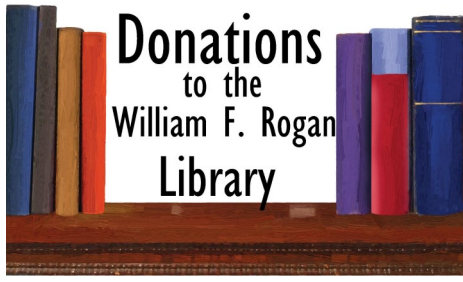
From the February 14, 1954
Session meeting:

"Rev. Mr. Hancock was authorized to accept the appointment of Chaplain to the State School for Girls at Gainesville."



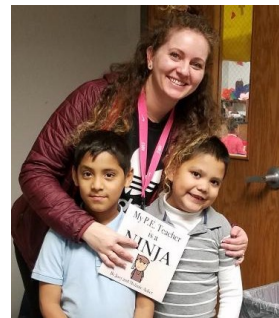
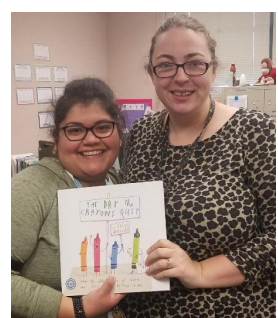
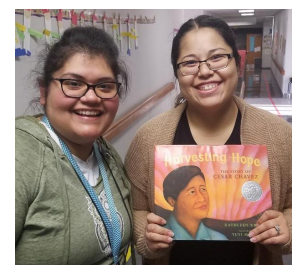
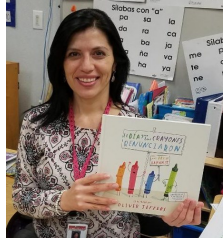
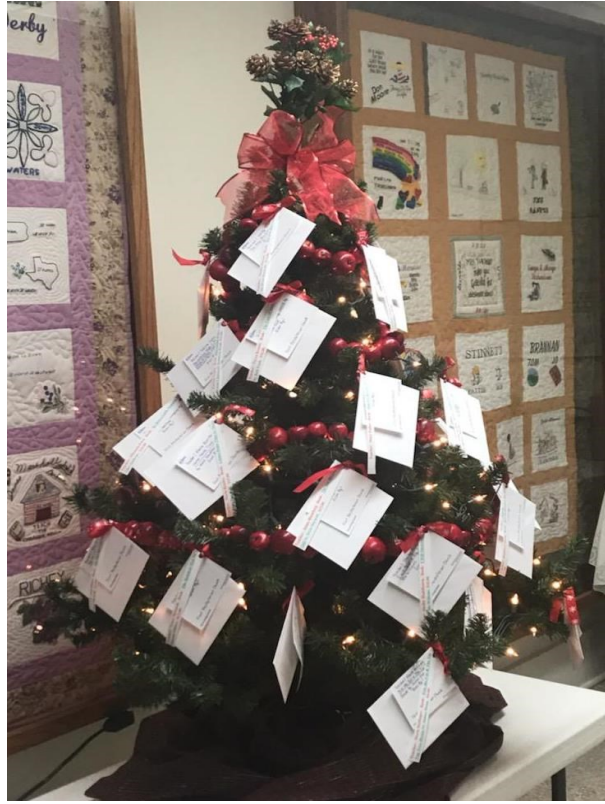
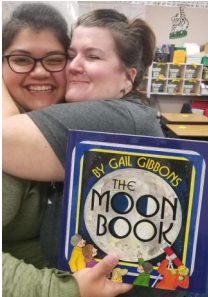
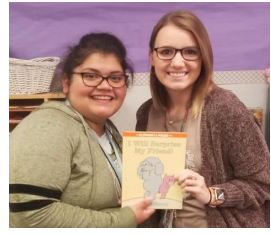
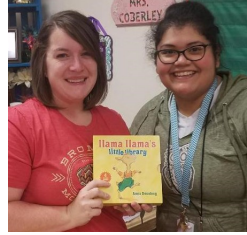
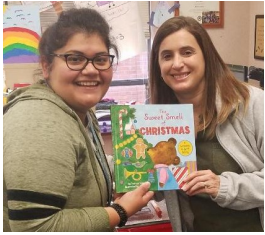
Did you KNOW?

