

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin



Press Bytes

To the Saints of First Presbyterian,

Greetings. A program on TV a week or so ago was entitled 48 Hours. It was about the I-45 murders of young women. One young person with whom I was familiar was Jessica Cain. She lived on Tiki Island. When she disappeared, the church on Tiki had an island wide prayer service for her in the parking lot of City Hall one evening. As pastor of the church at the time we tried to bring hope to the torn parents and to let them know the entire island was praying with them for the safe return of their daughter. Unfortunately, we know what happened to her.

One reason I got involved in the martial arts was to learn how I could protect myself and others with whom I might be with at the time.

Self defense was one area I studied so I could teach others. The senior instructor and I would go to churches and other places where folks would gather to learn some techniques that could save ones life. Self-defense is pretty simple and one does not have to be in the martial arts to learn simple techniques. A lot of self-defense begins with using one's head.

Here are some things parents can do:

Avoid articles that bear your child's name. Kids are less likely to fear someone if they know their name.

Check out all baby-sitters and older friends your child might have.

Never leave your child alone in a public place or car, accompany them in a public restroom.

Always accompany your child on door-to-door activities.

Create an environment where the child feels safe to talk with you or a trusted adult.

Keep an updated color photograph of your child as well as medical records and dental history and fingerprints.

As a child here are a few things that can help.

Learn how to call 911.

Never say you are alone when answering the phone(or cell phone)

Never take candy from a stranger or an animal no matter how cute!

Tell parent if someone has told them to keep a secret from parent.

Tell parent where they are at all times or leave message for parents to hear.

Never play in deserted places out of public view.

Create a magic word that only parent, and child knows. If parent is sick or busy and can't pick up child from whatever the child is involved in, child will only go with person who knows magic word that the parent gives to the one who will pick them up.

These are just a few things that can be considered with kids or grandkids. Each person is important for they are children of God. No one has the right to hurt or make you do anything you don't want to do. Enjoy life but be safe.

Peace,

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February Calendar

Easter Lily Order Form



February 24,
2022

Conclaves 2023

March 17th-19th

6pm Friday - 12pm Sunday

Camp Cho-Yeh, 2539 US-59, Livingston, TX 77351

Theme - "When Did We See You?"

Psalm 139

Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart

Let love and
faithfulness
never leave you;
bind them
around your
neck,
write them on
the tablet of your
heart.
Then you will
win favor and a
good name
in the sight of
God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4

**CONCLAVES
MISSION PROJECT**

Donations needed:
 Reusable water bottles
 Carabiner clips
 Water flavoring packets
 Flexible reusable plastic straws
Small items to fit in water bottles:
 hand sanitizer, mints, etc.

Presbyterian Youth Connection Council will be donating completed water bottle projects to food pantries and schools in the Houston area. This mission will be completed during youth conclaves at Camp Cho-Yeh.

Donation due: Monday, March 13th to Presbytery office
 Home churches with youth attending Conclaves can bring items on the 17th

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life". – John 4:13-14

Installation of Elders
Class of 2025



Jason Elkins Audrie Gondesen

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58



Sunday, February 12th

During Fellowship

Prizes for the following categories:

Spiciest

Mildest

Beaniest

Meatiest

Overall

****Please deliver to the Fellowship Hall prior to Worship service.**

Do
Everything
In
Love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Making Joyful Music

Do you play an instrument and would you be willing to play that instrument as we praise God?

Can you read music? The worship team is looking for everyone interested in playing the handbells, which are played much like handbells.

If you're interested in joining in the musical aspect of worship in any way, let anyone from the worship team know.



Food insecurity is a frightening fact of life for many in our community. On any given day, 66,000 people in southeast Texas experience the pain of hunger: 5,000 of which are children. Making the community food bank essential for so many in our community.

What are common characteristics of food insecurity?

- Limiting the amount of money spent on food - buying less
- Eating less food because of low money
- Inability to participate in a Food Assistance Program
- Using coping mechanisms when food is scarce: e.g., buying cheaper, lower nutritional quality food
- Two-thirds of food insecure households have an adult with a full-time job

This year the youth will be participating in the SouperBowl of Caring!

On Sunday, February 12th before worship in front of the Sanctuary the youth will be receiving canned goods for the SouperBowl of Caring. The canned goods will be donated to our local Alvin/Manvel Community Food Pantry. If you would like to make a monetary donation please note Souper Bowl on your check or envelope and place it in the offering during worship.

Lent and Easter Services

Mark your calendars and Don't miss a service!

Ash Wednesday is February 22. There will be an evening service with ashes starting at 6:30pm.

Lent Soup and Devotions will be held in the Fellowship Hall during March. Other churches may also be joining in these services. The dates are March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Be thinking about which soup recipe you'll be making.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 2, with a traditional worship service. Plans for the Maundy Thursday service on Apr. 6 include a service beginning around the tables in the Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate our risen Lord on Easter Sunday, Apr. 9.

Soroptomist International of Alvin has it's annual fundraiser coming up. Please see Mandi if you'd like more information about Soroptomist International, the Men Who Cook fundraiser, or the spirit & apron raffle.



Saturday, March 4, 2023
6 p.m.

Alvin Community College Gymnasium

Sponsorships



Head Chef Sponsors \$1,500

Reserved Table of 10- Table Hostess- Wine on the table - Logo on all Advertising



Sous Chef Sponsors \$750

Reserved Table of 6- Wine on Table- Logo on all Advertising



Prep Cook Sponsors \$300

2 tickets- Logo on all Advertising

Individual Tickets \$60

For sponsorships and tickets please visit

bit.ly/MenWhoCook2023 or
call 832-794-9811

All proceeds benefit scholarships and local non-profit organizations.



Elder of the Month - Marisa Pearce & Audrie Gondesen

Refreshments for February - Worship Team

Note to Congregation: Please remember that the Committee is only responsible for coordinating the refreshments. Please consider helping our committees in supplying refreshments for our after church fellowship. Its an easy and great way to be involved.
Thank You, Your Session

Reminder to IRA owners age 70½ or over: Qualified charitable distributions are great options for making tax-free gifts to charity

IR-2022-201, November 17, 2022

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today reminded IRA owners age 70½ or over of their option to transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year.

These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer eligible older Americans a great way to easily give to charity before the end of the year. Moreover, for those who are at least 72, QCDs count toward the IRA owner's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

How to set up a QCD

Any IRA owner who wishes to make a QCD for 2022 should contact their IRA trustee soon so the trustee will have time to complete the transaction before the end of the year.

Normally, distributions from a traditional individual retirement arrangement (IRA) are taxable when received. With a QCD, however, these distributions become tax-free as long as they're paid directly from the IRA to an eligible charitable organization. QCDs



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Ongoing Prayers Kristy Myers, Patty Costanzo, Rosa Ashley, Kristin Simmons, Barbara Bennett, John Landers, Becca & Brandon Blanchard, Cindy Roberts, Brooklyn Palavicini, Stephanie Meystedt, Norman Hirsch, Ron Elgin, and Carmen.

Immediate Concerns : The Family of Alex Jones and the Family of John Landers.

Please call the church office with updates.



- 1 Kathryn Wilkerson
- 1 Wade Vance
- 4 Allison Roles
- 8 Grace Pannell
- 10 Alice Goyen
- 12 Arian Hunt
- 16 Audrey Roles
- 19 Rachel Grimmett
- 22 Cindy Waggoner
- 25 Andrew Hunt
- 25 Nina Froberg
- 26 Jason Roles

EASTER LILIES

As we've done the past three years, you will be able to purchase Easter Lilies to decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday morning to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus. You can honor and/or remember a loved one by completing a form and placing it in an envelope, along with your donation in the form of a check or cash. The envelope containing your form and donation may be placed in the collection plate or taken to the church office during office hours. A form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Additional forms can be found in the Narthex. The forms need to be received by Sunday, March 26th. You will be able to pick up your plant(s) after worship Easter Sunday, April 9th, or Monday, April 10th. If you prefer, you may donate your lily to one of our home bound members with a note that says: "Happy Easter!" The proceeds from the lily sales will go to the Ron McClendon Camp Fund.



can be made electronically, directly to the charity, or by check payable to the charity.

