



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON
SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022, 10:30 A.M.**

Please plan to join us in person (and why not invite a friend!) for our worship service this Sunday, the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Our Scripture readings are: Psalm 85; and Colossians 2:6-19. The title of the sermon is "The Enemies of Faith," and this will be the third in a series of four studies in the Letter to the Colossians. A copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/07-24-2022-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.



**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF KEIMRYN LEE
(September 5, 2012 – July 12, 2022)**

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection in Celebration of the Life of Keimryn Lee will be held in our Sanctuary on **Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** The Celebration will be led by the Rev. Fred Hobbs and the Deacons and members of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, whom we are pleased to host on this sad occasion.

Immediately following the service, Keimryn will be interred in the Memorial Park Cemetary, 2201 N. Main St., Victoria, Texas. After the graveside service, the family and friends of Keimryn will return to our Fellowship Hall for a reception and catered luncheon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the worship service, the graveside service, and the luncheon in celebration of the resurrection of Keimryn to life eternal.

As an additional note, a visitation will be held Friday, July 22, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Grace Memorial Chapel, 8819 US Highway 87N, Victoria, Texas. For more information, you may read Keimryn's obituary [here](#):

<https://www.gracefuneralhome.net/obituaries/Keimryn--Mychaelle-Lee?obId=25359443>.

Can you help us host our friends from Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church? We are expecting a potentially overflowing crowd for Keimryn's memorial service. Therefore, we are also expecting a lot of traffic which will need to be directed around our property in an organized manner for parking. Donald Anderson has graciously volunteered to head up the **"FPC Parking Lot Squad"** to attend to this important task. Can you help? If so, please contact Donald directly (361.550.1221) or the church office (361.575.2441) about your availability to help with this gracious act of hospitality.

Organ Concert



July 24th at 3:00 P.M.

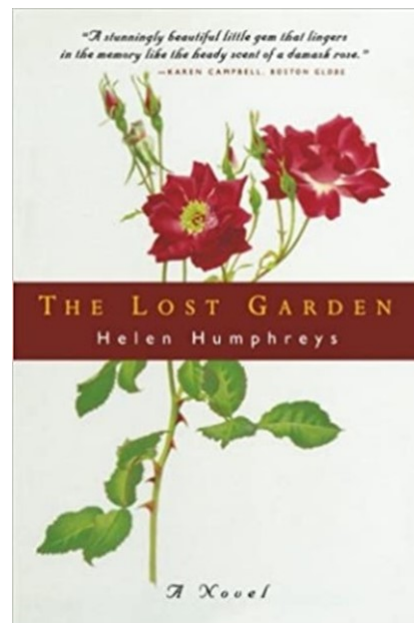
Admission is free and open to the public
First Presbyterian Church 2408 N Navarro St, Victoria, TX 77901

**MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
WILL OFFER A PUBLIC CONCERT
IN OUR SANCTUARY ON
ON SUNDAY, JULY 17TH, AT 3:00 P.M.**

Rightly so, musicians just love to perform in our beautiful, acoustically vibrant Sanctuary. Recently we have hosted the Victoria Civic Chorus and the

Victoria Bach Festival, and next Sunday we will host members of the Victoria Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as they perform various works from their considerable repertoire.

The public (and your pastor would say, especially the hosting members of FPC, Victoria) are cordially invited to enjoy a splendid afternoon of organ music performed by talented musicians on our Sanctuary organ. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m., and it promises to be a splendid afternoon of exceptional performances. Please join us (and bring a friend!).



**COME WALK AND READ
WITH US AT THE CHURCH HOUSE
FOR A HEALTHY HEART
AND A HEALTHY SOUL!**

A wonderful time was had by all who joined in on the discussion of last month's book club pick: "Where the Crawdads Sing," by Delia Owens. Thank you to Roxanna Hauschild, Lynn McAuley, Martha Tarkington, Bonnie Wilkinson, and Hellen Williams for a truly great delve into the characters and story lines of this book.

Bonnie: *"I enjoyed the richly detailed descriptions of God's magnificent creation, and especially the lessons to be learned about the human spirit and how we treat one another."*

Roxanna: *"My favorite quote from the book was, 'I wasn't aware that words could hold so much. I didn't know a sentence could be so full.'"*

Martha: *"These were mysterious tales on the life of an abandoned and lonely child. She fashioned her existence around observations of wildlife in the marshes of North Carolina where she lived alone and how she mastered tasks while learning life's fundamental cores."*

Dawn: *"In reading this book, one encounters the wonders of God's creation through the eyes of an innocent and neglected little girl who evolves into a brilliant naturalist with a knowledge of God's creation of bugs and insects to fish and fowl to men and women and the amazing similarities of behaviors depicted by each group. May we all be as appreciative of God's creation as Kya!"*

So, we are going to do it again! Please join us **Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.** for a discussion of our next book selection, "The Lost Garden," by Helen Humphreys.



