

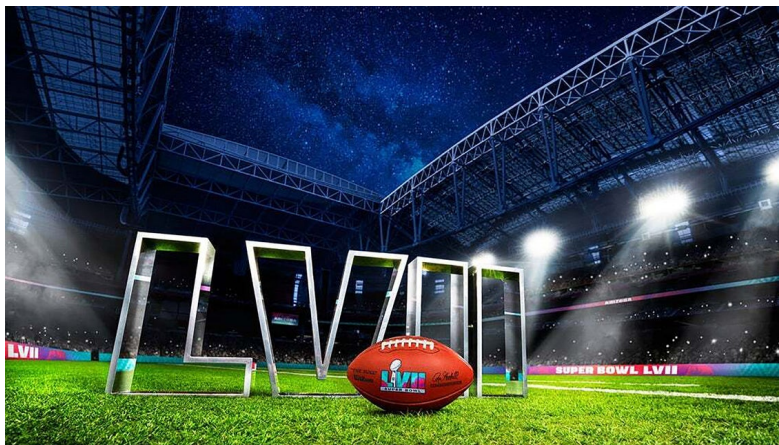


**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
THIS SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 2023, 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for our worship service this Sunday, February 12, 2023, the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. Our Scripture readings are Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (Paul addresses dissension in the congregation at Corinth). The title of the sermon is "Growing in the Spirit," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here:

<https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-2-15-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.

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## ***SUPER BOWL OF SOUPS AND SNACKS!!***

**OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING,  
AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE ON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023  
WILL BE COMBINED WITH  
A POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

The session has called an Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held after our worship service on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Pursuant to the Presbyterian Book of Order G-1.0501, the purpose of the meeting will be to report to the congregation on matters appropriate for congregational consideration, plus we will receive a report from the Session regarding nominations for members of a Congregation Nomination Committee to serve in 2023.

The Caregiving & Fellowship Committee is asking you to bring your favorite soup, salad, casserole, or snack dish to our potluck luncheon on Super Bowl Sunday, so that we can all enjoy Super Bowls of Soup and Super Snacks before we return home and settle in to watch the Big Game!

Please join us (and why not bring a friend)!

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**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14**

Jesus loves the little children – and so do we! In case you haven't heard, we have started our Kingdom Kids Sunday School for our little ones. The class, led by Elder Leila Galvan, is for ages 5-12 and is held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Our lessons are multi-sensory, so come and see, hear, taste, and smell all we are learning. Contact the church office (361-575-2441) or, better, Leila Galvan (956-367-2234), if you have questions or would like to participate. All are welcome!





## 2023 ANNUAL SESSION RETREAT

As previously announced, the Session held its annual spiritual and planning retreat on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at the Broadax Ranch near Tivoli, Texas.

Sunshine and fair weather were with us in abundance, and as we worked hard to plan the continuing details of *Our Journey Forward*, we were renewed in our faith and in our confidence in the Holy Spirit. We also paused to take inventory of the physical, financial, and human resources available to our church, and while we were realistic about such matters, we still dared to dream what is possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. You will soon be hearing about plans that the Session has for the expansion of our mission in the Crossroads Area and for the future of our beloved church.

In the coming weeks and months, you will also see small changes in our worship Bulletin, on our website and Facebook page, and perhaps in our Newsletter, and you will be asked to participate in larger-scale planning activities as we assess not only our resources but also more importantly our church's potential for growth-- not just in numbers but in mission impact as well.

As with any efforts to plan and to progress, we may make a few mistakes, a few false starts, but we shall be earnest and persistent as we leave behind past mistakes and old wounds and as we move beyond the disruptions created by Hurricane Harvey and COVID-19. God surely has good plans for the saints at First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas. Please support the



efforts of our Session to lead us boldly, confidently, and prayerfully into the future!





**HEADS UP:  
THERE'S ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE  
IN OUR FUTURE!**

Who can forget the fantastic rummage sale that we held in Fellowship Hall in August of last year?

That was such a great success, as we raised \$500 for the Presbyterian Day School and over \$1,500 for the church! The only less than superlative feedback we received about the event was that it should have been publicized earlier so that folks could have had more time to collect "stuff" to bring to the sale.

Well, this year we are starting to publicize our next rummage sale NOW! In fact, we are considering whether to have two sales, perhaps one in the spring and one in the fall, although we haven't settled on anything specific yet.

Regardless, however, while we continue to make plans, please begin to set aside the things you will want to bring to our rummage sale(s) this year. In fact, if there are things that you need to clean out now and can't wait for the rummage sale, please contact the church office. We are clearing out some storage space where we will be able to put items away until we can set them out to be sold.

If you have some items that you want to bring to the church to be stored for the rummage sale, please call the church office to coordinate the arrangements. Meanwhile, keep your eye out for those things that you believe deserve a new home and a fresh start with some other happy owner who will be looking for bargains at our rummage sale!



### **PW CIRCLES COMBINE TO HOLD JOINT MEETINGS**

For the month of February, the Mary and Martha Circle and the Adele Carsner Young Circle will be meeting together in the church parlor on Monday, February 13 at 2:00 p.m.

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### **PW MISSION FOCUS**

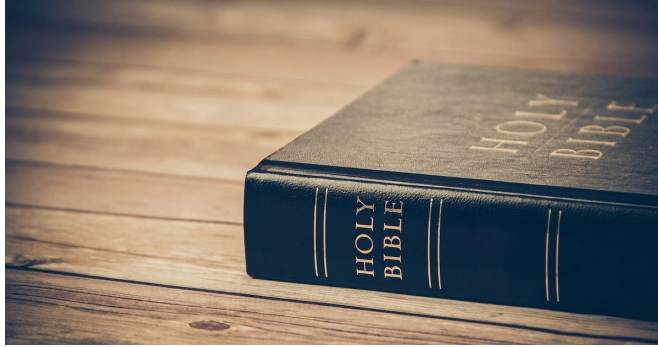
Presbyterian Women's mission focus for February 2023 is Mid Coast Family Services. Presbyterian Women will be assisting this worthy organization by providing the following (the items appearing in bold text are most needed at this time):

**Ceramic pr plastic bowls (cereal size  
(Bed) Pillows  
Full size sheets and pillowcases  
Shampoo and conditioner (including ethnic hair care  
products)  
Large/Oversized t-shirts for women to sleep in. Shirts can be  
new or gently used. Plain tees with logos are ok.  
Kleenex  
Comforters - twin or full size  
Plastic forks and spoons  
Body wash  
Combs and brushes  
Deodorant  
Satin sleeping bonnets  
Cloth towels (bath and hand size, and washcloths)  
Tall kitchen garbage bags**

Lip balm  
Toothpaste  
Disposable razors (women's)  
Panties for girls and women (all sizes)  
Feminine hygiene products

If you would like to donate to the Presbyterian Women's mission this month, you can bring items to the church office.

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR**

- Sunday, February 12, 2023, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m., in the Parlor: Dawn Neel continues to lead a study on Biblical Prophecy. Study Guides (“*The Prophets Speak*”) are available, and each participant in the class will be given one free of charge. Please join Dawn and fellow classmates for an interesting and timely study.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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