



“BIG BIRTHDAY DRIVE-BY BASH”





Blessed with good weather and Mrs. Mooney's bright smile, our Big Birthday Drive-by Bash was a great success. Mrs. Mooney, wearing her "fancy" dollar-store tiara and dressed ever so well, was delighted by our large turn out, and for me, it was good to see many members of our congregation in person whom I have missed for so long. Signs and balloons abounded, children and pets came along for the ride, and car horns honked to mark the joyous occasion.

Many members of Mrs. Mooney's family were on hand for the event, and each of them remarked to me what a wonderful thing it was for FPC to celebrate Mrs. Mooney's birthday in such a happy manner during this awful pandemic. They, and she, appreciated our sincere expression of love and admiration for one whom we love so much.

Congratulations, Mrs. Mooney! Many happy returns!



**“VIRTUAL” WORSHIP SERVICES
ON
FACEBOOK/FPCOFVICTORIA:
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday (the Third Sunday after Pentecost), June 21, 2020, are: Jeremiah 20:7-13; and Matthew 10:24-39. The sermon title is “Christ’s Assurance.” The Bulletin is available here: https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2019-06-21-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf

As a special blessing, Becky Richter and Linda Patterson will offer a duet as our Anthem, a beautiful arrangement of “God of the Sparrow.” You will not want to miss this special portion of our worship service dedicated to the glory of God.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
DURING THE WEEK OF
JUNE 22-26, 2020**

On Monday, June 22, 2020, our hardworking Office Administrator, Tasha Wolf, has been given the day off in order to celebrate a special occasion with her family. During the week of June 22-26, 2020, your Pastor, with the Session’s permission, will take some vacation time simply for rest and relaxation. As a result, please note

these changes in the church schedule next week:

- The church office will be **closed on Monday, June 22nd**. Pledges or other communications can be dropped in the mail slot to the right of the church entrance under the porte cochere.
- Your Pastor will be out of town during the period June 22-28, 2020. In the event of any emergencies, please contact Tasha Wolf at the church office or Jack Kleinecke, the Clerk of the Session. They will contact either me or the Rev. Burris who has graciously agreed to be available for any pastoral needs in my absence.
- The Rev. Burris will conduct our worship service for Sunday, June 28th. It is always a special treat for our congregation to have such a good friend come and preach the Word among her many admirers at FPC.
- Next week, the church Newsletter *might* not be circulated (by postal mail and email) until Thursday, June 25th, instead of Wednesday, June 24th. Please do not be concerned if your Newsletter (and Bulletin, if you receive it by mail) arrive a day late. We are confident you will receive them in time for our June 28th worship service.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Eugenia (Jean) Whitaker (96 years of age), the mother of Robert Whitaker, is in poor health and alternating between good days and bad. We pray for the welfare and spiritual comfort of Jean and of all the members of the Whitaker family as they monitor the health of one whom they love so dearly. May God grant them courage and peace.

CROSSROADS REGIONAL COHORT WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER ON TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

Remember in calmer times when ministers, elders, and members of Presbyterian churches in the Crossroads area would share a meal and fellowship on

the “fifth Tuesday” of any month that had that many Tuesdays? FPC would often host these gatherings in our Fellowship Hall, and they were always fun and it was always satisfying to chat with other Presbyterians from around the region. Connectionalism is at the heart of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) tradition, and breaking bread with our sisters and brothers in Christ is a very good way to celebrate that tradition.

Of course, COVID-19 has changed the way we gather these days, so any plans for a large community dinner anytime soon must remain on hold. Nevertheless, now that we are becoming familiar with the miracle of videoconferencing via Zoom, we have an opportunity to gather, “virtually,” with our Presbyterian friends from around South Central Texas to share stories of how we are doing, how we are coping, and how we are continuing to make our faith alive and vital even in these times of quarantine and social-distancing.

Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** and plan to attend a Zoom videoconference with our friends and neighbors in the Crossroads Cohort of Presbyterian Churches (Casa de Dios-Palacios), Cheapside, College Port, Cuero, El Campo, FPC-Victoria, Goliad, Gonzales, Grace-Victoria, Nicea-Victoria, Palacios, Port Lavaca, Yorktown). We will be sending out more information and details about this “virtual gathering,” but for now please save the date and join in if you are able.

**NEXT ISSUE (THIRD QUARTER) OF
“THESE DAYS”
NOW AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH OFFICE**

The July/August/September 2020 editions of “*These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*” have just arrived in the church office. If you would like a copy, please phone us (361.575.2441) or email us (info@fpcovictoria.com), and we will gladly send you one immediately. The cost of postage is negligible.

Also, if you are interested in online worship devotionals, please remember there is none better than *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Investigate this timely, informative, and spiritually motivating publication at: <https://pres-outlook.org/>. I particularly recommend the devotionals presented by Jill Duffield. If you enjoy this publication, you can sign up for a free “internet subscription” and receive the weekly editions by email.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim



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