**GREAT PARTICIPATION AT OUR
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(AND POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON)
AFTER OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022!**

The Session was gratified to see so many members and friends of our church last Sunday at our Fellowship Luncheon and Congregational Meeting as we discussed the next steps in *Our Forward Journey*.

In the weeks that follow, you will see us bring into action many of the promising ideas that were shared at that meeting (heads up, for example: 2023 Stewardship Campaign starts August 1, 2022!).

Meanwhile, we have already begun to initiate the idea of affording periodic opportunities for members to help out around the church, thereby encouraging fellowship and service while at the same time helping us reduce expenditures for cleaning and other services. The Session believes that by giving one hour of our time twice a month, we can maintain our beautiful church and build stronger relationships with each other. In addition to workers, we are looking for iced tea and/or ice water servers.

Therefore, on **Friday, July 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** (that's two days after this Newsletter is published on July 20, 2022!), we are offering an opportunity for "one hour of caring" for our Sanctuary and restrooms. Please come help us if you are able, and why not invite a friend to come along?

There is no need to "sign up" in advance. Just come on by! If you have any questions or suggestions, however, do not hesitate to contact Dawn Neel (361.652.3925) or the church office (361.575.2441).

Watch for future fellowship dates and times in next week's Newsletter!



**START PLANNING NOW:
CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE,
FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND SATURDAY,**

AUGUST 19TH AND 20TH!

Have you been meaning to clean out your closets? Is there too much “stuff” in your garage? Now’s the time to do that housecleaning you have been promising yourself since the COVID pandemic began to ease up!

Plans are in the works to have a Church Rummage Sale out of our Fellowship Hall on Friday afternoon (1:00 to 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday (7:00 a.m. until done). Details are still being worked out, but basically FPC members are encouraged to bring unneeded/unwanted items to Fellowship Hall during the afternoons of the week of August 15-19, 2022. All proceeds from sales will be for the benefit of FPC and its ministries. Unsold items will be donated to appropriate charities.

We all know how this works! And we all know what fun these events can be! Please start inspecting your closets, garages, and attics now in order to be ready for this big event. You will be left with less clutter and the church will benefit greatly from your generosity.



“OFFICE ENTRANCE” TO CHURCH TO BE LOCKED AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS

While we have had no incidents yet, during its meeting last Monday evening the Session determined that it would be prudent to lock the doors under the porte cochere (the church’s “office entrance”) shortly after the beginning of our Sunday morning worship services. These doors would be unlocked promptly at the end of the service. All other doors in the Narthex and

just outside the opposite (east) end of the Sanctuary will remain unlocked as required by the fire code.

Given that the office entrance allows access to the building without anyone in the Sanctuary being aware of it, the Session believes it would be more secure to lock that door while we are worshipping. If you find yourself running late for church (and we have all been there!), please plan to come in the front door of the Narthex.



MONTHLY UPDATE

July 2022

(June 2022 Services)

Total Households Served –	1177
Total Number in Households –	3222
Food Boxes –	966
Basic Needs -	3827
Home Delivery -	27
Financial Assistance –	50
# Homeless Served –	112
# Homeless Visits -	455
<i>*1st time VCAM Clients Served –</i>	<i>102</i>

Visit our website at: www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org/> for VCAM services or news.

The numbers for the month of June are staggering when you consider the dramatic increase just from the previous month. Not only just from the total numbers, but the increase in homeless/homeless served, financial assistance served and new clients served – 102. It makes you wonder where are they

coming from; not necessarily geographically, but in a place financially where they are now seeking assistance in one area or another.

On another note: we are in the midst of a box fan distribution drive, a goal to give out 300 fans over the duration of the next few months. Many thanks to those at FUMC and Victoria East High School AVID students for their contributions to support this initiative. I do not have to tell you it's hot out there, so every little bit helps.

Below is an abbreviated mid-year report 2022, just to give you an idea of numbers served and the finances involved:

Total Households-	5,918
Total Individuals-	16,146
1st Time Households-	394
1st Time Individuals-	971
YTD Food (Food Bank/Retail)-	\$26,316.97
YTD Basic Needs (Food Bank/Retail)-	\$ 6,092.39
YTD Financial Assistance-	\$31,458.24

Clients come on a once-a-month basis, while our homeless population is served on a daily basis. ***All services are provided free.***

Please continue to refer those who require our services to VCAM, and please continue to support VCAM.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim
