### **First Presbyterian Church of Alvin**

## Press Bytes



To the Saints at First Presbyterian:

Greetings. As we get ready for the summer, I hope all of you can find some time to R&R. I will be gone two weeks in June and then it's back to work. Both weeks will be somewhat pastoral with family situations needing to be considered. Taking care of family needs are always important.

In similar concerns, we are all charged as Christians, to take care of our planet and its environment. The Presbyterian Church at its 202 General Assembly, adopted "Restoring Creation for Ecology and Justice", which calls our denomination to engage in the tasks of restoring creation. It involves the following, which I'm giving is a short version:

- 1. Recognizes and accepts restoring creation as a central concern for the church.
- 2. Understands this to be a new focus for initiative in mission program. Its implication is for infusion into theological work, evangelism, education, justice, peacemaking, worship and liturgy, public witness, global mission and congregational service at the community level.
- 3. Recognized restoring creation is not a short-term concern but a continuing task to which the nation and world must give attention and commitment.

If we have two or more people who are interested in our church becoming an Earth Care Congregation, just let me or office know and we can begin the process of becoming involved in this program.

God has given us this beautiful planet and has charged us to be stewards and caretaker of it. With Global warming and pollution, we are surely destroying our "home". Paul says in Romans, that creation groans until the return of who created it. Nature knows what is happening. Kinda eerie isn't it?

I think this would be a good thing for us to be involved. For more information, just give me a call or visit and I can share more about this program.

Peace.

C.O.

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"Shout joyfully to God, all the ear; Sing the gloty of His name; Make His praise glorious."

Psalm 86 1-2



#### **SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY JUNE 9**

The Policies and Procedures of First Presbyterian Church-Alvin require all church staff and volunteers (members and non-members alike) coming in contact with children and youth during church activities to receive Children's Protection Policy training. Training is needed before working with children/youth in any capacity on church grounds along with re-training every 3 years thereafter. With Vacation Bible School planned June 17-24, 2024, it is now time for all staff and volunteers to receive required training. Training will be offered in the church library on Sunday, June 9, before Sunday school/worship at 8:45 and again, following worship at 12:15. It will last about a hour. Please contact Rachel Grimmett if you have any questions (email: <a href="mailto:rachgrim@comcast.net">rachgrim@comcast.net</a> or text: 281-467-3236).

#### **Summer Mission Sale**

Donations are now being accepted for the Summer Mission Sale that will take place on Saturday, July 20th, 8 am - 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Accepted items should be gently used and may include tools, kitchen ware, household objects, toys, bags and purses, and small electronics in working condition. In addition to clothing and shoes, we are no longer accepting books, DVD's, and VHS tapes. You may donate your treasures any time before July 18th. If you need any assistance, or need to drop off your donations please call the church office, 281-585-3406. Remember that the proceeds from this sale will supplement the offerings collected for our local and world outreach efforts. These include Clothing Outlet/School Supplies, Heifer Project, Relay for Life, the Women's Center of Brazoria County, Joy Gift Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Christmas families, Peace and Global Witness Offering, and Pentecost Offering. Thank you for your help.

July 20th 8am-2pm



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<u>Ongoing Prayers</u>: Patty Costanzo, Jill Wheatley, Leticia Delgado, Orlando Ramirez, Tammy Robinson, Stephanie Elkins, the Hunt Family, Greg McGhee, Roger Hawkins, Marilyn & Dan Thomas, Irene Peltier, Geri Ebert, and Wayne Williams.

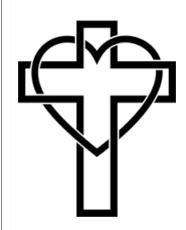
<u>Immediate Concerns</u>: Jack Barker, the Family of Linda Allen, the Hunt Family, the Mallet Family, the Family of Rick Wells, the Family of Oscar Voigt, and the Family of Mona Carter.

