

# Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

I loved the idea behind this book: *Every Moment Holy*. It's a beautiful book of prayers for a variety of activities, including ordinary ones like preparing a meal or doing the laundry. Author Douglas Kaine McKelvey includes liturgies for the ordinary events of daily life such as "A Liturgy for Feasting with Friends" or "A Liturgy for Laundering" or "A Liturgy for the First Hearth fire of the Season". These prayers have a way of reminding us that our lives are shot through with sacred purpose even when, especially when, we are too busy or too caught up in our busyness to notice. His hope is that the prayers encourage readers to practice mindfulness of the constant presence of God and draw them toward greater recognition of the eternal echoes resounding in every moment of our lives.

G. K. Chesterton wrote: "You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip my pen in the ink."

Sometimes we are inclined to divide our activities into ones that appear to have spiritual value, like reading devotions before a meal, and other activities I think have little spiritual value, such as doing the dishes after the meal. Paul erased that divide in a letter to the people of Colossae who had chosen to live for Jesus. He encouraged them with these words: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 3: 17). Doing things in Jesus' name means both honoring Him as we do them and having the assurance that His Spirit helps strengthen us to accomplish them. "Whatever you do." All the ordinary activities of our lives, every moment, can be empowered by God's Spirit and done in a way that honors Jesus.

Blessings!

Debbie

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## Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July! It's HOT—so time for some summertime fun—our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sundae Sunday is here! Plus Beverly Hoch has plans for more Fellowship Fun this summer! But summertime is almost over for teachers and students! I hear DISD starts up on August 10<sup>th</sup> and the Denton Christian Preschool will be back on August 14<sup>th</sup>! Also, prayers for safety for all those traveling! Some of my sermons this month will deal with some of those "tough" questions.



Here are the readings for August:

August 6: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Communion. Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15; Matthew 14: 13-21; Romans 9: 1-5. Sermon Title: "Evidence of God's Existence". Sermon Text: various texts.

August 13: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Matthew 14: 22-33; Romans 10: 5-15. Sermon Title: "The Question of Evil and Suffering" Sermon Texts: Genesis 37 and various texts.

August 20: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Matthew 15: 10-28; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32. Sermon Title: "Joseph's Story" Sermon Text: Genesis 45. Reconciliation.

August 27: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Exodus 1: 8-2:10; Psalm 124; Matthew 16: 13-20; Romans 12: 1-8. Sermon Title: "Morality" Sermon Text: various texts.



Our Pastor Nominating Committee was voted on July 23rd for the full-time pastor. Those elected are: Sally Callahan, Beverly Hoch, Terry Nobles, Carolyn Smith and Jim Welborn.

They will create the "advertisement" called the Ministry Information Form, based on input from the congregation that was gathered last fall. Then they will receive and evaluate all candidate applications received from the presbytery and from other individuals as well. Eventually, through prayer, deliberation, observation and interviewing, one candidate will be invited and called to fill our pulpit. Please keep this committee in your daily prayers, and also pray that the heart of "God's choice" will be prepared to come join us.



## Mission News

The Mission Committee is giving money to support Interfaith Ministries in their Operation Backpack initiative. They are providing backpacks and school supplies for students returning to school in August.

A collection will be set up in the narthex for Denton Christian Pre School to donate "start up" needs as the children return. These needs are for toilet tissue, paper towels, antibacterial soap, Kleenexes, sanitizing wipes, construction paper, Manila paper, Crayola Crayons, Copy Paper and Glue sticks. The Mission Committee will collect these over the next 2 weeks, School begins August 14th! The Denton Christian Preschool appreciates anything they can get donated.

The food pantry is doing well. Many members of the community have been donating food. The Denton Water Project, which is set up next to the pantry, is currently being restocked 3 times a day with ice and bottles of water. If you are interested in donating to this needed service of ice and water, you can contact them through Venmo or Paypal..

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Paypal-beth\_varma@Hotmail.com



# Singing in the Rain



15 came  
to the  
Musical  
and 11  
made it  
for lunch  
at Cart-  
wrights!

What  
fun!

# August 2023

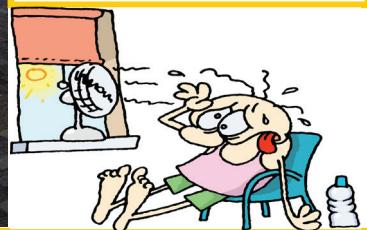
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	3	4	5
6 Birthday: B.K. Schlesinger Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM  	7	8	9 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	10 Birthday: Pat Edell Anniversary: Terry and Marlene Nobles	11	12
13 Birthday: Bill Cassidy  Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM	14	15 Session 7PM	16 Birthday: Don Richards  Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	17	18	19
20 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Mission 12:15 PM	21	22	23 Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	24	25	26 Birthday: Beverly Hoch
27 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Deacons 10:30 AM Worship 11 AM  <i>Celtic Cross deadline</i>	28 Birthday : Ezechiel Daos	29	30 Birthday: Chris Rodriquez  Bible Study and Prayer 10:00 AM	31 Birthday: Chris Briggs		

## Second Annual Sundae Sunday photos





The next *Celtic Cross* deadline is August 27. Send your news and articles to [newsletter@fpcdenton.org](mailto:newsletter@fpcdenton.org). Please call if you have questions or need to make sure an article gets published.



