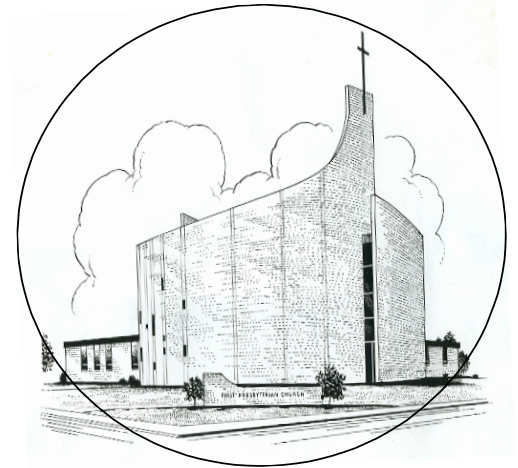


Focus

News of the Community of Faith

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The Pastor Nominating Committee Needs YOUR Help!

As we begin the process of finding our next pastor, a LARGE part of our job depends on YOU! What qualities do you want in our next pastor? What direction do you see our church going? What do you want us to be known for in the 21st century? Where are we headed as believers of God?

To help us find the answers to these questions we will be holding a meeting for all in our church. This will be set up in three evening meetings: **Wednesday, August 5th; Sunday, August 9th; and Wednesday, August 12th** each beginning at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Court. We will observe all safety protocols – Everyone must wear a mask, we will observe social distancing, etc. so we can get the needed information. Each meeting should last approximately 60-90 minutes.

These meetings will be facilitated by our Presbytery Commission of Ministry (COM) Liaison Dana Mayfield, pastor of Grace Presbyterian, Lubbock. We will be using a new program specifically designed by the COM to assist churches such as ours who are looking for a pastor.

I cannot stress enough how badly we need your participation and input. Please mark these important meeting dates on your calendar and make plans to attend,

Karen Sandlin, Moderator of PNC

Friends,

I pray this finds you well and in good spirits. I want to assure you that the Session is taking your safety very seriously. Since mid-March, there have been six Called Session meetings. While not all of those meetings have dealt with the COVID-19 situation, many of them - including the latest on July 29 - have been for that very thing. At this time, the decision was to continue Sunday services in-person as well as broadcast on Facebook for those who are not able to attend. Safety protocols - social distancing, hand sanitizer and face masks/shields - are in place for those attending services at the church.

I also want to inform you that the Session is keeping an eye on the local situation and have already discussed options should the need arise to make changes. Please contact your Session members with any concerns or comments.

Christ's blessings,

Dee Rice

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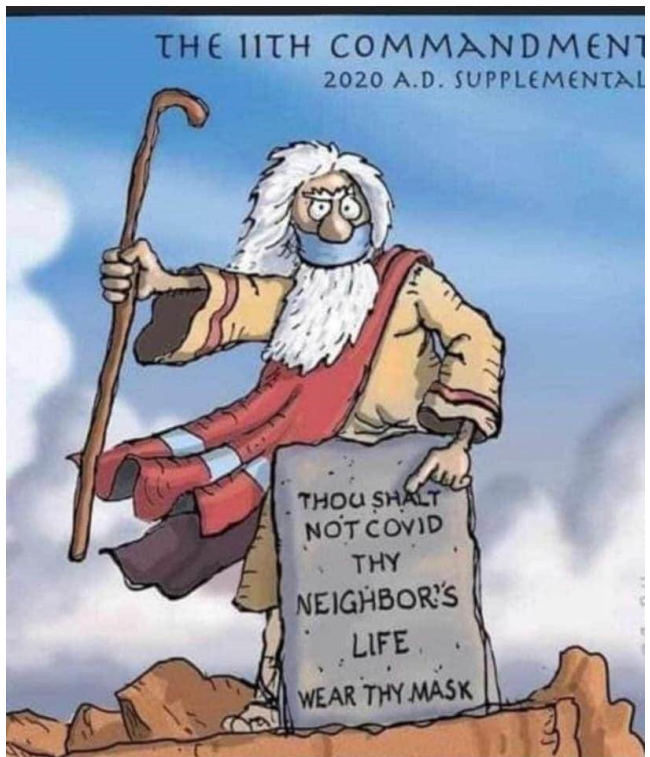
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Paws Pet Adoption

is hosting a Spay/Neuter/Vaccine & Dental Clinic. Everyone is invited to bring their dog(s) and cat(s). Only surgeries require an appointment.

If you would like to volunteer for this community-wide event, please contact Karen. Please share with everyone you can think of! Together we can make a dent in the overpopulation of animals in Plainview!

LOW COST

Spay/Neuter/Vaccine/ Dental Clinic!!!

PLAINVIEW, TX.

Ollie Liner Center

(2000 S. Columbia St. Plainview, TX.)

Fri, **Aug 21st** - Sun, **Aug 23rd**



Surgeries and Dentals are by appt. only
please visit our website
(WWW.PETVETRELIEF.COM) to make an
appt. and/or to view pricing.