An IRA distribution, such as an electronic payment made directly to the IRA owner, does not count as a QCD. Likewise, a check made payable to the IRA owner is not a QCD.

Each year, an IRA owner **age 70½ or over** can exclude from gross income up to \$100,000 of these QCDs. For a married couple, if both spouses are **age 70½ or over and both have IRAs**, each spouse can exclude up to \$100,000 for a total of up to \$200,000 per year.

The QCD option is available regardless of whether an eligible IRA owner itemizes deductions on [Schedule A](#). Transferred amounts are not taxable, and no deduction is available for the transfer.

Report correctly

A 2022 QCD must be reported on the 2022 federal income tax return, normally filed during the 2023 tax filing season.

In early 2023, the IRA owner will receive [Form 1099-R](#) from their IRA trustee that shows any IRA distributions made during calendar year 2022, including both regular distributions and QCDs. The total distribution is in Box 1 on that form. There is no special code for a QCD.

Like other IRA distributions, QCDs are shown on Line 4 of [Form 1040](#) or [Form 1040-SR](#). If part or all of an IRA distribution is a QCD, enter the total amount of the IRA distribution on Line 4a. This is the amount shown in Box 1 on Form 1099-R.

Then, if the full amount of the distribution is a QCD, enter 0 on Line 4b. If only part of it is a QCD, the remaining taxable portion is normally entered on Line 4b.

Either way, be sure to enter "QCD" next to Line 4b. Further details will be in the final instructions to the 2022 Form 1040.

Get a receipt

QCDs are not deductible as charitable contributions on Schedule A. But, as with deductible contributions, the donor must get a written acknowledgement of their contribution from the charitable organization, before filing their return.

In general, the acknowledgement must state the date and amount of the contribution and indicate whether the donor received anything of value in return. For details, see the [Acknowledgement section in Publication 526](#), available on IRS.gov.

For more information about IRA distributions and QCDs, see [Publication 590-B](#), also available on IRS.gov.

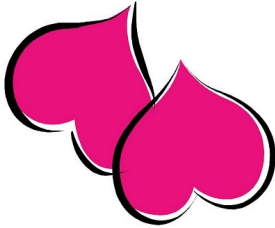
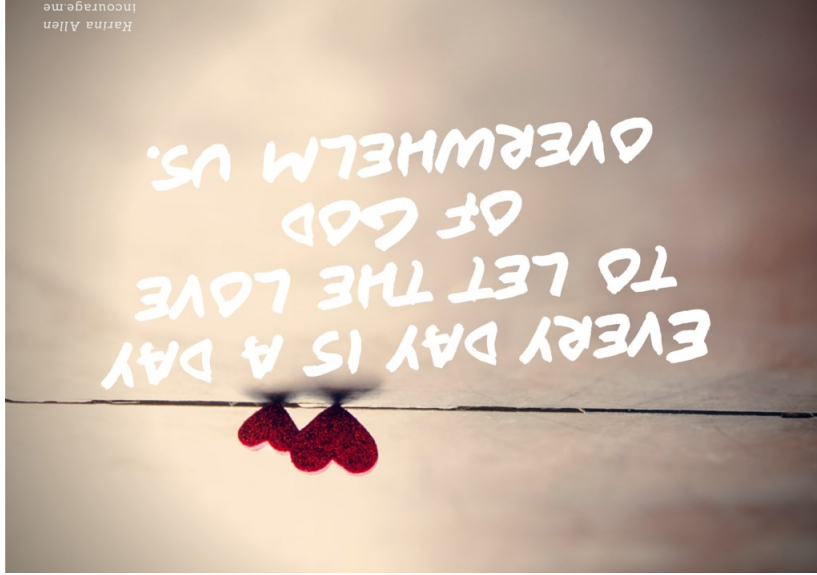
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"The First Presbyterian Church of Alvin has been called by God and organized to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in our community and world."



Please notify the church office of any change of address or telephone number.

Address Service Requested



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