## In the Kitchen

In 2002, Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church published the revised edition of "In the Kitchen," their favorite recipes. The first edition was published in 1993. The ladies of the church, and some men, provided their favorite recipes.

I hope you enjoy looking back at these glimpses of times past.

Jim Welborn

### Super Supper (page 167)

- 1 (7½ oz.) pkg. macaroni and cheese dinner
- ¼ c. chopped green pepper
- 2 Tbsp. chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp. margarine
- ½ lb. frankfurters, sliced
- 1 Tbsp. mustard

Prepare dinner (mac n cheese) as directed except using ½ cup milk. Sauté green pepper and onion in margarine until tender. Add to dinner with meat and mustard. Mix well. Heat thoroughly. Serves 4 to 6.

Eunice Curry

# Households for Prayer

Let us continue to uphold our households in prayer with these members for

August 2023

Louise Kraft  
Lynelle McConnell  
Martha Meeks  
Insook Melton  
Kori Miller  
Pat Miller  
Morgan Minear  
Carol Nance

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano: Michelle Augsten, Beverly Hoch, Kori Miller, Morgan Minear

Alto: Kate Stedman, Maiya Williams

Bass: Brian De Stefano, Chandler Hall, Christopher Rodriguez,

Tenor: Tristino Ali, Brandon Veazey

Trumpeter: Mike Steinle

Director of Music: Jacob Augstein

Organist: Ezechiel Daos



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## Prayer Concerns

**Health Concerns:** Helen B, Cheryl B, Gerald B, Lynda E, Gene F, Pat H, Jim K, Louise K, Pat M, Don R, Pat R, Irene R, Diana S, Michael S. Price and Margaret B, Brenda C, Sam C, Mike C, Sherman C, Connie D, Kevin Falconberry, Bob I, Kathy K, Sandy L, Jackie S, Tammy S, Ann S, Robin and Alana, Gladden and Lydia W, Craig White, Annemarie V, Clarice M,

**Safety** DCP Children, military personnel and first responders

## August Birthdays

- 6 B.K. Schlesinger
- 10 Pat Edell
- 13 Bill Cassidy
- 16 Don Richards
- 26 Beverly Hoch
- 28 Ezechiel Daos
- 30 Chris Rodriguez
- 31 Chris Briggs



## Anniversaries

- 10 Terry and Marlene Nobles

August 6  
Communion



### The People in My Life

As you think about the people in your life, ask yourself if some of them have these qualities:

They're comfortable to be around

They're the type of people with whom you could share very personal information

They could help you solve problems

They make you feel like you matter

They take you seriously

If you want to take it further. Write down the names.

Then in one column add your favorite trait of theirs.

Reach out to this person and let them know how much you appreciate their presence in your life. Blessings

### Session Meeting

August 15  
7:00 PM

Mission  
August 20  
12:15 PM

Deacons Meeting  
August 27  
10:30 AM

## Bible Readings

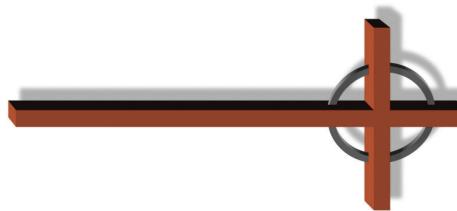
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- 1 Mark 6:30–46
- 2 Mark 6:47–56
- 3 Mark 7:1–23
- 4 Mark 7:24–37
- 5 Mark 8:1–10
- 6 John 1:43–51
- 7 Mark 8:11–21
- 8 Mark 8:22–33
- 9 Mark 8:34–9:1
- 10 Mark 9:2–13
- 11 Mark 9:14–29
- 12 Mark 9:30–41
- 13 John 3:22–36
- 14 Mark 9:42–50
- 15 Mark 10:1–16
- 16 Mark 10:17–31
- 17 Mark 10:32–45
- 18 Mark 10:46–52
- 19 Mark 11:1–11
- 20 John 5:30–47
- 21 Mark 11:12–26
- 22 Mark 11:27–12:12
- 23 Mark 12:13–27
- 24 Mark 12:28–34
- 25 Mark 12:35–44
- 26 Mark 13:1–13
- 27 John 8:12–20
- 28 Mark 13:14–27
- 29 Mark 13:28–37
- 30 Mark 14:1–11
- 31 Mark 14:12–26

Source: PC(USA) Common  
Lectionary

**Aerobics**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Erwin Hall - 8:30 am

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