

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin



Press Bytes



Greetings:

“No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 8:37-39

Ever felt overwhelmed? Perhaps just numb? Unable to rise to the challenges ahead which seem absolutely massive to you? We all feel that way sometimes. Like the person who wrote: ***“I hate it when I get all the way to work and realize I left my will to live on the counter.”*** I think (and fear) we all feel like giving up sometimes.

The apostle Paul certainly felt that too. After multiple shipwrecks, beatings, arrests, and humiliations, he was exhausted and frustrated. Even the work of caring for the churches had turned into a huge burden for him. Yet, this is the same man who tells us that if we dare to think that anyone or anything is too much, that anything could possibly cut so deep as to separate us from Christ, there is but one response... ***“No!”*** We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.

Paul goes even further – because he knows the power of despair. He has wrestled with demons and he knows the One who is greater. He has sensed the power of angels and he knows the One who is greater. In fact, there is nothing, absolutely nothing – no matter how high it goes or how deep it feels, that can ever separate us from God’s never ending and never dying love that we receive in and through Jesus Christ. In fact, though we may feel conquered and done for – it is in fact the exact opposite that is true – we are more than conquerors. We are victorious and triumphant – even in the most desperate of times.

May we all feel – and know – His constant love.

Peace,

Craig



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Every
journey
begins
with
just
a
single
step

Great news! The summer Mission Sale brought in \$ 1.049.

These funds will be used to cover the costs of our numerous mission and outreach efforts, and if necessary, supplement our 4 special offerings. Thanks to everyone who donated their gently used treasures and those who helped by working the sale or shopping. So, why do we do this?

Jesus came on mission, lived on mission, died on mission, and left His disciples — including all of us who follow him today — on mission. It's an answer to the Great Commission and Great Commandment. It's about conversion – not just salvation – because we're don't receive salvation just to be saved – but we're saved to be sent. We are called to go out into the world for the glory of God – and to make Jesus known to others. May it continue to happen through us.

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:19



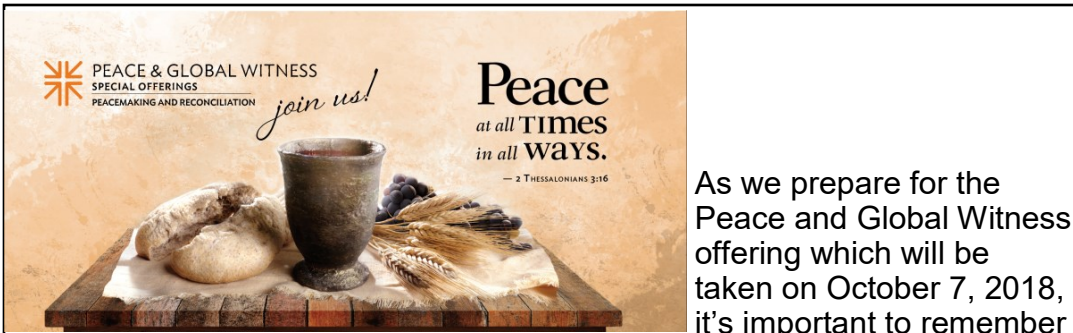
**GENESIS SUNDAY
August 26, 2018**

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

2018-2019 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CLASS	TEACHERS	CURRICULUM
Preschool	Rachel Grimmert, Cindy Waggoner	Sermons 4 Kids
2 nd – 5 th Grade	Alice Sloan	Sermons 4 Kids
Junior High	Barbara Bennett	Youth Specialty "Talk Sheets"
Senior High	Steven King	
Women Wondering Why	Barbara Whitfield (Marissa Whitfield, Ruth Frerking, Sara Pannell, Brandi Bowers)	Fisherman Bible Study Series – Parenting with Purpose and Grace
Fellowship Class	Herb Myers (Pat Spiller)	Knowing the Bible Series: 1-2 Kings





As we prepare for the Peace and Global Witness offering which will be taken on October 7, 2018, it's important to remember

that this offering makes a difference right here in the United States. Last year, many people in our area received help following Hurricane Harvey. We read with great interest about the dirty water in Flint, Michigan. The below was taken from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website. Their mantra is year is "Small Gifts – Big Impact."

"Presbyterian Ministries Provide Water and Hope in Flint, Michigan For years, citizens in Flint, Michigan, have been trying to bring awareness to high levels of lead leaching into their water supply from aging pipes. In late 2015, news broke nationally of just how bad the crisis was—stories of the thousands of residents who have already experienced health issues due to lead poisoning —stories of government corruption and cover-up. But also, there are stories of citizens coming together to help one another and stories of relief pouring into the city of Flint as organizations provide water supplies, filters, and crisis counseling centers. With a long history of community involvement, First Presbyterian Church of Flint (FPC) has become a trusted refuge for community members seeking relief from the crisis. With support from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, members from FPC and the Lake Huron Presbytery have been on the ground assisting in distributing emergency water supplies, representing their community on the local recovery committee, and supporting the spiritual care and reconciliation in a community that feels betrayed. The news cameras have all pulled out, but the crisis is expected to continue for years while the government updates the city's water system. With continued support from fellow Presbyterians and the Presbyterian Mission Agency, FPC intends to play a key role in restoring their community."

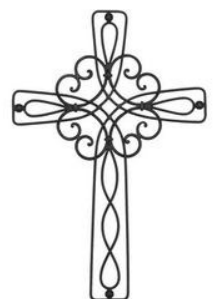
Any gift, no matter the size, is important.

