

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

Guided by the Word of God, led by the Holy Spirit, and motivated by the love of Christ and all his people, United Presbyterian Church, an intergenerational community, celebrates God's glory by fostering Christian growth.

Therefore, we value fellowship, Bible-centered messages, music, and faith expressed through worship, and commitment to our community.





Ruling Elder Tracy Ebarb

Tracy Ebarb is an ordained Ruling Elder in the PC(USA) and is currently in the Commissioned Pastor Program in Grace Presbytery. His additional Ministry experience includes 15 years in full-time Youth Ministry, plus an additional 20+ years serving in bi-vocational pastoral positions in the Central Texas region. Tracy is also a Certified Fund Raising Executive, specializing in Church Stewardship and he has designed and conducted over 75 Church Capital Stewardship Campaigns in 17 states across the USA, in addition to numerous Annual Pledge Campaigns. Tracy has been privileged to conduct development work for Missions in

Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, and in the African nations of Malawi and Sierra Leone. Tracy currently serves the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) as the Director of Partner Engagement for the Central Region of the USA.

Tracy's wife Jacque is a CPA, they have recently relocated to Lavon, TX. Together, Jacque and Tracy have 7 children, and 2 grandchildren. They enjoy boating, camping, and traveling abroad.

Tracy will be with us in worship on September 19th and October 24th!



Rev. Lynette Solomon

Lynette Solomon was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, in the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. She attended Austin College in Sherman, TX, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, was ordained in 1990, and has been an active member-at-large of Grace Presbytery for many years. Lynette has served in parish ministry, hospice chaplain ministry, and is currently serving as a hospital chaplain in the Baylor Scott and White Health Care System in Dallas. You might find her

preaching in area churches in the North Texas area on any given Sunday. Lynette appreciates the connectional nature of the church, the importance of community and relationships, and strives to serve all of God's children with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Lynette has been

married to John Mark Solomon 34 years, and they are the proud parents of two adult children, Luke and Kay. Time with family, friends, cooking, reading, walking, and spending time in God's beautiful creation are some of her favorite activities.

Lynette will be with us in worship on September 26th, October 10th, and November 7th. She will also be our appointed temporary moderator while Pastor Candice is on leave.

Rev. Krista Rasco

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Krista Rasco to lead worship and preside over communion with us. Many of you may already know Rev. Rasco as the former pastor of First Presbyterian, Commerce. She has also served as an appointed moderator with our session in the past, and supported us in a variety of ways including for Pastor Womack's installation service.

Krista will be with us on October 3rd!



Dr. Justin Barringer

Justin Bronson Barringer recently defended his PhD dissertation, *Protest and Politics: A Biographical Theology of Bayard Rustin, Friendship, Charity, and Economic Justice* at Southern Methodist University. Justin is a pastor, consultant, writer, editor, and now adjunct instructor. He is a recipient of the Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, CM Cares Religious Scholars Award, the John Wesley Fellowship with AFTE, the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, and the Cary Maguire Fellowship, as well as the Jenzabar Foundation Student Leadership Award. Perhaps best of all, Justin is the husband of Rachel and father of Israel and Zoe.

Along with his wife, Justin hosts the Rogue Ministry Podcast, a show dedicated to helping people create and sustain faithful

ministries. Justin and Rachel founded Diapers, Etc. a ministry which "exists to provide diapers, feminine hygiene products, and other important goods not typically covered by government programs or other service providers." In this effort, they work alongside the good folks at Owenwood Farm and Neighbor Space/White Rock UMC, where Justin serves as Director of Social Outreach, as well as with the fantastic organization Hope Supply Co., and other partners to serve over 200 families a month. He has been a missionary in Greece and China, worked extensively among homeless people in cities as varied as Nashville and Los Angeles to Lexington and Little Rock. Justin writes and speaks at academic and lay levels on topics such as war and peace, wealth/poverty, sexual ethics, and the triad of friendship, hospitality, and community.

