

Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

November is the month we talk about gratitude and blessings mainly because of the Thanksgiving holiday—but we really should be a thankful people and be a blessing to those around us every day of every year! Do you ever wonder whether you can make a difference to the lives of those around you?

There have been shows on television about those who search for people and causes that would benefit from financial support. It is, of course, heartwarming to see that so many people go out of their way to help others—people who work with the homeless, with teenage addicts, with disabled children for instance. The response of all these people was deeply moving. They were so grateful, and the causes they worked for benefited greatly. They were blessed and enabled to bring greater blessing to others. Another interesting aspect of the programming itself was that those who searched for the people helping others, were themselves blessed and their lives changed as a result. Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive”. (Acts 20:35)

Apply that to yourself and apply that to our church. Christians are called to be “blessing machines”. Not in the sense of robots, but in the sense of continually blessing others. We are to serve, not to be served. Help our Mission Committee find ways to help our community. Find a way that you can help someone in need this Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas season....and then repeat it over and over.



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REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 31ST

We are all very eager to meet and hear our new Staff Singers next week October 31~ ***Reformation Sunday!*** Thank you, Jacob (and Catherine) for your energy and coordination of this exciting new music-phase of worship at FPC!

November 7: Communion. All Saints Celebration of Remembrance.
If you have any names you would like remembered please contact Pat Edell, Church Secretary at (940) 387-3894 and she can get them added to the bulletin. Make sure to get with her as soon as possible.

Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

We are in the “great race” towards the end of the year! Thanksgiving will be upon us in no time and right after that comes Advent, Christmas, and the beginning of 2022! This year should be a real treat---with wonderful music led by Jacob Augsten and being able to celebrate Christmas back in our sanctuary—Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Here are the readings for November:



November 7: Communion. All Saints Celebration of Remembrance. Readings: Psalm 127; Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17; Mark 12: 38-44; Hebrews 9: 24-28. Sermon Title: “Once and Again” Hebrews 9: 24-28

November 14: Time to Give Thanks Sunday. Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10; 1 Samuel 1: 4-20; Mark 13: 1-8; Hebrews 10: 11-25. Sermon Title: “God’s Blessings” Matthew 6: 25-33.

November 21: Christ the King Sunday. Nicene Creed. Readings: Psalm 132: 1-12; 2 Samuel 23: 1-7; John 18: 33-37; Revelation 1: 4b-8. Sermon Title: “Who Do **YOU** say I am?” John 18: 33-37

November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent. Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; Luke 21: 25-36; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13. Theme: Wait! Sermon Title: “Wait, Watch, Be Alert!” Sermon Text: Luke 21: 25-36



3-Church Mission Project: “Winter Collection”

(First Presbyterian, Collins Ministry, Denton Presbyterian Church)

Benefitting Our Daily Bread

Collection dates: Every Sunday in November

Boxes will be available in the foyer

Delivery to ODB the first week of December



Shopping list available



The Mission Committee has received several notes, here is a sample of some of the nice heart felt notes received.

Presbyterian Children's
Homes and Services

September 7, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
1114 West University Drive
Denton, TX 76201-3850

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,500.00!

We appreciate your support during the month of September, a time when most children return to school. For them, it is a time of excitement; but, for many of the children are nervous and uncertain because of the trauma of abuse, abandonment or neglect.

Can you imagine the awkwardness of being in the 9th grade but reading at assignment takes longer; everything is more challenging than it ought to be? Your gift has built self-confidence and provided children in need with a back academically.

For the children,
Carol D. Crouch
Rev. Peter D. Crouch, CFRE
Senior Vice President of Development

Denton Christian Preschool
1114 West University Drive
Denton, TX 76201

Given By First Presbyterian Church
1114 West University Drive
Denton, TX 76201

Donations
Date 8/30/2021
Receipt No.

Sustentation 20/21
Description
Thank you for your generous support.

