

FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Roll Out Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

As you read this, summer is beginning: school is out, snow birds have returned home to cooler climes, and we have settled into a different rhythm at home and at church. I have those words from Nat King Cole's song "The Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" running through my head. And then, chasing them are the sweet sounds from "Summer Breeze" by Seals & Crofts: "Summer Breeze, makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind."

We are hoping for those breezes and some periodic gentle rains to cool us down. Summer brings vacations, trips to the beach, trips to see family, and for many of us, trips to the library, coming back with arms laden with books for those hot afternoons when we rest during the heat of the day, away from the sun. Soon, Doug and I will be heading to Portland, Oregon, for five days of vacation followed by a week of General Assembly. We'll be out of town from June 13-23. I'll give you a report when I return.

This summer, while I'm here, I plan to try a couple of new things. These are some options of informal conversations between me and anyone who wants to join me.

On Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Library, I will be reading and discussing the Lectionary texts. I'll also be using a few on-line resources. We can talk about how the scriptures have touched our lives. This will usually be a week ahead of the scriptures for Sunday. If you don't have a Bible handy, we have some available.

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The second conversation is Wednesday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.; I will be at **Whataburger** (14th Street). Come and get coffee and a breakfast taco or biscuit and join me for a chat. Some pastors put topics on their blogs for conversation. We will begin with the topic of “**God Sightings**” in our lives. **How has God blessed you?** What difference has God’s love made in your life? What would you consider a “God Sighting” in your life? Join me for what I will call **Coffee Graces**.

Then, on the first and third Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7 p.m., I’ll be in the Fellowship Hall, exploring **Praying in Color**. Our member, **Jane Leeke**, will be helping us experiment with color. We will focus on a scripture and then make it come alive. We can draw in journals, on 8.5" x 11" paper, or make cards or postcard-sized drawings to share with those we love. Bring some colored pencils or pens and join us. If you don’t have any, I’m glad to share. Your experiments in color don’t have to please anyone but you.

Have a wonderful summer. While you are away, remember that the ministry continues, as do the bills, so also remember your pledges. I’ll do the same, contributing financially to the ministry of this church. Have fun when you’re away, remembering the one who came so that you may have life abundant. When you are here, I’ll look forward to chatting and sharing our lives and our faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Sonja

MARGINAL NOTES:

*Summertime is when you try
to make your house as cold as
you complained it was during
the winter.*

Pay attention to the people
God puts in your path if you
want to discern what God is
up to in your life.
— Henri Nouwen

*The things that go wrong for you
have a lot of potential to become
part of your gift to the world.*

— Krista Tippet

Be a gift. Make the world a
better place because you lived.

— Sonja Dalglish

*When on vacation, be with
us in spirit. The rest of the
summer, be with us in person.*



JIM HELMS - Spohn-Kleberg Hospital, Kingsville (Released)

HOSPITALIZED

PEGGY CLARK -

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The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday



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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 5.

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*The **DIACONATE** will meet on Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.*



The **SESSION** will meet on **Sunday, June 12 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Library. Your Information Packets will be distributed at the meeting. **PLEASE NOTE:** this is a change of date and time from our usual!!



The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, June 1, and June 15 in the Choir Room. New members will be warmly welcomed. The fellowship is excellent and you have guaranteed seating for all worship services!

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*Ready Set, EAT! We are renewing our traditional **CHURCH PICNIC.***



We will all gather on Saturday, June 18, on the Presbyterian Pan American School grounds.

Activities will begin at 4 p.m., so bring your favorite deck of cards and/or board games. Or, attire yourselves in bathing suits and take a dip in the pool. We are not quite sure, yet, which building we will be in. Location will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin as soon as we know more.

The Main Event (EATING!) will begin at 6 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide meat, bread, and beverages. YOU are to provide picnic-type go-alongs (salads, veggie trays, desserts) and fellowship. Bring a friend and let's make this the Best Church Picnic Ever!