Justin will be with us in worship on October 17th!



Rev. Dr. Clay Brantley

The Rev. Dr. Clay Brantley was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana and attended Texas A&M, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Perkins School of Theology. He has been a Presbyterian pastor for 35 years, serving churches in Malvern, Arkansas and five churches in Texas—Sherman, McKinney, Garland, Whitesboro, and Denton. Clay's passion for those who are Other so that they are Other no more has taken him on mission trips to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, the U.S.–Mexico border, Cuba, Israel/Palestine, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria. He has participated in a Civil Rights Pilgrimage in this country and speaks and leads conversations around racism, particularly at the Retreat

House Spirituality Center in Richardson.

Five years ago, Clay left the local church he was serving to follow a mystical path, a call into a deeper following of Christ. This journey has led him into deep soul work, to being a Wild Mustang and to the Retreat House. He is an artist, speaker, spiritual director, and published author. Clay serves as a participant and director of Retreat House where he is the guide for two monthly meetings – Contemplative Painting and the Writer's Gathering. Both of these monthly meetings allow Clay's soul to dance in unexpected ways. He serves on the board at Gilmont Conference Center. Clay is married to Crysta. They have two children, Drew and Michaela, two dogs, and a turtle.

Clay will be with us in worship on October

31st!

Dear UPC Family,

We are VERY excited that our church family is growing! We are eagerly awaiting welcoming baby Womack to the world and UPC. As many of you may know Pastor Candice will be out eight weeks for leave. During this time Pastor Candice and Tyler will have their hands full with 3:00 a.m. feeding, diaper changes, naps and snuggles. We want to give the Womack family time to bond and hopefully get some sleep! During this time, we would ask that any pastoral care needs be directed to the Elder on Call for the appropriate month, your Care Group Elder, or any Session Member. Pat will still be in the office for administrative items. Bob Mudie can handle any announcement that needs to be given on Sundays as well. Please rest assured that the Session, Personnel Committee and Pastor Candice have given much prayer and thought to this time. We have a robust list of back-ups for pulpit supply and if an immediate need were to arise.

UPC Personnel Committee

Ray Lancaster

Bob Mudie

Vicky Stauff

Jessica Morgan

John Wasson

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ALLIGATOR
BEAVER
LION
ELEPHANT

GIRAFFE
GORILLA
CHIMPANZEE
FROG

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BEAR
COW
HIPPO



CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you need a copy of the church directory please notify the church office. One can be e-mailed to you or if you would prefer a hard copy please come by the office .

Thanks Pat



Potlucks for the year 2021

- Oct 24 - Fall theme
Care Group 1
- Nov 14 - Thanksgiving
Care Group 2
- Dec 12 - Christmas
Care Group 3



**NOISY/QUIET OFFERING FOR
FOURTH QUARTER 2021**



The Noisy/Quiet Offering for October, November, and December will be The Spirit of Giving.

Please remember that the noisy/quiet offering happens the second Sunday of each month while the special offering for Goodland Academy takes place the first Sunday of each month.

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2021 SAFETY TEAM

Safety Team Members

Pastor Candice Womack – Team Director

John Hill

Tannie Brooks

Jon Geer

Ginger Hicks

Jerald Hicks

Heather Lind

Vicky Stauff

John Wasson



Medically Trained Congregation Members

Tannie Brooks

Stephanie Hogue

Rachel Lancaster



Checking Account Balances

Alliance Bank General Fund 09/03/2021	\$63,023.77
Alliance Bank Designated Fund 09/03/2021	\$49,195.32
AccessBank of Denton 09/03/2021	\$1,315.71



