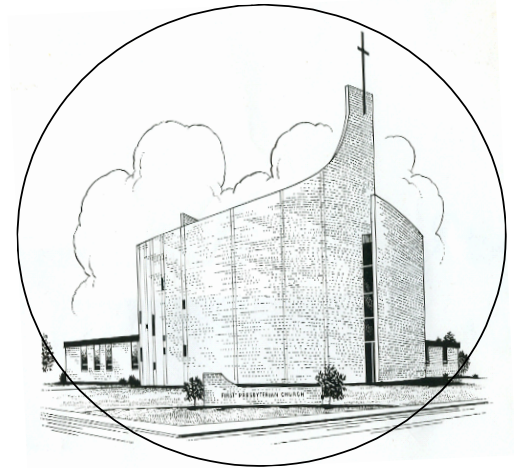


# Focus

News of the Community of Faith

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The Fellowship Committee is  
bringing back the Ice Cream Social!



## Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, July 28, 2019**

**6:00 pm**

**Chris and Sue's back yard, 2013 Dallas**

**Please bring your favorite ice cream and a chair**

**♥ The church that plays together stays together ♥**

# First-known minister of Gun Violence Prevention ordained July 7

July 9, 2019 by [Presbyterian News Service](#)

DALLAS — On Sunday the Rev. Deanna Hollas became the first-known minister of Gun Violence Prevention following a service held at her home church in Dallas.

**The Rev. Deanna Hollas has been ordained as minister of Gun Violence Prevention with Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.**

Sponsored by [Grace Presbytery](#), which includes congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in north and northeastern Texas, the service of ordination was held at [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) in Dallas.

“In the last 100 days, 10,000 Americans have died from gun violence and 22,000 have been injured,” said the preacher for the service, the Rev. Dr. Clay Brantley. “Deanna’s call is a sign of the great persistence and wisdom of God.”



In her new call, Hollas will serve as the Coordinator of Gun Violence Prevention Ministries of [Presbyterian Peace Fellowship](#), serving a network of over 800 local Presbyterian gun violence prevention advocates in all 50 states.

“With all the gun violence in our country, it is easy to lose hope and ask: where is God? But I am hopeful,” Hollas said. “I see God raising up so many people and churches to study and speak out and work towards ending the violence that is plaguing our nation. Change is coming.”

Hollas holds a Master of Divinity from [Perkins School of Theology](#) and a Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from [San Francisco Theology Seminary](#). In addition to her work as a Dallas gun violence prevention activist, she is co-founder of [Retreat House Spirituality Center](#) in Richardson, Texas, a covenant community of spiritual directors. Her husband, Chris Hollas, and children Eleanor, Emily and John joined her at the service.

Presided over by Rev. David Schaefer, the Moderator of Grace Presbytery, and a special ordaining commission, the ordination service included traditional elements such as the serving of communion, the hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy” and the participation of Hollas’ Presbyterian parents, Dr. Richard and Sharon Morgan of Plainview, Texas.

At the same time, it also introduced a new hymn about gun violence prevention, [“If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers”](#) by Presbyterian pastor and lyricist the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Representing the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, Rev. Jan Orr-Harter presented Hollas with an orange stole, the color of the nationwide gun violence prevention movement. The stole included faces of children, a reminder of the lives at stake.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has called on its members to study and engage in dialogue and action on ways to prevent the growing epidemic of gun violence from murders, suicides, accidents, mass shootings and family violence. For over 50 years, the denomination has supported action on concrete measures such as universal background checks, beginning in 1968 following the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“Gun violence is causing too much grief and sorrow for the church to ignore,” said Rev. Margery Rossi, Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. “I rejoice that God has called Deanna to use her gifts to help us change. Rev. Hollas is, to our knowledge, the first and only clergy person in the nation ordained to this ministry. She brings vast experience to this work as a spiritual director and a gun violence prevention activist. We look forward to the results that her ‘energy, intelligence, imagination and love’ bring about in the church.”

by [Presbyterian Peace Fellowship](#)



We are trying to get our Facebook page off the ground a little more. Please like our page and interact with it. The more traffic the more it will be visible. We are also working on the website. If you have pictures, please send them to me and I will post them.



