



THE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this with all the mixed emotions that are inevitably a part of saying good-bye to folks who have been important in my life. Soon I will no longer be your pastor. I leave confident that God will continue to care for and meet all your needs.

Leaving a congregation that has become dear is not easy. I know that in the days to come, I will continue to “feel” like your pastor. There is something of grieving in this. It will be tempting to try to keep up with the life of First Presbyterian Church of Brazoria — the community of faith of which my own life has been so much a part. I suspect that some of that same thing might be true on your part as well — that it may take some time before someone else becomes your “pastor”. We can serve each other in this.

Our presbytery has had a good deal of experience in this business of “saying good-bye” to a pastor. Guidelines have been developed that provide clear boundaries. These guidelines will help us all to bring honor to all that we have been to each other as well as all that we have achieved together, and will bring a healthy closure to our shared ministry.

Fundamental to these guidelines is the simple reminder that when a pastor leaves a congregation, it marks the end of the pastoral relationship. It does not mark the end of love and care for each other, but of necessity, the end of our former relationship. Toward this end, after October 4, I will not involve or insert myself in any part of the life of this church.

For the sake of the next pastor’s success, it would be inappropriate for me to continue as a theological guide, as an officiant for weddings or funerals, or as your pastoral presence in times of crisis such as hospitalization. As one who poured energy, time, and emotions into the health of this congregation, I want the church to prosper.

Consequently, you will find no greater advocate than me of your next pastor. Please do not cause me to choose between my love for you and the success of your next pastor by asking me to perform pastoral duties that rightly rest with him/her. I know this may not be easy to accept.

Please trust that experience has taught that when a pastorate is ended, the responsibility of leadership and care must end as well. For the sake of the pastor leaving a field, but even more, for the sake of the church, an ethic of separation needs to be honored by all.

I hope you welcome any interim pastor or installed pastor with the same warmth and love that enveloped me when I arrived as a stranger among you. I will try to honor you by focusing my energy on that which God has determined for my future, and will joyfully, in whatever I do, share all that you have taught me about being a pastor.

Love,

Tracy



What We Prayed For In September

Keep In Prayer:

John Indian, Gail Chrysler, Mike Gassen, Jamie LeBouef, Shaun LaBreck, Sandra Clarke, Charles Brown, McKenna Buchanan, Jim and Sandra Barnett, Ken and Sandra Gragert, Marilyn Shockley, Jan Weber, Katie Weber, Tommy Carter, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Betty Thacker, Paul Erwin, Debbie Cole, Lowesa Terral, Troy Ward, Steve Pruett, Debbie Piantinada, Barbara Ferrel, Pam Jurries,, Nelda Gragert, Maria Pedraza, Norma Peterson, Pryah Radar, Chris Mcnutt, Julie Taner, Lynette Williams, John Indian, Treney and Belinda Allen, Linda McAda, Linda Taylor, Gerri Stover, David Girod,, Susan Lewis, Debbie Liddel, Gil Thomas, Emory McCorey, Peyton Taylor, Mekhe Lusk, Ashley McCorey, Jennifer & Charlie Cates & Baby, Sandy Tinnon, Roger Patterson, Boots Reifel, Austin Stallman.

Comfort and Hope: Family and Friends of Sam Pursley (at his passing), Family and Friends of Wesly Carline (at his passing), Families effected by the Hawk fire. Families effected by the flooding in Southern California, Kauai, Hi. & Napal. Peace of Christ for our country and the world.

Other Prayers:

Safety for those working in extreme heat. our church, our families, Pastor Tracy, Mr & Mrs Flowers, Judy & Gary Gatton. Baby Tilden family Mission (Food Pantry, Blessing Box). World Communion offering, Sharing God's grace and Christ's love.

Sharing the Joy: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:31



Prayer is a beautiful reflection of God's love interceding by lifting others up in prayer. Prayer provides encouragement for another and those we care about that God is with us in every circumstance. Our card ministry expresses the caring heart of our church and God.

You are invited to join our Prayer Group,

Tuesday, 10:-11:00 a.m.

Prayer Ministry Congregation Care

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you,,, Phillippians 1:3-4

Blessings,

Linda



During the month of September

We served 47 families during the month of September.

The Food Pantry could use the following:

Paper Towels Toilet Paper, Dry Beans, Rice, Juices, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter,, Syrup, Jelly, 1/2 gal Juices, and Personal Hygiene.

For more information please call Nelda 979-799-7681

WORSHIP NEWS



Attendance	Total	Elders	Facebook
September 6	16	6	40
September 13	20	6	48
September 20	20	6	45
September 27	22	4	57



You are invited to study God's word
on Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome (all ages). A
light breakfast is provided.



*** TREASURER REPORT ***

July Income 6697.00
July Expenses 6173.00

August Income 5926.63
August Expenses 6323.42



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box needs:

Water

Easily opened canned soups, Ravioli, Spaghetti...

Vienna sausages, Beanie Weenies

Tuna packets

Crackers

Anything that is easy to open.



Online giving to our church is now available through a program designed by the Presbyterian Foundation. Our online giving page can be accessed by clicking on the Give Now button on our website. When you click on the button, it takes you to a secure webpage OR you can scan the QR code below.





September Birthday

10/1 Kendra Levesque
10/3 Maria Sanchez
10/6 Aleina Sanchez
10/8 Jessica B. Herrera
10/11 Gail (Logsdon) Mikeska
10/14 Gavin Gregory
10/16 Barbara Sullivan
10/29 John Indian

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Anniversaries

10/18 Chris & Paige Miles
10/20 Gene & Ginny Raska



October 3rd from 10-4 will be our October Festival. We have 12 vendors committed to attending with more possibilities, a bake sale, auction and a delicious meal to buy. Hope you are planning to attend and help out in some way, You can even come up on Friday and help set-up the hall.

Robin Buchanan Harrington

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In October we be continuing our Bible study on Tuesdays from 11am until noon. After we finish the study on The Great Ends of the Church, we will do one on Praying the Psalms and another on Prayers of the Bible. We are also continuing our monthly Horizons Bible study on the fourth Sunday after worship. This year's study is "*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.*" Ginny Raska

CHURCH DINNER

Church Dinner;

Thank you to everyone who brought food for the "potluck" dinner on September 20th. Everything was delicious, but I only received one recipe to include in this newsletter! October's dinner will be "Italian" themed, so start thinking about your favorite dish, it's on October 18th. Please let me know when you decide what you plan to bring.

Robin

979-482-3750

Mission & Outreach: Food Pantry, Clothes Closet & World Communion

Had a busy month in the food pantry and clothes closet during the month of September. We served 47 families in the food pantry and 28 in clothes closet. We will always need items such as paper towels, toilet paper, dry beans, rice, instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter, syrup, jelly, 1/2.gal juices and personal hygiene products. Thanks to everyone who has donated. It is greatly appreciated by those in need. I am adding a list of food items which will be needed for Thanksgiving baskets. Anything you can contribute will greatly appreciated. Holidays are just around the corner. Thank you everyone for your donations of food, clothes, time, and prayers.

God Bless you all,

Nelda 979-799-768

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKET NEEDS

HAMS, WHOLE CHICKENS, TURKEYS CRANBERRY SAUCE

1 BOX INSTANT POTATOES

1 LARGE CAN YAMS

2 CANS CORN

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2 CANS GREEN BEANS

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1 BOX CAKE MIX

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STUFFING MIX

1 PKG GRAVY MIX

1 CAN EVAPORATED MILK

2 CANS MIXED FRUIT

2 BOXES JIFFY CORNBREAD MIX

FRENCH FRIED ONIONS

1 CAN MUSHROOM SOUP

1 BAG MARSHMALLOWS

1 CAN FROSTING FOR CAKE

1 CAN OR CARTON BROTH

Country Casserole

1 Bag 12 oz Wide Egg Noodles
1 lb Ground Beef, Chicken, or Pork
1 can original Rotel or Tomato Soup
1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 cup of Milk
2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
1/2 teaspoon Salt
2 tablespoon Onion Flakes
1/4 teaspoon Pepper
1 cup Shredded Cheese

Cook meat with the soups, milk, Worcestershire sauce, onion, and pepper.

Prepare pasta according to package directions one minute shy of al dente.

Combine meat and pasta and put in a 9x13 inch pan cook at 350 degrees for 25 minutes and the last five minutes put the cheese on to melt.

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Prayer Group 10am-11am Bible Study 11am-12pm Game Night 6pm			Food Pantry Clothes Closet 10am-4pm	
				1	2	3 October Festival 10am-3pm
4 World Com- munion Sun- day Congregation- al Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Richard- Preaching	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Rev. Tom Sharon Church Dinner Session Meet-	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Anita Preaching Horizon Bible Study	26	27	28	29	30	31