



**WORSHIP SERVICE
ON
SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021**

While Robert Wyatt takes a well-deserved vacation, we have the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Muriel Cotman to lead us in music during our worship service next Sunday, July 18, 2021, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. In passing, your Pastor has heard such happy, glowing reports about what a good time was had by all as Robert, C.F. Schneider, Paula Leske, and members of the choir led the Congregation in a joyful sing-along of many familiar and favorite hymns last Sunday. We will definitely do this again!

This Sunday we continue our Congregation's rich tradition of music appreciation

as Muriel joins us to play beautiful devotional pieces by, among other classical composers, Brahms and Bach. Our Scripture readings are: Jeremiah 23:1-6; and Ephesians 2:11-22. The title of the sermon is, "The Ministry of Reconciliation," and the Bulletin can be found here: https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/7-18-2021-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf



A NEW PICTURE IN THE HALL!

We want to thank Robert Wyatt for retrieving and Linda Patterson for framing the beautiful colored-pencil sketch shown above. The sketch is the architect's rendering of the Manse that was to be built beside our red-brick church house when it was located in downtown Victoria at the corner of Liberty Street and Goodwin Avenue (1923-1966). This sketch now hangs in the North corridor (just past the Church Office) at the front entrance to the Sanctuary (Lectern side).

Do you have any memorabilia or artifacts that you believe would be of interest to our Congregation? This year marks the 180th anniversary of our church's founding on October 2, 1841-- a happy occasion that we will commemorate during our worship service on Sunday morning, October 3, 2021. Please check your closets, your bureau drawers, and "those boxes" in the attic, the garage, the basement, or wherever, and help us revisit some memories of the long and storied history of this church's witness to the Gospel in and around the Victoria community.

Contact our church Historian, Henry Hauschild, or the Church Office about anything interesting that you discover! Every anniversary is a joyous one for our church, but let's make this next one a particularly happy occasion as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.



Give me a "P!" Give me a "D!" Give me an "S!"



Exciting plans are also underway for a *Homecoming* celebration on Sunday morning, October 24, 2021, to rejoice during the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Day School by the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas.

If you are a PDS former student, teacher, or staff member, or have family or friends who are, please provide the First Presbyterian Church office (info@fpcovictoria.org or (361) 575-2441) with contact information to receive a special invitation. Tell your friends; help us spread the word! All are welcome.

With the support and far-sighted vision of the members of our church who have preceded us, the Presbyterian Day School held its first classes on September 9, 1946. The school's rich tradition of teaching young children in a loving and nurturing

Christian environment has been fundamental throughout its history and continues today.



**ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, AT 7:00 PM:
OUR FIRST REHEARSAL FOR 2021**

With joy, we look forward to a fully restored music ministry as our choir returns to their normal routine to lead us in song after the Labor Day Holiday.

Don't be bashful! If you want to be a member of a happy, devoted group of Christians who sing for love, come join us. Prior choir experience is not required. Under Robert Wyatt's skillful leadership, talent can be found in even the most timid singer!



Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry
"Providing hope when things seem hopeless..."

Our good friends at the Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry have informed us of their special need for the following items in July:

Canned tuna; mayonnaise/salad dressing.

Once again, please search your pantry and closets to see if you have any suitable items to provide VCAM's clientele in need. As always, bring them to worship on Sunday morning, or to the church anytime during the week, and place them in the collection baskets you will find in the Narthex and in the hallway by Fellowship Hall.

Contributions have returned to their ample pre-Covid levels. Please help us to keep the momentum going!

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim
