

First Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours:
M -Th
9 AM-12 PM
2 PM - 4 PM
Friday
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Newsletter

March / April / May
2020



Pastor's Corner



Staying Connected

During this time of social distancing, First Presbyterian Church, Mission, TX is staying connected with members and friends through the wonders of technology.

Announcements:

Announcements including sharing of Prayer Concerns will be made using One-Call-Now. If you have not given the church permission to include you in One-Call-Now, check out information on One-Call-Now later in this newsletter for information. If you want to be included on One-Call-Now, please call the church office (956)586-4829 or e-mail the pastor at pastor@fpcmission.com.

Worship:

We are live-streaming our worship services Sundays at 10:30, and making the recordings available for your viewing at a time that is convenient for you. On March 22, we streamed on Facebook and the service is available on Facebook at [FPCMissionTexas](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMissionTexas) for you. We are also on YouTube, as First Presbyterian Church, Mission, Texas

"Where God's Love Makes All the Difference."

Church Office:

The Church Office remains open during regular office hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – Noon
and 2:00-4:00 PM.

Offering:

Offering Checks may be mailed to First Presbyterian Church at 1102 Ash Drive, Mission, TX. Many of you are already mailing checks. Thank you. Offering may also be brought to the Church Office.

Your Needs:

We have members willing and able to run errands for those of you who cannot leave your homes. If you need anything, please call the Church Office or e-mail the pastor. Contact information is above.

As we are spatially separated during this time of Social Distancing, let us all stay connected in our thoughts, our prayers, and as we can using the telephone, e-mail and social media. In Christ, Eric.

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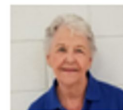
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Congratulations Graduates



Mia Sanchez is an exceptional student as well as an athlete. She has competed in various scholarly occasions including First Tech Challenge, and advanced to State in the First Robotics Competition and Skills USA Applied Engineering. As far as athleticism goes, she has taken an interest in 5 sports including volleyball, soccer, power lifting, track and wrestling. She has been a 3 year consecutive regional qualifier in wrestling, seating sixth this year. This has truly taken a significant importance in her life allowing her to not only stay in shape but learn valuable self defense skills. She plans to be either a Mechanical or Civil Engineer finishing her basics at STC then transferring to UTRGV in order to further complete her education. She is OSHA, CPR, Robotics 1 and 2 as well as AC/DC Circuits certified giving her that extra boost above her peers. To further expand, she has taken various advanced classes allowing her to almost complete an associate's degree while still in high school. She is a diligent, dependable, clever and solid young woman. She continues pushing ahead regardless of any obstacles she might face along her path to success.



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GRADUATION

SUCCESS DEDICATION ACHIEVEMENT

Anastasia Cosette Cruz was born into First Presbyterian Church on January 21st, 2002. She was baptized by Reverend Don Owens and confirmed as a member by Pastor Eric Dittman. Anastasia's parents, Paul and Nicole Cruz, were married on July 29, 1995 in First Presbyterian Church. Her parents and her grandparents Terry and Robin Premus have all served as elders. She has been active in Sunshine Players since age 4; Bells of Hope; Sunday School; liturgist; FYSH youth group; and a vocal and instrumental soloist for the church.

Anastasia was named an Outstanding Sharyland High School Senior by faculty. She is one of 30 students of a class of 343 students to receive this honor. She was the top faculty vote getter for Miss SHS. She was nominated for 4 favorites by her peers-including Most Spirited; Favorite Senior Girl; Most Athletic; and Most Involved. She won Most Involved at the Favorites Dance on February 7th. She is in the top 10% academically in her class. She is an active member of the Sharyland High School National Honor Society. The majority of her classes have been Advanced Placement and has been part of the Gifted and Talented SISD program since 4th grade. Recently she was a state finalist in the Letters About Literature Writing Contest.