"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord." —Ps. 130:1



"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."

John 6:37





Ongoing Prayers Julie Thompson, Mary Leah Miller, Lewis & Edith Rockwell, Jeanine Richey, D. J. McClendon, Camille King, Pera Valdez, Paulette Brumbelow, Kay Tucker, Sofia Muzzafar, Oliver Cochran, Tina Moore, Evelyn Monk, Linda Allen, Ann Prestwood, Bill Pannell, Freddie Keene, Ruth Anderson, Dianne Howard, Daniel Vaughn, Louisa Vera, Jimmy Abney, Danny Arena, Jean Barrow, Lacey Famil, Lee Syrett, Danielle Kline, Estelle Blackwell, Terri Bell, Barrett Blackwell, Janet Brown, Cathy Carvin, Dana Shackelford Evans, Cathy Gross, Charles Harrison, Chris

Henry, Gayle Cross, Shelly Jenkins, Ima Jane King, Dave Krauskepf, Bobby Loveless, Paige LeJune, Margie Martin, Traci Owens, Marie Petersen, Lupe Rodriguez, Jason Poole, Joan and Joe Rossano, Don Roy, Elsie Smith, Clyde Scott, Theresa Stegman, Winona Temple, Karen Van Horne, Kathy Veigt, Barry Ward, Stephanie Wilson, John White, Jessie Williams, Heidi Young, Bill Steckert, Nancy Williams, Roles Family, and Bill Von Restorff.

Immediate Concerns : Alfred Froberg, Family of Ken Clark, Family of Mary Tidwell, Greg Copeland, Vincent Naranjo, Susan Armstrong, Lee Regotti, Kaye McDonald, J.D. Stephens, Robert Bowers, Sharon Roberts, Larry Allen, Travis Tidwell, Bill Howell, Jim Hilton, and Norman & Patty Hirsch.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

August Meeting

The Stated Session meeting was held Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. on August 20, 2018 in the church library.

Treasurer's report: All records have been reconciled and are in good order.

Session heard reports from committees and on projects that are in the works. 148 contacts were made to the congregation by the Congregational Care Team over a 2 month period. The Mission Sale made \$ 1, 049. Congregational Life will host a Chili Cook-off on October 28. The Session voted to recommend a change in the church's Policies and Procedures Manual regarding the term served by Trustees. The Board of Trustees has the responsibility for the preservation and maintenance of the land and buildings (including the church manse) and its preservation and repair, and recommendation for policies for the use of property which the church holds. The Board of Trustees also fill the roles of President and Vice-President of our corporation. Traditionally, Trustees have served 3 year terms, which is similar to Session members. The Session feels the 3 year term should be waived and Trustees be allowed to serve an indefinite period. This will be presented to the congregation at the next congregational meeting. Session approved several building usage requests, and approved the erection of a wall in the mission room (in the Education Building) in order to create more storage for the Mission and Outreach Team, along with the Education Team.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Aunnie Petersen	1	Emma Andersen	3	Marietta Benson
5	Jill Wheatley	5	Madizen Gondesen	5	Gina Ruske
9	Marisa Whitfield	12	Kaye McDonald	14	Butch Passmore
17	Gladys McKissick	19	Nancy Williams	19	Paul Froberg
22	David Pannell	23	Pat Spiller	24	Dinah Bupane
25	Henrietta Meyer	25	Sarah Thomas	26	Alfred Froberg
27	Gloria Mercer	28	Mary Aparicio	29	Camille King



WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART?

Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever. - Psalm 136:26

L THE LORD
V YOUR GOD
LOVES YOU.
 DUETERNOMY 23:5

fRIENDSHIP
 and what it means
 to me...

LOVE
IS
what is love?

1 GOD IS LOVE

2 GOD LOVES ME

3 I CAN LOVE GOD

A friend is someone who...

Name: _____

SCHOOL SUPPLIES MINISTRY 2018

FPC Alvin Volunteers

PACKING BAGS



Community



Leadership

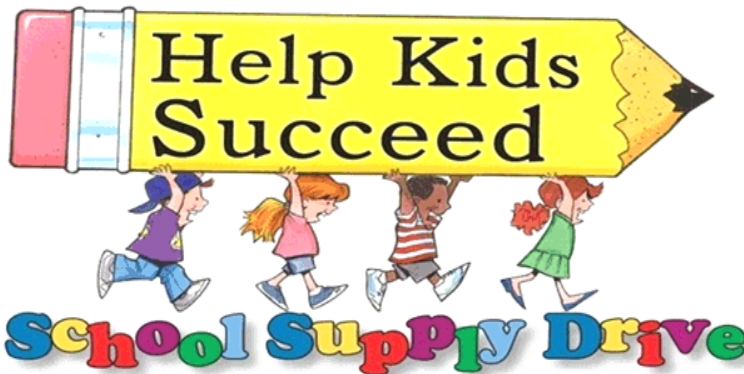


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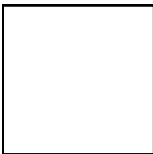
TOTAL STUDENTS SERVED:

2,525!





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

*"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."*

Elder of the Month — Sheila Follmar
 Refreshments - Education Team

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7	School Supply Ministry
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5	Bible Game about God's Love
4	Prayer Concerns September Birthdays Session Highlights
3	Peace-making and Global Witness Offering
2	Summer Mission Sale Christian Education
	Life Together by Pastor Craig (on Cover)

September Issue