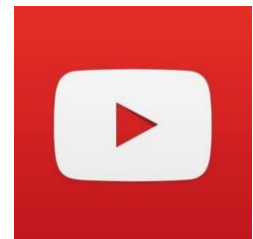
Vaccination Clinic
12pm-3pm

Hosted by:
**Paws Pet
Adoption**
in Plainview



If you can't make it to church in person, you can watch on Facebook Live at 10:30 am or later on our YouTube channel.

First Presbyterian Church of Plainview



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pam Kendall Aug 3
Rusty White Aug 5
Brian Adamson Aug 6
Pat Walter Aug 11
Gene Whitfill Aug 14
Brandy Tirey Aug 21
Whit Hunt Aug 31



♥ Keegan & Lynnlee Butler Aug 2
♥ Scott & Karen Beth Strovas Aug 4
♥ Kade & Bailee Kersh Aug 10
♥ Heath & Kelley Bozeman Aug 17
♥ Larry & Shelley Williams Aug 31

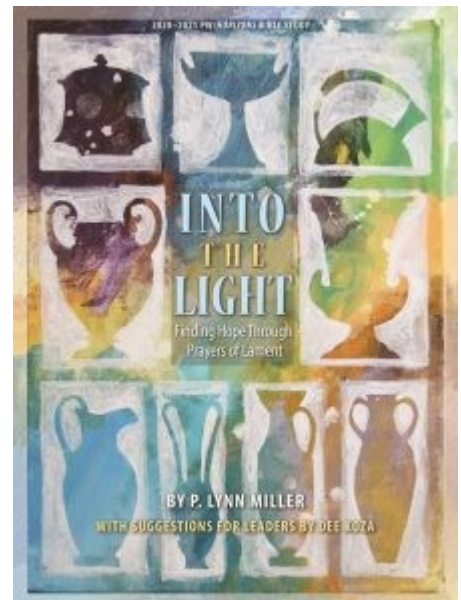


The Naomi Ruth Circle will resume meeting on the second Wednesday in September (September 9) at 1:30 pm and would like to invite all the ladies of the church to participate in this year's Bible Study. Because the situation with the pandemic is a fluid and uncertain one, we do not yet know if will be meeting in person or by Zoom; however, if you plan to participate, please let me know if you want me to purchase your Horizons study book. Each book will cost \$11 (including shipping.)

Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament

In this nine-lesson study, P. Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world."

~ from www.presbyterianwomen.org



August 2020

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						
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2 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship & Communion	3	4 6:30 pm – ZOOM: Mission & Ministry Meeting	5 11 am – MoW 7 pm – Congregational Panel w/PNC	6	7	8
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30 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship	31					

MISSION *Ministry*

Meals on Wheels
Route 9 is run by First
Presbyterian Church

on Wednesday mornings. Food is picked up at Covenant Hospital and takes about 30 minutes to deliver to the clients. Please consider helping in this ministry of the church. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or call Gaylan Goddard at 292-2202 before 10:00am on Monday mornings.



Faith in Sharing House is operating on a limited staff with limited hours during this COVID crisis. Currently FISH is in need of canned fruit and sugar. A delivery from our church was made on Monday, July 27th. These foods and paper sacks can be left at the church and they will be delivered to FISH or any individual may drop off food at 504 Joliet Monday thru Friday between 1 and 2 pm.

Mission and Ministry of First Presbyterian Church has helped one couple this month with food and a night in a motel. They have both lost their jobs and were waiting on a check and job offers from places that they had applied. This was only a band aid to help them out. They were also given information on FISH, Plainview Disaster Relief and South Plains Community Action. This was not the first call in July asking for help, but the only one that the Church could help with. Several calls are asking for rent assistance and the church does not help with rent but refers people to agencies that can. On July 8th, an email was sent out to the congregation asking for help. The Mission and Ministry Team is attempting to make a list of resources for people who call the church and for people who fill out the benevolence form.

Prayer Blankets were made this month and handed out to Kim Butler, Bill Coleman and Shelley Williams. Please say a prayer for healing for these people.



THEOLOGY AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN

The first book of the Bible is Guinnessis, in which Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Unleavened bread is bread made without ingredients.

Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments.

The 7th commandment is 'Thou shalt not admit adultery.'

Joshua let the Hebrew in the battle of Geritol.

Solomon has 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

The people who followed Jesus were called the 13 decibels.

The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew.

Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

A Godly person should have only one wife. This is called monotony.



Our church is participating in Wayland's new student orientation event (Koinonia) again. This year we won't be able to be there in person on August 8 but we are including this pen for the backpacks. A huge thank you to Sawyer Tirey who is working on an electronic version of our church brochure.



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AUGUST NEWS TO KNOW

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

Ushers

Whit Hunt, Richard Morgan,
Gaylan Goddard, Chris Lewellen,
Mike Craig, Graham Tirey

August Liturgist

July Attendance

July 5	22	Online:	82
July 12	18	Online:	43
July 19	21	Online:	50
July 26	18	Online:	66

July Contributions

July 5	\$3,837.84
July 6 (online)	\$2,330.00
July 12	\$1,001.00
July 19	—
July 26	\$6,342.10

Total Income:	\$13,463.19
Total Expenses:	<u>\$11,085.19</u>
Total:	\$ 2,378.00