She was part of the Mighty Rattler Marching Band for three years and competed at the State UIL Marching Band Contest as a sophomore. She has played volleyball, basketball, and softball for the Lady Rattlers. She is a two-year letterman for basketball and a four-year letterman for softball. She has been named First Team All-District Flex Player-freshmen; First Team All-District Outfielder both her sophomore and junior years; All Academic for two years in basketball and four years in softball. Most Improved for her freshmen and sophomore year and Golden Glove for her junior year. She earned a spot on the Diamonds Dance Team as a senior. She was an RGV Lead Ambassador. She was on Student Council and served as Freshmen Class Secretary. She has been the Vice President of the Books Comics and Movies Club for two years and a member of the Battle of the Books Team-Regional qualifier. She has been active in theatre and won the role of a fairy in the Fall 2018 production of a Mid-Summer Night's Dream. She has earned state titles in digital media for the Texas Youth Creators Award finishing both 3rd and 1st place respective years. She was voted Homecoming Queen Candidate this fall.

In addition to her extra-curricular and academic achievements, she has logged more than 500 community service hours-many at First Presbyterian Church. She has worked at JCPenney as a sales associate for the past two summers. Anastasia has been accepted to Texas A&M Corpus Christi. She is excited to be an Islander-mascot of TAMUCC. She plans to pursue a degree in education. Her career goal is to be either an elementary or secondary teacher/ coach.



with **HONOR**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2 Hanna Elbers
March 8 Daniel Elbers
March 9 Norm Risius
Denzil Watt
March 10 Marv Claassen
March 13 Nan Konop
March 15 Lori Cain
Aubrey Hughes
March 18 Vern Risius
Katie Zarate
March 20 Barbara Campbell
March 23 Nichole Jirovec
March 24 Brian Wallace
March 26 Thomas Jones
March 30 Marvis Risius
Amanda Smith

April 2 Keith Stevens
April 10 Marilyn Close
Wayne Curllie
Phyllis Jacobs
April 16 Ellasyn Gray
CJ Perales
Colton Watkins
April 17 Mike Hudsonpillar
April 18 John Cain
Rohan Strong
April 20 Ellen Reichhoff
Tyler Walsh
April 25 Dick Buresh
Cinda Sparks
April 30 Barbara Gray

May 2 Pastor Eric Dittman
Lue Verran
May 3 Lily Jirovec
Carlton Martin
May 5 Hilary Dittman
Judy Boyle
May 6 Damian Alaniz
Crystal Wallace
May 9 Max Perales
May 11 Terry Premus
May 12 Zelene Gray
May 13 Sandy Nelsen
May 14 Jordan Hughes
May 16 Brad Christoffersen
May 17 Michael Post
Arlene Risius
May 18 Karen Clark
John Wallace
May 22 Deb Rucker
May 24 Felicia Olivares
May 27 Marina Salinas
May 30 Belle Christoffersen
May 31 Irven Jones

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 6 Carolyn & Tom Jones
April 19 Janet & Eddie Pena

March 7 Barbara & Lloyd Campbell
March 16 Bev & Harlen Schroder
March 24 Joe & Lori Ertman
March 29 Barbara & Sam Gray

May 1 Nichole & Shane Jirovec
May 16 Judy & Brady Mayes
Lori & Sherwin VanKekerix
May 21 Pam & Bob Sherwood
Cinda & Corbet Sparks
May 25 Deb & Mike Horn
May 28 Sandy & Max Nelsen

...and many more

Join Us IN Worship

Study and Worship Texts for April/May, 2020:

Because of Social (Physical) Distancing, we have suspended in-person worship and all other gatherings at the church through the month of April, or until conditions change. Worship is available live streaming and through video replay on both Facebook (FPCMissionTexas) and YouTube (First Presbyterian Church, Mission, Texas). Worship is live streamed on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and available for replay later.

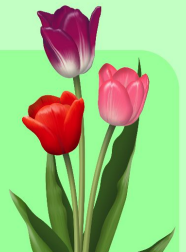
		<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Second Reading</u>
*April 5	Palm Sunday	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11
*April 9	Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae	John 13:1-35, 18:1-19:42	1 Cor. 11:13-26
April 12	Easter Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	John 20:1-18
April 19	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a,22-32	John 20:19-31
April 26	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a,36-41	Luke 24:13-35
*May 3	4 th Sunday of Easter	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 10	5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:22-31	John 14:1-14
May 17	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21
May 24	7 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11
May 31	Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper – we will make every effort to celebrate the sacrament on the days indicated, even while we are separated by space. The Spirit is everywhere, and we will be sending information on how to participate in the sacrament as the date grows nearer.*

The first two weeks of April celebrate Jesus' ride into Jerusalem, grieve his death on the cross, and rejoice in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As April moves into May we will consider the difference the resurrection makes in our lives through the Easter Season, ending with the day of Pentecost on May 31 Please join us for Worship via Facebook or YouTube as we connect with one another across space and time. In Christ, Eric.