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month - Buddy Ruskey Fellowship Refreshments - Buildings & Grounds



June 1	Helen Escobedo	June 2	Janet DeLeon
June 6	Faye Steckert	June 9	<b>Chris Pounds</b>
June 10	Caleb Petty	June 12	Joann Froberg
June 22	Samantha Lewis	June 23	<b>Adrienne Thomas</b>
June 24	Randy Phipps	June 25	Rhonda Newell
June 25	<b>Geoffrey Lewis</b>	June 25	<b>Melissa Pounds</b>
June 26	<b>Braiden Anderson</b>	June 27	Barbara Lewis
June 30	Sue Kelso		





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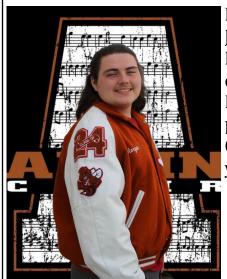


## **Graduating Seniors**

Congratulations, Class of 2024 Graduates Good Luck on Your Future Endeavors!



#### **Morgan Daniel Stanley**

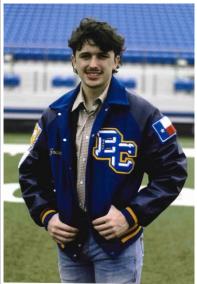


Morgan Daniel Stanley, son of Mandi Odom and Jeremiah Stanley, graduated from Alvin High School on May 22. He was a member of the Alvin High School choir, Alvin High School Band and a member of Texas HOPE. After enjoying his summer, he plans to become a plumber's apprentice, pipeline worker or electrician. Congratulations, Morgan; wishing you much success in your future endeavors.





#### **Zachary Thomas**



Zachary Thomas, son of Scott and Adrienne Thomas, graduated from Bay City High School on May 21. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and the Power Lifting team. He was also Drum Major of the band. In the fall Zach will be attending Texas A&M University to study petroleum engineering. Congratulations, Zach; wishing you much success at Texas A&M and in your future endeavors.





#### **Audrey Grace Roles**



Audrey Grace Roles, daughter of Amy and Jason Roles, granddaughter of Cindy and Bill Waggoner and great-granddaughter of Darline Petersen, graduated from Pearland High School on May 24 in the Top 100 of her graduating class at number 85. She was a four-year member of the Pearland Prancer Drill Team with three years as Lt. Colonel. She will be attending University of Texas in Austin majoring in Education with a minor in Psychology. She will also be a member of the University of Texas Dancers.

Congratulations, Audrey; wishing you much success at University of Texas and in your future endeavors.



#### Annabelle Rich



Annabelle Rich, daughter of Andrew and Jennifer Rich and granddaughter of Cindy and Bill Waggoner, graduated from Friendswood High School on May 25. She was a member of the Varsity Lacrosse team, a member of the National Technical Honor Society and President of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America). She also was a teacher at Little Mustangs Preschool. She will be attending Texas A&M to study Early Childhood Education. She plans to be a first-grade teacher. Congratulations, Annabelle; wishing you much success at Texas A&M and in your future endeavors.





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In 1967, Grace Ward Harby had a vision to provide inexpensive, serviceable clothing to school-age children and their families. What started as a ministry in her car evolved into what is now the Clothing Outlet, located on our church campus. As it was back in Mrs. Harby's day, the proceeds from the Clothing Outlet still provide school supplies for children/families in need.

Now, over 50 years later, this ministry is still going strong, and we have joined with the Alvin Independent School District, the AARSP (Alvin Area Retired School Personnel) as well as others to better serve our community. This year, this combined group will host a drive through event at one of the AISD campuses.

Which campus? The former E.C. Mason Elementary School. With this group effort, we hope to:

- \* Provide school supplies to children who cannot afford them
- \* Get the whole family involved in "serving others" in need
- \* Make a difference in a child's educational experience by setting them up for success

In the past, you all were kind enough to provide glue sticks and bottles of 4 oz. glue. This year, we could use **4 oz bottles of glue, dry erase markers, and highlighters** . Thank you!!

We will have more information regarding volunteering for packing bags as soon as it's available.

Blessings and peace.

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