



**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
THIS SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 29, 2023, 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for our 10:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday, February 5, 2023, the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. This is also the first Sunday of the month, so we will also joyfully celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Our Scripture readings are Psalm 112:1-10 and Matthew 5:13-20 (Jesus' discourse on "salt and light" – the first instance, in Matthew, of his first teaching

following his Beatitudes). The title of the sermon is “A Theology of Discipleship,” and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-5-2-PDF.pdf>.

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**PDS YOUNG DISCIPLES  
CELEBRATE  
“100 DAYS OF SCHOOL”!**

Time flies when you’re having fun, and so it is hard to realize that Monday, January 30, 2023, marked the 100th day that Presbyterian Day School students have been attending PDS in the current school year!

PDS students celebrated this milestone in their “academic careers” with fun, games, costumes and snacks-- truly the best way to celebrate anything when you are that young! Here are some pictures that will allow you to share in the student's happy times on the “100th day of school”:







***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**  
**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The session has called an Annual Meeting of the Congregation to 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 primary purpose of this CNC will be to nominate, at the end of the year, Ruling Elders to serve on the Session as the Class of 2026. Returning to 'best practices' which this church has followed in prior years, however, we are electing this CNC to be available to nominate individuals to fill any vacancies on the Session which may occur prior to the end of the year (a contingency that we devoutly pray will not arise).

Of course, who in America doesn't know that February 12th is the date of the Super Bowl game this year? Still, the game doesn't start until 5:30 p.m., Central time, so we are going to have a festive "warm-up" luncheon in Fellowship Hall to get ready for the Big Game!

The Caregiving & Fellowship Committee is asking you to consider bringing 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 this uniquely American sports event. This will be a fun way to take care of some church business (but don't worry, it's too early for our Stewardship Campaign!) and to enjoy some delicious food and wonderful fellowship together.

Make your plans to attend now!



**A BIG “THANK YOU”  
TO THE GENEROUS ANGELS  
AMONG OUR CONGREGATION**

Due to inadvertent communication difficulties, we were delayed in publishing this heart-felt message from Frances Miller, the leader of our annual Angel Tree Project for needy children. An expression of gratitude is never “tardy,” however, when it is as warm and genuine as Frances’ note:

*Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the 2022 Angel Tree Christmas project. Once again, your response to the project was overwhelming.*

*The members and friends of First Presbyterian Church provided a happier, brighter Christmas for 25 area children from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Kinship program, and children who reside at Perpetual Help Home. Twenty-two FPC families selected children's names from the Angel Tree. Several members donated additional gifts, toiletries, towels, and socks. A generous monetary donation from one family was used to purchase shoes for Angel Tree children.*

*Whether you selected a child's name, provided gift-wrapping materials, made additional gift or monetary donations, or prayed for the Angel Tree children and the Presbyterian Women “elves” who work all year on this important project, your contributions and participation are appreciated. Presbyterian Women view the Angel Tree project as an important mission of First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and thanks to your generous support, we know that you do too!*

*Blessings,*

*Frances Miller  
Christian Community Action Chairman,  
Presbyterian Women*

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### **INCLEMENT WEATHER FORCES CANCELLATION OF OUR “FIFTH TUESDAY” FELLOWSHIP**

Due to the wind and cold, which made nighttime-driving hazardous in our area, in an abundance of caution we canceled the fellowship and potluck supper that FPC, Victoria was scheduled to host on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. We were looking forward to getting reacquainted, post-COVID, with our many friends from churches in the “Victoria region” of Mission Presbytery.

While we missed seeing our friends after so long an absence, as we look ahead on the calendar we see that May 2023 is the next month that will have five Tuesdays this year. Thus, we look forward to having a good time (and better weather) then!

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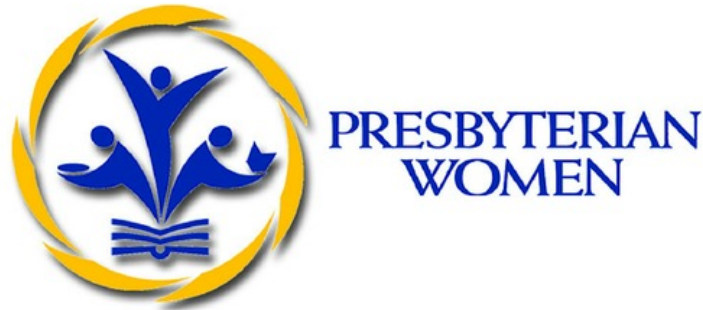




**SESSION WILL GATHER  
DURING ITS ANNUAL RETREAT  
TO PLAN FOR 2023**

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, the Session will hold its annual spiritual retreat at the Broadax Ranch near Tivoli, Texas. Each year that we have done this, it has proven to be a moving and a motivating experience for our leaders as they seek to discern the will of the Holy Spirit in the life of our church. Please be in prayer for the members of our Session as they embrace the challenges of planning *Our Forward Journey* and as they consider the growth of our church in service to the Lord.

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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):

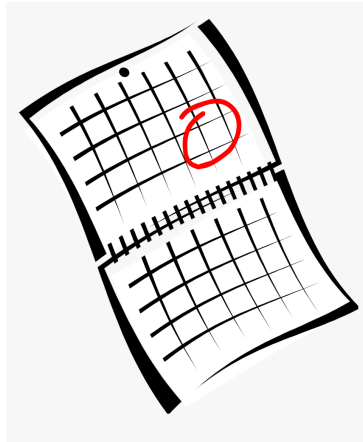
**Ceramic pr plastic bowls (cereal size  
(Bed) Pillows  
Full size sheets and pillowcases  
Shampoo and conditioner (including ethnic hair care  
products)  
Large/Oversized t-shirts for women to sleep in. Shirts can be  
new or gently used. Plain tees with logos are ok.  
Kleenex  
Comforters - twin 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.

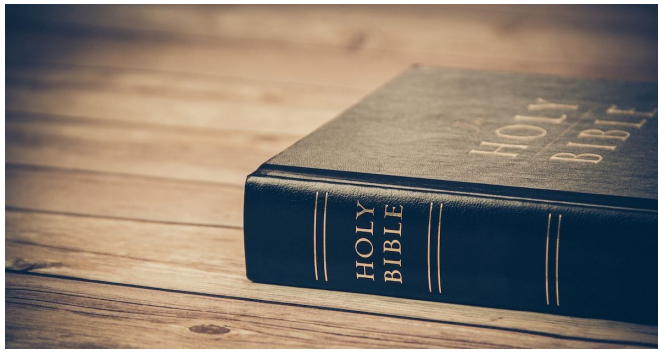
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**COMBINED MEETING SCHEDULE  
FOR PW MEMBERS  
IN FEBRUARY 2023**

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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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

- Sunday, February 5, 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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