- That Tommie Newman did a great job as January pulpit assistant?
- That it was good to see Matt at church and needs your continued prayers for his rehab?
- That the Water's family needs your continued prayers after the loss of our dear friend Carla?
- That the personnel committee is hard at work interviewing Interim Pastor candidates?
- That Martin Stanley recently adopted a rescue dog named Bean and Red River SPCA can use any kind of donations?
- That Tommie Newman assisted in the rescued of over 30 dogs and cats and will be up for adoption soon at the Red River SPCA?
- That Retha Bond, Pam Cooper, Sylvia and Earl Deaver will show their art in the For the Love of Art Show at the State Theater, Feb 1st?



The Hope Jar by Wanda Brunstetter and I Could, I Might, I Can, I Should, I Will!-Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian by Thom S. Rainer were donated to our church library by John and Shana Powell in memory of Sandy Currie and her love for libraries and books. If you have a book or DVD that you would like to see placed on the list for the church library to consider for purchase, please contact either Shana Powell or Carol McBride with those titles.

T.E.A.M. Book Tree & the Recipients





by Pam Cooper

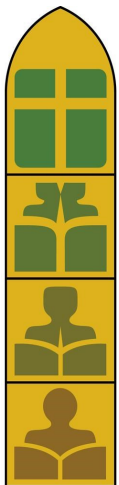
I'm honored to be elected as Clerk of the Session for 2019. It is an exciting new journey for me. It is pushing me pass my comfort zone to say the least, but we all need that once in a while. This year will be a new adventure for our congregation, also. I will try to keep you updated with the process of searching for our new pastor. I found this answer that was given to a church in a similar situation we are going through. The answer is by Billy Graham March 2017. "Just as in any other profession or career, no pastor's ministry is endless; the time must come for every pastor to step aside and allow others to take their place. Even Paul reached that point: "The time for my departure is near." (2 Timothy 4:6)

I know that it will be hard for you to see your pastor leave; it's probably going to be hard for him as well. However, instead of giving in to discouragement or despair, my prayer is that God will use this to stretch your congregation's faith and strengthen their trust in God. God is more concerned about your church than you are—and He can be trusted to lead you to the person He has chosen for your next pastor. This is why the most important thing you and everyone else in your church can do is to pray. Ask God to help your church's leaders as they organize the search process, and ask God especially to give your church great wisdom as you seek God's choice for this position. Don't expect your new pastor to be exactly like your present pastor, of course, but make it your goal to encourage and support him. Above all, no matter what changes your church experiences in the months and years ahead, never lose sight of the One who never changes: Jesus Christ. Remember: You are "God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)



On behalf of the congregation we offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Carla Waters who passed away on January 10th.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the life..."



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This is a reminder that starting in January, we will resume our small Bible study group in Tyler Hall. We will gather for a light dinner and a lesson on "The Story of the Bible".

The lecture/video study will be given by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson. So mark your calendars and join us the third Tuesday each month.

Learn & Grow Sylvia and Earl

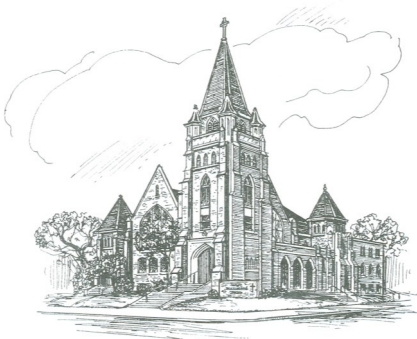


ALL and any donations are always welcomed at VISTO.

Currently they are asking for food to fill the backpacks for their Backpack Buddy Program.

- 1) Vienna Sausages
- 2) Fruit Cups
- 3) Instant Oatmeal
- 4) Peanut Butter / Cheese Crackers
- 5) Raisins / Peanuts

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2019 Session COMMITTEES



With the New Year comes new Session committee assignments.
Here are this year's committees and moderators:

- Fellowship – June Sherrill
- Christian Education – Carol McBride
- Stewardship – Corie Autry
- Property – Mike Bentley
- Worship and Music – Tommie Newman
- Personnel – Clyde Bond
- Outreach – Shana Powell
- Congregational Care – Mary Estill
- Clerk of Session – Pam Cooper

And with each New Year come new opportunities to volunteer in our church's ministry committees.

Don't wait to be asked.

Contact one of these folks and volunteer.