2 - George Warren

3 - Robin Frazier

6 - Barbara McClendon, Elaine Spray

10 - Mickey Pierson

11- Suzanne Marosek

14 - Jody Jones

15 - John Riley Hill, Silas Hill

18 - David Williams

19 - Norma Mitchell

20 - Quinn Geer

22 - Alyson Hicks, Nancy Manning, Alicia Brumley

23 - Leslie Castillo

25 - Beau Blanchard, Joe Leonard

28 - John Campbell

30 - Madelyn Jones

31 - Norma Kusewitt

Year-to-Date Financial Summary

August	Actual	Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget	Annual Budget
Income	\$20,443.77	\$164,794.99	\$146,170.08	\$219,255.00
Expenses	\$18,144.45	\$159,685.63	\$144,502.53	\$216,755.00
Difference	\$ 2,299.32	\$ 5,109.36	\$ 1,667.55	\$ 2,500.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS REPORT		AUGUST			QuickBook
ACC #	NAME	JULY	INCREASE	DECREASE	Balance
1908.00	Organ fund - Alliance	12050.00	0.00	0.00	12050.00
1918.00	HCSC -- FISH	1398.00	0.00	0.00	1398.00
1919.00	Women in Need	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
1920.00	Goodland	2376.07	440.00	0.00	2816.07
1925.00	Memorial	3565.00	100.00	(700.00)	2965.00
1928.00	Fellowship	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
1931.00	VBS	432.69	0.00	0.00	432.69
1942.00	VBS Food	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
1943.00	Noisy Offering	1127.56	28.74	(415.69)	740.61
1945.00	Special Collections	425.00	0.00	0.00	425.00
1948.00	Staff Christmas Gifts	392.05	0.00	0.00	392.05
1952.00	United in Faith - 2021 ONLY	1449.00	4193.39	(5216.63)	425.76
1956.00	Columbiarrium fund	1625.00	0.00	0.00	1625.00
1957.00	MOPS	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958.00	Music Ministry	1110.00	0.00	0.00	1110.00
	TOTAL	26420.37	4762.13	(6332.32)	24850.18

Financial INFORMATION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Back in October 2018, we kicked off our capital campaign #2, (uif2), a three-year challenge to reduce our indebtedness on the new construction. Through your generosity, we've paid down the loan balance to around \$881,000. UIF 2 ends in October 2021, and session will make a decision on how to go forward since loan payments are currently not made from the general operating budget.

If you have not fulfilled your commitment to UIF2, please consider catching up with your pledge. If you've completed your pledge, or exceeded the amount promised, thank you.

UPC's regular stewardship campaign to fund the general budget will begin on Sunday, October 24th and will run for three (3) weeks. We'll kickoff with a potluck bratwurst feast provided by fellowship and nurture. The campaign will utilize the familiar one-step program which encourages everyone to consider a small increase over last year. Consecration Sunday will be November 14th, when we'll each make our commitment during worship.

The focus of the 2022 stewardship campaign will be mission and we'll highlight some of the recent success of your mission/evangelism committee. If able, please join us for worship in person during this time. If not, follow us on Facebook live.

If you have a question, please don't hesitate to reach out to pat in the office, or any member of the s/f committee.

God bless us all.

Stewardship committee –Dot warren, Debbie Warren, Pat Penland, Jerald Hicks, Nancy Manning, Ann Jarvis, Tom Petersen, Craig Waters, Mike McClendon, Kelley Fincher, Bob Mudie

A birthday cake with white frosting, colorful sprinkles, and a 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' balloon topper. The cake is decorated with a variety of colorful sprinkles and small candies. The topper consists of two rows of gold balloons spelling out 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY'. The background is a light blue gradient with some confetti scattered around the cake.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

The Birthday Fund

**Don't forget to celebrate your
Birthday with us!**

**Do you want to celebrate yourself and
create a lasting legacy?**

**Do you want to teach your children the
importance of giving to others?**

**Then we have a giving opportunity that
is perfect for you. A great way to cele-
brate yourself and help others!**

It's simple.

