

**WORSHIP SERVICE,  
JUNE 26, 10:30 A.M.**

Our Scripture readings this Sunday are: Galatians 5:1,13-25; and Luke 9:51-62. The title of the sermon is “. . . as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God,” and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/06-26-2022-Bulletin-PDF3.pdf>

We would love to have you join us, and bring a friend!

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### **IN MEMORY OF A LOVELY WOMAN**

In memory of the May 28th passing of our beloved member, Kathryn Amsler, her son Tom Amsler had the beautiful flowers on last Sunday's altar delivered.

Kathryn joined the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria upon moving to Victoria from the Austin area to be near her son, Tom, more than 15 years ago. She was a treasured member of the Adele Carsner Circle and attended faithfully until her health no longer allowed her to do so. She was a woman of strong faith with a loving soul, and she will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by our membership.

If you would like to leave a comment, or memory for the family, the link will take you to her memorial page.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victoria-tx/kathryn-amsler-10770949>

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***OUR FORWARD JOURNEY***  
**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**  
**POTLUCK LUNCHEON FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

As part of the Session's *Our Forward Journey* initiative, we have been conducting an exhaustive review of our 2022 Operating Budget. Led by Ruling Elder Dawn Neel, and supported by Erica Colding and your pastor, the Session has already identified areas of substantial cost reduction, and we are now ready to report to the congregation on our work to date.

Therefore, please plan to attend an important **Congregational Meeting** which we will hold on **Sunday, July 17, 2022**, immediately following our worship service. Rather than meeting in the Sanctuary, however, we will proceed to Fellowship Hall to share a potluck luncheon and enjoy some congregational fellowship. Following our luncheon, we will convene the Congregational Meeting at approximately 12:00/12:15 p.m.

Without exaggeration, this is likely to be the most important Congregational Meeting that we have held at First Presbyterian Church since our recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Knowing how much each member of this congregation loves our church, I also know you will want to be present during this meeting as we discuss the joy and the opportunity of planning for the future of our beloved church. I cannot help but think back across the congregations of congregations that preceded us-- those who, in the course of 182 years, met in a similar fashion, with open, loving, and faithful hearts, to plan for the church

that we enjoy today. We now have the privilege of following in a similar tradition of legacy and vision for the future of FPC, Victoria!

May God bless our church and all who love her as, in the course of *Our Forward Journey* initiative, we plan how best to continue to do the work of the Lord in the years to come.

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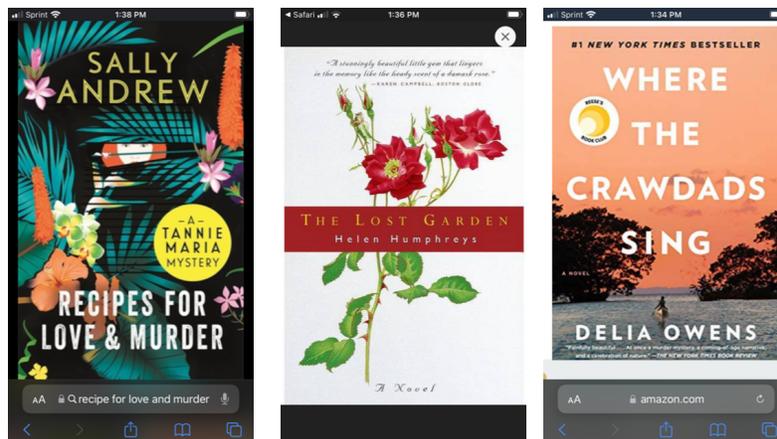
## WALKING CLUB / BOOK CLUB

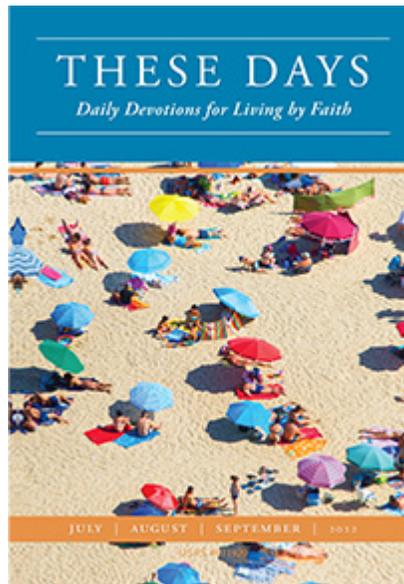
Don't forget that the church is open for a nice and cool walk. One large circle around the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary will add 300 steps to your daily total. Walk alone or with a friend and let's step our way into better health.

Please join us on Tuesday, June 28th, at 1:00 pm in the church parlor for our discussion on the book "Where the Crawdads Sing". We will be making decisions concerning dates and times for our future gatherings. If you have any recommendations on books to read, please bring those titles with you.

Our book for late June is "Where the Crawdad Sings" by Delia Owens. In July we will read "The Lost Garden" by Helen Humphrey. And we will finish off our summer with "Recipes for Love and Murder" by Sally Andrew.

Any questions, contact Roxanna Hauschild or Dawn Neel.





### **CURRENT COPIES OF “THESE DAYS” HAVE ARRIVED**

The church has received the July/ August/ September 2022 edition of These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith. Upon request, we would be happy to mail a copy to any member desiring one. Also, we will place copies of the These Days on the tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick up on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. The devotionals in this cherished publication are always a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and comfort.

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### **REDUCED NEWSLETTER COVERAGE DURING JUNE**

This month, Sally and I are going to take a two-week vacation to attend the 50th reunion of my law school and to travel thereafter. Since Sally also

worked very hard as a teacher for her Ph.T. (“putting hubby through” as it was known back in the day), she is every bit a member of the Class of 1972 as I am and will enjoy catching up with old friends as much as I will.

After the reunion, we are taking our granddaughter on her “very own grandparent trip” which we have promised to each of our grandchildren. It is an indulgence we allow ourselves to introduce our grandchildren to the excitement of travel and the adventure of diverse cultures. We count ourselves blessed, and pray that God will surround us with travel mercies as we spend some one-on-one time with a child we love dearly.

I will be out of the office from Wednesday, June 8, 2022 (the day I leave) until Thursday, June 23, 2022 (the day I return). Meanwhile, as already mentioned in the opening article of this Newsletter, the Worship Committee is planning some exciting worship services during the three Sundays I will be absent (June 12, 19, 26).

And speaking of the Newsletter, while I am away, Erica Colding (our indomitable Office Administrator who now runs the church with me or without me!) will publish an abbreviated version of the Newsletter with information about the upcoming worship service for each successive Sunday. While the Newsletter will be uncharacteristically short, it will still be published (and mailed) each Wednesday. Those who receive the Newsletter by mail will also receive, as usual, a copy of the Bulletin for the following Sunday’s worship service.

When Sally and I travel, we try as best we can to attend a church service on Sunday in whatever locale we find ourselves. Not only do we experience worship, but we enjoy witnessing the myriad of ways that Christ’s flock chooses to worship and adore him. We hope that you, too, will be in church on Sunday to glorify God and praise his name. As a friend of mine is fond of saying, “It doesn’t matter who is in the pulpit; it matters only that the Holy Spirit is present!” You will be in our prayers as we travel, and especially on Sunday morning we will be thinking of all our friends in the pews at FPC!

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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