



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

During our worship service on Sunday, October 30, 2022, the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, join us for a special service for Reformation Sunday, and welcome Pastor Jim and Sally back from vacation.

Next Sunday, we will, as usual, be singing, praying, and joining in fellowship, so please join us in person (and why not bring a friend?!). A copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/10-30-2022-Bulletin-smaller-PDF.pdf>

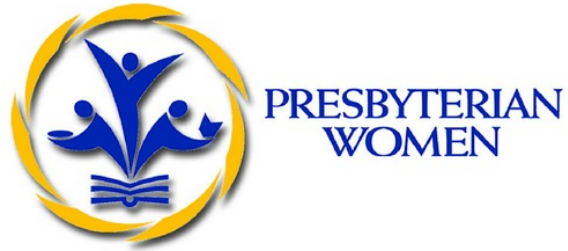


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

- Sunday, October 30th, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., in the Parlor: The Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class, led by Dawn Neel, will continue its six-week study of the Protestant Reformations in anticipation of our celebration of Reformation Sunday during our worship service on October 30, 2022. Entitled, “The Protestant Reformations,” the study is taken from the *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* series. As previously reported, this study is designed to encourage reflections on the Protestant Reformations and to stimulate the desire for more church and individual study of this profound topic.

Extra study books have been ordered in case you want to participate in this class but have not yet mentioned your interest to Dawn. If you are interested, let nothing hold you back from engaging in this enlightening study!

- Wednesday, November 2nd, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor: Jim Stokes continues to lead this weekday study of the Book of Genesis.
 - Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:00 - 8:30 PM: Communicant's classes resume.
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During November, the PW mission project is to support Perpetual Help Home. Please consider helping this effort with your contribution of any of these items which PW is collecting for the women residing at the Perpetual Help Home:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Body wash
- Women's stick deodorant
- Kitchen drawstring garbage bags
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Food storage bags of all sizes
- Pine o' Pine floor cleaner
- Liquid Clorox
- Gift cards from HEB or WalMart



Left to right: Elder Patrick Patterson, Stella Calzada PHH Program Director, Leesa Morales PHH Executive Director, and Elder Dawn Neel

UPCOMING DATES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday November 1, 2022 12:00 Noon: PW Coordinating Council Meeting. Meeting will be held in the conference room

Thursday November 10, 2022 9:30 AM: Adele Carsner Young Circle. Circle will meet in the parlor

Monday November 14, 2022 2:00 PM: Mary and Martha Circle. Circle will also meet in the parlor

Presbyterian Women will be having a Christmas Luncheon together at Joe's Pasta and Pizza at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1. At your November Circle Meeting, your Circle Chairman will be collecting a list of those planning to attend. We hope you will be able to celebrate the Advent Season with us on that day!



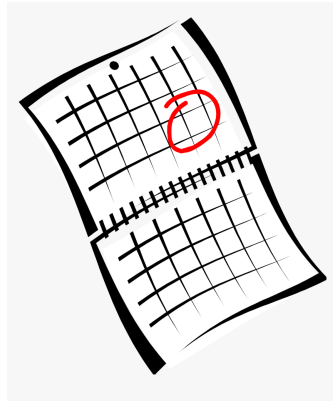
Don't forget to come join us this Friday, October 28th, as our merry band of dusters, sweepers, and cleaners all gather again at 10:00 a.m. to participate in an hour of light housekeeping around the church.

If you have not joined us before, why not drop in at the church this Friday morning? You will be among friends, and you will be helping immeasurably in keeping our operating costs at a minimum.

Here are the future dates for our One Great Hour of Caring (all of the listed dates are on a Friday):

Oct. 28 @ 10am: Office Spaces & Halls
Nov. 11 @ 10am: Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Nov. 25 @ 10am: Sanctuary & Restrooms (may change)
Dec. 9 @ 10am: Office Spaces & Halls
Dec. 23 @ 10am: Kitchen & Fellowship Hall (may change)

Any questions? If so, please contact Dawn Neel (361.652.3925).



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

*Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 4:00 PM: Worship Committee Meeting

*Sunday, November 6, 2022 10:30 AM: All Saints Sunday



Gone fishing . . .

I am forever grateful to this congregation for the time they afford me to step away from my pastoral duties at FPC in order to spend time with my family, to rest, and to relax. During this time, I am refreshed and given the opportunity to re-create myself in order to better serve you and to go about God's work in his kingdom.

I will be out of the office from Thursday, October 13, 2022 (the day I leave) until Thursday, October 27, 2022 (the day I return). As always, the Worship Committee is planning some exciting worship services during the two Sundays I will be absent (October 16th and 23rd)

As we did earlier this year, Sally and I are taking another grandchild on his "very own grandparent trip" Readers of this Newsletter know that this is an indulgence we allow ourselves to introduce our grandchildren to the excitement of travel and the adventure of diverse cultures. The trip that we took earlier this year was one that was scheduled for last year, but of course COVID forced a delay in our original plans. So, while this year we are faced with two long trips, we don't mind. The opportunity to spend some private, one-on-one time with children we love is a blessing for which we are eternally grateful.

While I am away, Erica Colding will, to the extent she is able, publish an abbreviated version of the Newsletter with information about the upcoming worship service for each successive Sunday. This is a busy time during the church year, so please be patient with Erica if she is unable to complete this additional chore while she attends to her other duties. Regardless of whether the Newsletter is published, and even if it is uncharacteristically short, those who ordinarily receive the Newsletter by mail will at least receive, as usual, a copy of the Bulletin for the following Sunday's worship service.

Readers of this Newsletter will also know that when Sally and I travel, we try as best we can to attend a church service on Sunday in whatever locale we find ourselves. We hope that you, too, will be in church on Sunday to glorify God and praise his name. 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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