Thanks to your generosity, \$396.00 was donated at the annual PW BIRTHDAY DINNER on May 19. Your gifts to the 2016 Birthday Offering will allow four ministries to help at-risk youth in Kansas and Florida, girls in South Sudan, and individuals living in California in manufactured homes that are in dire need of updates.

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As part of our continuing preparation to call a new Pastor, please consider the following questions for our Transition Team:

1. *When you describe this church, what words do you use?*

We are the church that _____
_____.

2. *Looking to the future, how do you want to describe the church five years from now?*

We are the church that _____
_____.

You are urged to write down your responses and submit them to the church office by email (fpckingsville@sbcglobal.net) or by snail mail (P.O. Box 1551, Kingsville, TX 78364-1551).



Session Snippets

The Session held its stated meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Among other business, the Session considered and/or approved the following:

1. Christian Education Chair and other Elders have been asked to consider whether Sunday School at the same time as worship is being successful or if we need to go back to all classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. or do something different.
2. The Personnel Committee will request Background Checks in June for those who need them, per Presbytery guidelines.
3. Discussion about replacing the tile in the Sanctuary - upon investigation it was determined that, due to asbestos concerns and replacement costs, new tile would be installed on top of existing tile.
4. Church Website: Linda Miller has offered to be our new Administrator.
5. We will have a special prayer on Sunday, May 29, to Dedicate our new Sanctuary Piano. A celebratory concert will be held in the Fall.
6. Sonja will be out of town for our next regularly scheduled meeting (June 14). By consensus, we agreed to hold our next Stated Meeting on Sunday, June 12, at 12:30 p.m.



1. **Claudia Conard:** *for decorating the Chancel on Pentecost to remind us of the power of the Holy Spirit.*

2. **Barbara Elliott:** *for crafting a delightful slide show to celebrate our seniors at the luncheon on May 22.*

3. **Nancy Munn:** *for the de-humidifier and the cover for our piano.*

4. **All our teachers:** *who have taught children, youth, and adults this past year: Barbara Elliott, Claudia Conard, Rae Magon, Helen Mebane, Christa Corley, Colette Ogden.*

5. **Barbara Elliott:** *for moderating our local Presbyterian Women and for conducting three PW Bible Studies each month, including one that is bilingual.*

6. *All who have contributed to the Piano Fund. The outstanding balance is now down to \$1,739.00.*



DID YOU KNOW?

Kathy Hurst, RN, MSN, is the Wesley Nurse for our area. She promotes wellness in a holistic approach. Her office is in the Methodist Family Life Center building. All services are free.

- Programs & Services offered include:
- Exercise Classes
- Individualized diabetes education
- Health education
- Diabetic supplies
- Referral assistance
- Facilitation of resources.

Available Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To learn more, or to schedule an appointment, contact:

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Birthstone: Pearl

Flower: Rose

1 Debbie Branstetter

4 Darlene Scott

Debra Cornett

Rosalio (Leo) Lopez, Jr.

6 Ethan Kimball

9 Amy Lawrence

10 Jonathan Sandoval

Sherese Ogden

11 David Gangwer

15 Jay Corley

16 Craig A. Hollingshead



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

18 Michele Barnett

19 Lindsay Winkler

21 Ling-Rong Lin

22 Jerry Paulk

23 Chris Magon

25 Dillan Gonzales

26 Christy Sandoval

Anne Brooks

Ben Reeves

29 Christina Wright

30 Rose Alvarez

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

6 Brian and Babette Reeves (1987)

Leo & Elaine Lopez (1991)

8 Guero & Heather Dieterle (2013)

Esau & Dina Perez (2000)

19 Jim & Frankie Russell (1958)

20 David & Brianna Mebane (2009)

25 Joey & Tricia Mendieta (1994)

28 Jim & Elsa Helms (2005)

If your June birthday or anniversary is not shown,
please call the church office (592-2114) so we can include you on our list and not
miss the big event next year. We want to celebrate with you whether you are an
"official" church member or not!