Check No.	Payment Method
41289	Check
Amount	2,500.00

Valerie of Missions Committee...
We received your financial blessing to help support our mission at Zoie's Place, and bless those aging out of foster care in his name. Thank you for your support & encouragement.
Jen Moore of Team

No Goods or Serv this contribution.

denton community
FOOD CENTER

September 2, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
1114 West University Drive
Denton Texas 76201

You are amazing!
Thank you for your incredibly generous support of the Denton Community Food Center. This individual donation of \$2,000 on August 27th, 2021, will be the purchase and distribution of approximately \$14,000 worth of groceries, increasing number of clients. What a powerful gift! Each family receives about 100 pounds of groceries each week and can return every two weeks. The process is still a "no touch", drive-through process which we anticipate continuing for the foreseeable future. Thank you for sharing your good fortune and your trust in our community struggling with food insecurity. Stay safe,
Tanci Paulson
Tanci Paulson
DCFC/Outreach Coordinator
DCFC has not provided any goods or services in consideration for your contribution. Please do not provide any goods or services in consideration for your contribution. Please do not provide any goods or services in consideration for your contribution. Please do not provide any goods or services in consideration for your contribution.

306 N. Long St., Ste. 400
Denton, TX 76201
940-383-0807
info@dentonfoodcenter.org
www.dentonfoodcenter.org

Shiloh Garden

Friends of Shiloh Garden
P.O. Box 3037
Denton, Texas 76202

First Presbyterian Church -- Denton
1114 W University Drive
Denton, TX 76201

Hi Valerie Frederico,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to Friends of Shiloh Garden made are grateful that you have chosen to partner with us in providing health need in Denton County.

In 2020, Shiloh Garden produced and sent 40,000 lbs of food direct organizations, resulting in countless struggling families being fed. generosity, our efforts to double this year's harvest to 80,000 lbs. much closer. Thank you for helping serve more children, families, fruits and veggies they deserve.

Because we are a registered 501(c)(3) organization, your donation deductible. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your gift. Thank you for your support in helping to make the world a better place.

Sincerely,
Pat Smith
Pat Smith
Board Chair, Friends of Shiloh Garden

(940) 297-6700
info@shilohfield.com
www.shilohfield.com
1650 Nottingham Dr.
Denton, TX 76209

Please thank the Mission Committee for this wonderful gift!
Kate Chapman

Dear Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church,
We thank God for your generosity and encouragement in our church services to our Precious children and families in need. Please extend our gratitude to the Mission Committee for their contribution. I would love to come sometime to thank you in person and update you on our work. Please let me know if that is possible. Sincerely,
Kate Chapman

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Denton Christian Preschool—\$2500.00

Friends of Shiloh Garden - \$1000.00

Denton Community Food Center—\$112.00 and \$2000.00

Presbyterian Children's Home and Services—\$1500.00

And Zoie's Place

These wonderful generous gifts will make a profound difference in the lives of so many.

Lesson Three

Ladies' 2021-2022 Bible Study

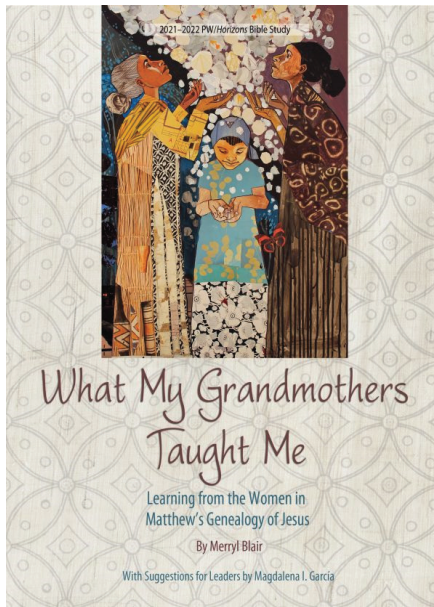
What My Grandmothers Taught Me

The Lineage of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel~

Leader is Carol Nance

Tuesday, November 9 at 10:00AM

Sybil Hopper Room



2021–2022

PW/*Horizons* Bible study

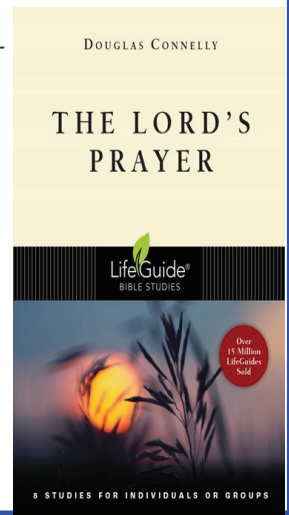
By Merryl Blair with Suggestions for Leaders by Magdalena I. García

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.



Disciples Class 9:30 AM

Bible Study

Began October 3, 2021 we will resume the Disciple's Class at 9:30 AM. We are studying "The Lord's Prayer" using the Life Guide Bible Study series books. In this eight-session study, author Douglas Connelly unpacks the Lord's Prayer section by section with additional texts that help you dig deeper into Jesus' teaching about how to pray. Study guides will be available. Please Join Us.



November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Birthday: Alexandria Rodriguez	2 Birthday: Gene Finlay Ladies Bible Study 10AM	3	4	5	6 Birthday: David Storrie
7 Birthday: Cheryl Briggs Disciple's Class 9:30AM Worship 11 AM 	8	9	10	11 Ladies Breakfast 9AM	12	13
14 Disciple's Class 9:30AM Worship 11 AM	15	16 Session 7PM	17	18	19	20
21 Disciple's Class 9:30AM Worship 11 AM Celtic Cross Deadline	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Birthday: Linda Cassidy Anniversary: Larry and Pat Harberson	27 Birthday: Mike Steinel
28 First Sunday in ADVENT Disciple's Class 9:30AM Deacons 10:30AM Worship 11 AM 	29	30				

Live-Streaming of the entire service

The "online bulletin" with the YouTube hymn versions has been a real blessing to assemble these past nearly-two-years (!), but has now become "redundant"~ for soon we will begin live-streaming the entire service! Stay tuned for that NEXT new phase of worship at FPC, and please come join us! The advance copy of the in-person bulletin will continue to be sent on Saturday.—Beverly



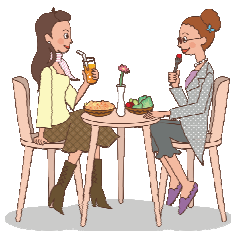
Nadine Hoch
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her landline is 940-591-6782
She is on FaceBook

Check out **singing the old songs**
Follow this link story by Beverly Hoch

<https://issuu.com/muphiepsilon/docs/trianglefa21/s/13638439>



Thursday, November 11, 9AM

Sybil Hopper Room

LADIES' BYO Breakfast

(We will only have the one this month)

Come for an uplifting devotional and fellowship!

Session

Class of 2021
Terry Nobles (T)
Valorie Frederico

Class of 2022
Beverly Hoch
Carol Nance

Class of 2023
Larry Harberson (T)
Vacant

Diaconate

Pam Asher (Moderator)

Carolyn Smith
Marlene Nobles

Vacant

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

Hamburger and Noodles Stroganoff (page 127)

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|-----|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1/2 | pkg. noodles (4 oz.) | 1 | tbsp. flour |
| 1/4 | c. butter or margarine | 1 | c. sour cream |
| 1/2 | c. chopped onion | 1 | can beef bouillon |
| 1 | clove garlic, minced | 1 | tsp. salt |
| 1/2 | lb. mushrooms, thickly sliced | 1/4 | tsp. pepper |
| 1 | lb. ground chuck beef | 1/2 | c. chopped onion |
| 1 | 8 oz. can tomato sauce | 1 | c. grated parmesan cheese |

Cook noodles and drain. Heat butter; sauté onion, garlic and mushrooms. Add beef; cook until browned. Remove from heat. Stir in flour, tomato sauce, bouillon, salt, and pepper. Simmer 10 minutes. Stir occasionally. Blend in cream.