**During your birthday month, you
contribute a gift to the church that
amount to the age you are turning. An-
yone can participate. It doesn't matter
how young or old you are.**

**Your birthday is a special day that
deserves a special celebration!**

Bible Word Search:

NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

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G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L
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CHRIST	EMMANUEL	JESUS
KING of the Jews	LAMB of God	LIGHT of the World
LORD	MASTER	NAZARENE
RABBI	REDEEMER	SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID	SON OF GOD	SON OF MAN

Ref: Wikipedia

Instructions: Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters.
Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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Night Circle resumed their meeting in January. They will be meeting in the Common's Area until they can safely go back into the Multipurpose Room. Please note the following dates. All Bible studies will start at 6:00 p.m..

**October 18th
November 15th
December 20th**

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is. Join me as we learn more about Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Meryl Blair.

The first bible study will be on September 20th at 6:00 pm at the church. There will be 9 lessons. We will meet the 3rd Monday of each month.

The book is \$10.00. You can either purchase your own book (link below) or provide your name and \$10.00 to Dot Warren by July 25th. She will order the books and the PW will pay for shipping.

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/what-my-grandmothers-taught-me-english-edition/>



MARK YOUR CALENDER

October 16th 10:00 PW meeting

October 18 6:00 pm PW Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 2

October 26 6:30 pm Stitchery

November 15 6:00 pm PW Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 3

November 30 6:30 pm Stitchery

December 20 6:00 pm PW Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 4

December 28 6:30 pm Stitchery

January 17 6:00 PW Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 5

January 25 6:30 pm Stitchery

February 21 6:00 pm Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 6

February 22 6:30 pm Stitchery

March 21 6:00 pm Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 7

March 29 6:30 pm Stitchery

April 18 6:00 pm Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 8

April 26 6:30 pm Stitchery

May 16 6:00 pm Bible Study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* lesson 9

May 31 6:30 pm Stitchery

United Presbyterian Church family you're invited!

Kids, youth, parents, and grandparents please join us for our 1st Annual Costume Party. Saturday October 30th from 6pm-9pm we will be hosting a special party just for you and your friends! You deserve it! Sit back, play games, win prizes, or have a snack attack; we will have a little bit of everything for everyone.

First, second, and third place prizes will be given out for best costume!



OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	TUE	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Lord's Supper Goodland Academy Offering 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	4 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts	5 5:30 - 7:30 pm National Night Out	6 5-6 pm Choir 6-7 pm Bells	7 Bread Ministry 4:30 pm Yoga 6:30 M&E Mtg.. 5-7 pm Youth Game Night	8	9
10 Noisy/Quite offering 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship POTLUCK	11 1pm - 4pm Art Group 5:00 pm Worship 5:30 pm S&F 6:00 pm Property Mtg. 6:30 pm CE/CM 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts	12 6:00 pm Safety Mtg.	13 5-6 pm Choir 6-7 pm Bells	14 Bread Ministry 4:30 pm Yoga 5-7 pm Youth Game Night	15	16 10am PW Mtg.
17 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	18 6 pm PW Bible Study 6:30-8:30 Boy	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 5-6 pm Choir 6-7 pm Bells	21 Bread Ministry 4:30 pm Yoga 6 pm F&N Mtg 5-7 pm Youth Game Night	22	23
24 Beginning of Stewardship Campaign 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship POTLUCK	25 12-1 PM AL-NON 6:30 pm Session 6:30-8:30 Boy Scouts	26 6:30 pm STITCHERY *	27 5-6 pm Choir 6-7 pm Bells	28 Bread Ministry 4:30 pm Yoga 5-7 pm Youth Game Night	29	30
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* Contacts are Susie Geer and Sue Mudie

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MINISTRY CURRICULUM

Starting sept 2nd

Game Night

EVERY THURSDAY 5PM-7PM

in the Commons

Feel free to bring your games and Console if you would like



Mission News and Events

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 5

Please join us as we celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in our church parking lot. We want to greet as many of our neighbors as possible and extend to them a warm welcome. The Mission and Evangelism Committee will be getting flyers to our surrounding neighbors so they will know about our event. There will be hotdogs, etc. and some children's games. We have scheduled vehicles representative of the police and fire departments to be on hand. This year we're going to have a theme - Peace and Love (and hotdogs) in the Neighborhood! There will be a VW camper van so people can take pictures. Be sure to wear your tie-dye shirts and join in the festivities.

31 ACTS OF KINDNESS

For the third year in a row we will be sharing acts of kindness during the month of October. This event began as a response to several violent shootings in the summer of 2019. We will kick off this effort on Sunday, October 3, when each member will be given a card to send to a friend, relative, neighbor or anyone who could use a "thinking of you" note. We particularly want to focus on shut-ins and those who have been affected by isolation during the pandemic. Many have felt so alone and vulnerable without social contact. There will also be a list of suggestions as to how you can practice kindness throughout the month of October. Try to make it a priority to do something each day especially for those who have been isolated. Our church wide community project will be goody bags for the health care workers and support staff of the ER department at the hospital. We are asking you to donate individually packaged snack items or money to purchase these snack items. Examples of items- granola bars, crackers, pretzels, breakfast bars, cookies - preferably items that have some nutritional value. Let's spend the month of October letting others know we care.



The Church Mouse

You Want Me To Do What?

What inhibits you the most in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with a perfect stranger? The most common answer I hear is “Fear”. Not knowing what to say. Fear of losing friends. Fear of being ridiculed.

The Bible’s answer to fear in witnessing is to fear God more than people. The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who were tempted not to speak about Jesus, said: “Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. But in your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord” (1 Pet. 3:14-15).

When my kids were small, we would play a game called “lions”. The girls would hide in another room. I would crawl around on all fours and roar like a lion. They would giggle and scream with delight. “Louder, Daddy, louder”, they would shout, wanting me to produce a bigger “roar” as I entered the room. One day I stood up as tall as I could and ran into the next room letting out the loudest roar ever. The girls burst into tears and ran toward me, grabbing hold of my legs. Once they calmed down, I saw this as an illustration of what it means to fear the Lord. I was bigger and more powerful than them, but I was also their father. In their fear, they instinctively knew that the safest thing to do was to run to me.

That’s what it means to fear the Lord. It is running to him for our protection and security. That means putting Christ first above all others. It is being more concerned to please him and live for him than anything or anyone else. Running to God brings us to a place of ultimate security.



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE PROCEDURES:

Procedure for purchases or expense reimbursement

1. Member or staff person must obtain and complete an “Expense Voucher” and return it to the Administrative Assistant prior to purchase.
2. Administrative Assistant will review and confirm that enough money is in the appropriate budget category.
3. Administrative Assistant will make the purchase using church accounts thus saving sales tax and taking advantage of any church discounts.
4. If the purchase is going to be made by someone other than the Administrative Assistant that person should get the UPC tax number and present it to the seller to avoid paying sales tax.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY MANUALS:

Equipment checkout book (to keep track of equipment used/removed from UPC property)



Facility use manual (forms/information for parties, weddings or anniversaries etc.)

DEADLINES:

Newsletter articles need to be turned into the office by the 20th of each month.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

If you are in need of an IRS letter for taxes, please turn in your receipts to the office and a letter will be mailed to you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

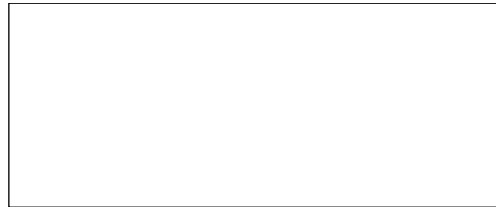
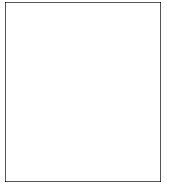
9 am to 12 pm

1pm to 5pm

Wednesday 9 am to 2:30 pm

Friday OFFICE CLOSED

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