# July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jacob Naron	July 2
Dee Rice	July 9
Christian Boster	July 20
Lacey Perkins	July 20
Doris Fox	July 21
Jeanie Pennell	July 25
Kevin Sweeney	July 25
Trent Kinkaid	July 28



Rusty & Karen White

July 13



The Mission & Ministry Committee would like to thank everybody who donated to NOROC for our special Pentecost offering. Did you know that we are sending 22 kids to horse camp (\$1,500) AND another 7 kids to summer day camp (\$365)?? Woohoo, that's amazing!!



Please pick up your FISH bag on Sunday, July 21 and return the following Sunday. Remember, we are feeding our community before we feed ourselves with communion and Potluck. The FISH is completely out of soap and toilet paper!



I'm putting the final touches on our online church directory. We will roll it out in the next couple of weeks. The whole directory will be password-protected and no outside person will have access to your information. There is also an option to receive a paper copy of the directory.

# July 2019

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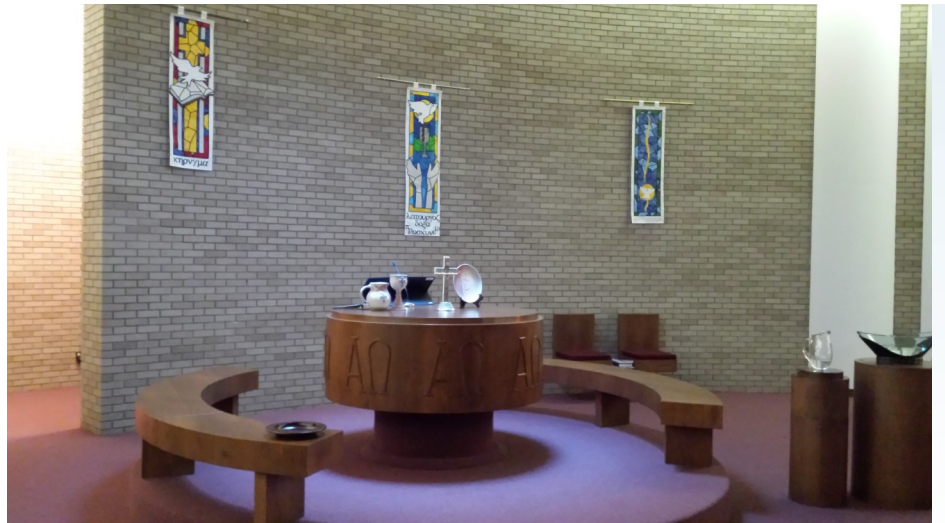
Sat

			3	4	5	6
	1	2	11 am – MoW		Girl Scout Awards	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 am – Worship	6 pm – Membership & Outreach	10 am – Ava Rigler Memor- ial Service	11 am – MoW			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30 am – Worship			11 am – MoW			Called PDP Meeting, Vernon Family Reun- ion
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:30 am – Worship			11 am – MoW		Noon – Fourth Friday Fellow- ship w/ Friends??	Operation Serve Plainview
28	29	30	31			
10:30 am – Worship  6 pm – Ice Cream Social			11 am – MoW			

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## JULY NEWS TO KNOW

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Karen Hawkins, Publisher

Be sure to note these important dates and jobs to be done during the month of May

### Ushers

Whit Hunt, Richard Morgan,  
Gaylan Goddard, Chris Lewellen,  
Larry Williams, Mike Craig, Gra-  
ham Tirey

### July Liturgist

Dee Rice

### June Attendance

June 2	30
June 9	31
June 16	31
June 23	25
June 30	53

### June Contributions

June 2	\$2,745.67
June 3 (online)	\$2,130.00
June 9	\$2,530.45
June 16	\$ 626.55
June 23	\$3,053.10
June 30	\$1,556.35

Total Income:	\$12,642.12
Total Expenses:	<u>\$16,613.02</u>
Total:	\$ -3,970.90