In lightly greased 2 quart casserole, layer a third of the noodles, then third of meat mixture. Repeat twice; sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 375° for 25 minutes.

Jean E. Leith



Households for Prayer

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

November 2021

Jim Adams
Pam Asher
Jacob Augsten
Helen Beck
Chris, Keely, William and Parker Briggs
Clay, Kelly, Henry, Charlie and Luke Briggs
Gerald and Cheryl Briggs
Bill and Linda Cassidy

Celtic Cross deadline is November 21 for publication on November 23rd. Please send your news and articles to
"Newsletter@fpcdenton.org"



Session Meeting
Tuesday November 16
2021
at 7:00 PM
(third Tuesday)

Friend us on Facebook

FPC: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FPCDentonTX/>

FPC Presbyterian Women: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PWDentonFPC/>

Find us on the web: <http://www.fpcdenton.org>

facebook





Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Protection for all healthcare workers, especially Valorie F, Ashley H, Kim T and Becky J. Continuing Prayers for Pam A, Helen B, Gerald B, Eunice C, Dee D, Pat H, Bob Hoch, Nadine Hoch, Louise K, Pat M, Don N, Bob N, Pat R, Don R, Irene R, Judy R, Buzz F, Kathy K, Karen B and Dorothy M, Annemarie V, Sam C, Noble C, Sara L, Rev. Tim Keller, Dick and Eleanor W.

Safety, Strength, Wisdom and Courage: every one of us the world-over as we navigate this extraordinarily unprecedented time. Those impacted by recent natural disasters and civil unrest; rescue teams, fire fighters, first responders, police officers and other peacemakers; those who seek a spiritual connection, may they find it.

Our Church: Leadership - Pastor Spangler, Deacons, staff and all who give their time, talent and treasure to further God's purpose in the church, the community and the world. God's grace upon the works and projects of the Mission Committee, and wisdom for good stewardship of all our many blessings, past, present and future.

November Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 1 Alexandria Rodriguez
- 2 Gene Finlay
- 6 David Storrie
- 7 Cheryl Briggs
- 26 Linda Cassidy
- 27 Mike Steinel

26 Larry and Pat Harberson



Communion
November 7th



**Feeding the
Community**

Deacon News
Next Denton Community Food Center
drive will be November 14th. *Thank you!*

Bible Readings
November 2021

- 1 Matt. 5:1–12
- 2 Matt. 13:44–52
- 3 Matt. 13:53–58
- 4 Matt. 14:1–12
- 5 Matt. 14:13–21
- 6 Matt. 14:22–36
- 7 Luke 14:12–24
- 8 Matt. 15:1–20
- 9 Matt. 15:21–28
- 10 Matt. 15:29–39
- 11 Matt. 16:1–12
- 12 Matt. 16:13–20
- 13 Matt. 16:21–28
- 14 Luke 16:1–13
- 15 Matt. 17:1–13
- 16 Matt. 17:14–21
- 17 Matt. 17:22–27
- 18 Matt. 18:1–9
- 19 Matt. 18:10–20
- 20 Matt. 18:21–35
- 21 Luke 19:11–27
- 22 Matt. 19:1–12
- 23 Matt. 19:13–22
- 24 Matt. 19:23–30
- 25 Matt. 20:1–16
- 26 Matt. 20:17–28
- 27 Matt. 20:29–34
- 28 Luke 21:5–19
- 29 Matt. 21:1–11
- 30 Matt. 21:12–22

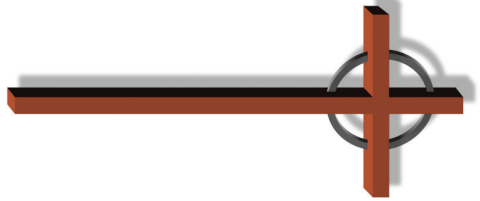
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Aerobics

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

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