

First Presbyterian Church  
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# THE PRESBYTERIAN PROCLAIMER

July 2022

## A Word From Our Pastor.....

Here it is almost the 4th of July with fireworks, hot weather, BBQ, corn on the cob, apple pie and ice cream. We celebrate our country's freedom from the burdens of government. Specifically, government brutality and overtaxation from the British Crown at the time. But in 2022, maybe we are allowing a similar situation to grow again that was happening back then when we understood we needed freedom. If we remember we are indeed a free people, then we shall correct ourselves. We will be speaking on a variety of points of freedom through most of the month of July; I would like to share a couple of scriptures that relate to freedom in this article. The first is 2 Corinthians 3:17 which says, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom." The second is found in Galatians 5:13-14, "You, my beloved brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" We live in a new type of society these days. We are angry; we are proud, boastful, and arrogant; we are self-centered. These are not the actions of a Free People, especially free in Christ. Our rhetoric, our anger, our uneasiness, all point to a great dissatisfaction in our lives, both as a society and as individuals. It, in my opinion, shows we need to be regrounded in the two sets of scripture I have set before you today. Our Freedom, our peace, our spiritual strength come from knowing Christ in such a way that we understand freedom and how to live as a free people. Oh, we can be free even in chains, but we are so much freer when we never allow the chains to be put back on us. May we, through prayer, live rightly before God and humbly love and see each other; let us set a high standard for living as a free people once again. Let us be united in standing for freedom in Christ and as a nation. This is my prayer: May the Lord, our God, bless each of us and our country with a greater move toward freedom in Christ by allowing the Spirit of the Lord to reign in our hearts and in our nation once more. Amen

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Choir Director/Accompanist – Donna Baskin  
Nursery - Carol Petersen and Karen Trobl  
Custodian - Angelica Alfaro  
Ministers - The Members of First  
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### Committee Chairpersons for 2022

Building & Grounds - Doug Huebner  
Christian Education - Karin Hill  
Congregational Care – Debbie Dennard  
Finance/Stewardship – Greg  
Westmoreland  
Nominating - Greg Westmoreland  
and Doug Huebner  
Outreach & Mission - Carol Petersen  
Personnel - Jim Coe  
Worship – Donna Baskin

## July 2022 – Lectionary Readings

### Please Join Us in Prayer For.....

Hattie Andel (Marie Hestand's sister), Bradley Allan (bone cancer surgery), Peggy Badders, Charlie & Hubert Boeker, Ann Bond, Marcus & Clinton (requested by Donna Baskin), Sharon Bumgardner, Family of Nick Cantu, Chip Cordes, Dorothy Cunningham (needs healing from COVID), Bonnie Davis, Flo Dreher, Ray Elizondo, Laura Evans (Karen Trobl's sister), First Presbyterian Church Bay City & Growth, Robb Gentry, Adel Ghais & Family, Giovanni (Natalie Mullen's nephew), Jason James, Dr. Bob Kelly, Nancy Knapik, Ruth Leissner & Family, Sarah Leverett, Mark Longoria, Allison McGrath (Air Force, deployment to South Korea), Felipe Montalvo, Natalie Mullen, Martha Osina, Aryn Pena (Army, deployment to Middle East), Reeselyn & Brad Pierce (Donna Baskin's great niece), Zelda Regalado & Family, Kerry Roberson, Nancy Ryman, Kirby Savage & Family, Rev. Frank Seaman, Ray Sexton, Pastor Charley, Britney & Zac Shurtz, Mark Svatek, Karen & Joey Trobl, Ethel Williams, Katie Wendtland, Alecia Winebrenner (Donna Baskin's daughter).

All those who have suffered and been impacted by COVID.

Our local homeless community.

Spencer Hill, Army, deployment to South Korea.

Our military, veterans, and law enforcement.

Uvalde community and all those affected by the tragedy.

Ukraine/Russian War and all those affected.

People of Afghanistan, Haiti, and our border crisis.

### **July 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30 OR Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9;  
Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### **July 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-17 and Psalm 82 OR Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

### **July 17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52 OR Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15;  
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

### **July 24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85 OR Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138;  
Colossians 2:6-15(16-19); Luke 11:1-13

### **July 31 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9,43 OR Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;  
2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

### DIAPER DISCIPLES' DATES

July 9 & July 23

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 4: Amanda Hill

July 11: Jameson Hodges

July 12: Doreen Bounds and Ruth Leissner

July 13: Diane Westmoreland

July 14: Karen Trobl

July 16: Zeinab Ghais, Rachel Helmick, and Charlie Helmick

July 20: Spencer Hill

July 23: Priscilla Obermeyer

July 26: Karen Tilley

July 29: John Hodges

July 31: Sandy Boyer

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 12: William and Melissa Guynes

### JULY USHERS

July 3: Ronnie Mullen, Priscilla Obermeyer, Teresa West, Linda Brown

### JULY USHERS CONTINUED

July 10: Nancy Knapik, Debbie and Crayden Dennard, Greg Westmoreland

July 17: James and Doreen Bounds, William and Melissa Guynes

July 24: Ronnie Mullen, Jody Romine, Teresa West, Priscilla Obermeyer

July 31: James Bounds, Greg Westmoreland, William Guynes, Linda Brown

### JULY KITCHEN CREW

Marie Hestand, Linda Brown and Teresa West

### JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

July 3: Doreen Bounds

July 10: Linda Brown

July 17: Ronnie Mullen

July 24: Marc or Karin Hill

July 31: Doreen Bounds

### JULY COMMUNION PREPARERS

July 3: Marie Hestand and Teresa West

### JULY COMMUNION SERVERS

July 3: James Bounds, Priscilla Obermeyer, William Guynes, Jody Romine

## **MOVIE NIGHT IN ROBBINS HALL**

When?	Friday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>
Time?	7:00 PM
Movie?	<i>The Prince of Egypt</i>

Bring your favorite movie munchies and drinks to share.

Popcorn and ice will be provided.

As many of you know, Spencer Hill has been deployed to South Korea for nine months. If you would like to drop him a note, I know he would love to hear from you! His mailing address is:

Spencer Hill  
16BEB Unit 15916 Box 4  
APO AP 96224

## **From the Music Stand.....**

You are as aware as I am of the great debate that exists in our churches today concerning hymns versus Praise & Worship songs. There are those who state that the old hymns that are scripture based are the best; while others worship more fully with the more contemporary praise songs. I certainly will not claim to worship better with one over the other, but what I will say is that depending on the situation, certain songs come to mind quicker than others.

In doing some research, I will restate here some information that I found:

A crucial word that many folks miss when reading Ephesians 5:19 which deals with singing being evidence of a Christian life that is Spirit-filled: “**SPEAKING** to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Ok, so why is this important, the use of the word “speaking” at the beginning of this verse? Simply because the most important part of any song or hymn or anything spiritual are the **WORDS!** Truth and doctrine and principles for living are conveyed using words; the music which accompanies it is secondary to this. Of course, the music should fit the message and it is sometimes the hook that catches the ear of the listener, but let’s remember, the message is what is important. Hence, the lyrics should be scripture based, with depth and meaning... the message is more important than the medium in which it is presented.

Each of us worships differently. We are not mass-produced cookie-cutters and our ways of worship are just as different. Worship songs are just that, **WORSHIP SONGS!** In attempting to bridge the gap, keep in mind this purpose. There will be days when one song touches your soul more than another. Just keep on singing, but can I add that while the Lord hears our every thought, He does like to hear you praise and worship **OUT LOUD** so others can join in.

Your Sister in Christ,

Donna Baskin

## **JULY'S IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday School for Youth and Adults:	Every Sunday at 9:15 AM
Worship:	Every Sunday at 10:30 AM
Children's Church:	Every Sunday at 10:45 AM
Prayer Group:	Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Bible Study:	Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal:	July 6 & 13 at 6:30 PM
PW Council:	No Meeting in July
Worship Committee:	No Meeting in July
Christian Education Committee:	Tuesday, July 12, at 3:00 PM
Afternoon Women's Circle:	No Meeting in July
Second Sunday Lunch:	July 10 following worship
Sunday Circle:	No Meeting in July
Outreach & Mission Committee:	No Meeting in July
Congregational Care Committee:	No Meeting in July
Newsletter Deadline:	Wednesday, July 20
Movie Night:	Friday, July 15 at 7:00 PM
Diaper Disciples:	Saturday, July 9 & 23 10:00 AM – Noon
Session Meeting:	No Meeting in July
Wednesday Night Supper:	July 27 at 6:00 PM

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING IS WELL UNDERWAY!**

Let us remind you that "You Are Loved!"

When? Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Time? 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM.

We will have a "family style" program like we did last year. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 followed by a bible story, craft, and closed out with joyful singing and dancing to glorify our God.

Dinner Menu:

Tuesday: chili cheese dogs, chips, and cookies

Wednesday: pizza, fruit, and ice cream sandwiches

Thursday: brisket, beans, potato salad, and chocolate sheet cake

We will also be having a little healthy competition between the boys and girls to see who can raise more money for our mission project, our Diaper Disciples ministry!

Registration forms are available in the bulletins and in the church office.

Don't miss out on the fun, make plans to join us!



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Second Sunday Lunch!

This month, in honor of our nation's birthday, let's have a picnic in Robbins Hall!

Pastor Charley has graciously offered to provide bbq for lunch on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The meat will be provided, so please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share; both "hot" and "cold" items are welcome.

As an added treat, we will be playing Bingo after lunch. This is guaranteed to be fun for all ages. What will make a great day of fun even better? There will be PRIZES!

Be sure to come to church on July 10. Don't miss out!



Do you like to sing along to the radio? Do you like to sing in the shower? Well, there is a perfect place just for you! The choir has a seat reserved with your name on it. All are welcome! Psalm 98:4 says, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

### OUR SESSION

#### Class of 2022:

Donna Baskin

Karin Hill

Doug Huebner

#### Class of 2023:

Jim Coe

Debbie Dennard

Carol Petersen

#### Class of 2024:

Greg Westmoreland