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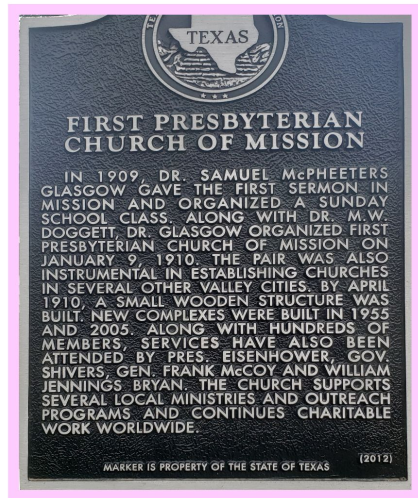


Nurture

The February Winter Texan Appreciation Taco salad and sandwich Luncheon had 87 people testing their Texas Trivia Knowledge. The coveted prize - a basket of Hershey's Chocolate bars with almonds - was won by the gang at table eleven - Truman & Betty Nicholas, Ames and Carol Hill, and Dian & Sue Rhoadorman. One question could only have been answered if you had read the Texas Historical commission Plaque in front of the church.



It was a "Fill in the blank": In 1909, Doctor _____ organized the first Presbyterian Sunday school class in Mission. The answer was **Doctor Samuel McPheeters Glasgow** and not Dr. Pepper as someone with a sense of humor guessed!
We do love our Winter Texans who worship with us!



Winter Texan Appreciation Luncheon



Ministry Matters Nurture Committee Highlights

April 9, 6 p.m.
Maundy Service dinner and communion in Fellowship Hall, we will again share Crockpot dinner of meat and vegetables, partake of communion, & proceed to the Sanctuary for Tenebrae Service. Call Susan North (612)913-2646 if you are willing to bring a Crockpot of food.

Nichole Jirovec visited with us regarding possible projects around the church that our youth could work on- especially in the summer.

We continue to need volunteers for visitation and greeting card fellowships. Sheri Dittman had agreed to take the lead on VBS this summer

We also discussed the upcoming opportunities for the vital congregation Study

Garden

Garden Duties are still carrying on as usual. Weeds are still growing, but on a positive note the plants are blooming! Thank you to our Garden Volunteers for the hard work and faithfulness to making our garden look so inviting.

Maintenance

Our maintenance crew and I are still working at keeping up the buildings. Keeping an eye on the A/C and over all condition of the buildings. The buildings being used will be cleaned and sanitized the best we can. Yard work will continue being maintained and the over all appearance will, hopefully, be pleasing. Thank- you to Grant and Donna for making and putting on the tire covers for our shower trailer as it will be our biggest asset to keeping our wheels in good shape. My prayers will keep on keeping on for you all.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 TOPS 9:30 AM	3	4 VBS - 6 PM SonShine Players - 6PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM	5 CREATE @ Noon	6	7
8 Noisy Offering POT Luck	9 TOPS 9:30 AM	10	11 VBS - 6 PM SonShine Players - 6PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM	12 CREATE @ Noon	13	14
15	16 TOPS 9:30 AM	17	18 SPA - 6 PM	19	20	21
22 Worship - 10 am via Facebook	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship - 10 am via Facebook	30	31				

Worship access through YouTube as well



April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Drive Thru Luncheon Worship - 10 am via Facebook	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday school 9 am via ZOOM Worship - 10 am via Facebook	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday school 9 am via ZOOM Worship - 10 am via Facebook	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday school 9 am via ZOOM Worship - 10 am via Facebook	27	28	29	30		

**May Schedule yet To Be Determined
Check Web site for more information**

