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Ministers - The Members of First  
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# THE PRESBYTERIAN PROCLAIMER

June 2022

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

The rain seemed to never stop; it came down in sheets at times. There might be a break for a while, but then it might come down more sideways when the wind would pick up. It had been falling for a few days. Everything was soaked. The rations the soldiers on a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol had could not stay dry. In the heat that might not be a problem, but the feet being wet was always difficult. None of them cared about the scientific debate about why feet and fingers wrinkle when wet for a long time, nor did they care it probably meant feet and fingers could grip better when long term water exposure took place. Blisters from walking in wet boots, fungus, and other rotting infections were on their minds. At this point, even the rations had not been delivered as planned. Welcome to Army Recon 1973! As with most soldiers, there had been some complaint about the insistent rain, but after a period of time it just became another part of the day. One seldom appreciates the little things in life until one no longer has them over a period of time; so it was for this squad of troopers. When you are exposed to the elements on a continuous basis, they begin to tear you down. In heat, wind, and nearly constant rain, the toll on the body is draining, especially if you are on patrol and without food. They had started out with rations, but they had been consumed and not been resupplied. A set of directions was given and they went to that point. Nothing was there because of the weather. All they could do was move on. They finally connected with a marine detachment. Marines usually had less equipment, but they did have some rations. This time, mostly due to the weather, they shared them.

As you read this, you will be preparing to celebrate Memorial Day Weekend. I remind you again why we have such a holiday. We have a great and free country for two reasons: our military is exceptional and willing to give all if they must and we have a risen Savior who DID give all. I do not, nor would our troops, equate them or their sacrifice as equal in any way to that of the Lord Jesus Christ; however, because we are blessed enough to have both, we are covered with grace beyond our understanding. Honor those who gave all for our freedom and make sure that your heart and spirit is right with God. We cannot have the freedom, nor the success of our way of life, if we do not first honor the Christ. The sacrifice of troops are in vain if we are not in the will of our Lord. Let us pray for them, pray for our country, and pray we stay in the will of God. Amen.

## 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

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

Bradley Allan (bone cancer surgery), Peggy Badders, Charlie Boeker, Ann Bond, Nick Cantu, Marcus & Clinton (requested by Donna Baskin), Sharon Bumgardner, Chip Cordes, Dorothy Cunningham, Bonnie Davis, Flo Dreher, Laura Evans (Karen Trobl's sister), First Presbyterian Church Bay City & Growth, Robb Gentry, Adel Ghais & Family, Giovanni (Natalie Mullen's nephew), Dr. Bob Kelly, Nancy Knapik, Family of Beckett Kile (baby passed away unexpectedly), Ruth Leissner & Family, Sarah Leverett, Mark Longoria, Allison McGrath (Air Force, deployment to South Korea), 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, Family of Leah Leissner Sedlacek, Ray Sexton, Pastor Charley, Britney & Zac Shurtz, Mark Svatek, Karen Trobl, Ethel Williams, Katie Wendtland, Beverly West, Alecia Winebrenner (Donna Baskin's daughter).

All those who have suffered and been impacted by COVID.

Students and school personnel for safe, spring 2022 semester.

Our local homeless community.

Spencer Hill, Army, deployment to South Korea.

Our military, veterans, and law enforcement.

Ukraine/Russian War and all those affected.

People of Afghanistan, Haiti, and our border crisis.

## June 2022 – Lectionary Readings

### **June 5 – Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 OR Genesis 11:1-9 AND Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

Romans 8:14-17 OR Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

### **June 12 – Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 AND Psalm 8;

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

### **June 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a AND Psalm 42 and 43;

Isaiah 65:1-9 AND Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

### **June 26 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 AND Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 AND Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25;

Luke 9:51-62

### DIAPER DISCIPLES' DATES

June 11 & June 25

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 4: Ethel Williams

June 5: Jim Coe

June 21: Sharon Bumgardner

June 24: Christopher Uher

June 27: Ethan Frazier

June 29: Isabella Van Druten

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 6: Greg and Diane Westmoreland

June 9: Don and Sandy Boyer

June 16: Tommy and Martha Osina

June 20: John and Cindy Hodges

### JUNE USHERS

June 5: Ronnie Mullen, Greg Westmoreland, Jody Romine, Linda Brown

June 12: Ronnie Mullen, Teresa West, Priscilla Obermeyer, Linda Brown

### JUNE USHERS (Continued)

June 19: Jim and Doreen Bounds, Will and Melissa Guynes

June 26: Ronnie Mullen, Greg Westmoreland, Jody Romine, Linda Brown

### JUNE KITCHEN CREW

Marie Hestand, Chair 245-2800

Doreen Bounds 245-9169

Debbie Dennard 240-5275

### JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS

June 5: Doreen Bounds

June 12: Ronnie Mullen

June 19: Marc or Karin Hill

June 26: Linda Brown

### JUNE COMMUNION PREPARERS

June 5: Don and Sandy Boyer

### JUNE COMMUNION SERVERS

June 5: Crayden and Debbie Dennard, Nancy Knapik, Greg Westmoreland

## **SUMMER FUN HAS BEGUN!**

We will kick off a month filled with “little delights” by **wearing red** on **Sunday, June 5, for Pentecost**. There is something special planned every week this month. Don't miss out on the fun!

### **GAME NIGHT IN ROBBINS HALL**

When?            Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time?            6:00 PM

Bring your favorite games to play, snacks, and drinks to share.

### **CPR TRAINING IS COMING TO ROBBINS HALL!**

This training is open to anyone who would like to get certified in this life-saving skill. It will be held on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Please RSVP in the church office by Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot.

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.....**

I've talked about my Daddy a lot! He grew up on a family farm in the metropolis of Martins Mills: population 150 with 100 of them all being related to him! Born on June 1, 1916 outside of Canton Texas, he was the eldest of seven children and was self-motivated at an early age. He attended Sam Houston Institute of Technology where he met Mama and then went on to Baylor University for his Masters of Law degree; this was during the depression, so you know he had to do most everything himself. This was followed by a stint in the FBI where he was sent to work in New York City (remember, he came from a family farm). Daddy was transferred to Alaska where he continued in the FBI for three years, then accepted the position of District Attorney in Alaska. Daddy always served in some capacity in whichever church he was attending during this time, except for singing in the choir.

Daddy was a wonderful orator and had an appreciation of music. His two favorite songs were “My Darling Clementine” and “My Jesus, I Love Thee.” The lyrics for the hymn were written by a young man of 16 in 1864 by the name of William Ralph Featherston. He based the poem on John 21:15 shortly after accepting Christ as his Savior. The hymn was set to music by Adoniram Gordon in 1876, but young Featherston would never learn of its popularity because he died at the age of 27.

Daddy would say this was his favorite hymn because it was so personal to him. For my whole life, he had a card table under the huge window at the foot of his and Mama's bed. He could be found there in the evenings working on his Sunday School lesson and fine-tuned it on Saturday nights. All my life, up until his death from a brain aneurism, we all knew where to look for Daddy. As a speaker, when he would quote the verses, you could feel his love for the Lord; he would become impassioned with the lyrics. While he was not a singer, he was a hummer and you could hear him humming this hymn, especially during his study time.

During this month of June, when we tend to focus on our fathers, remember your father's favorite songs and sing them loud and proud. Love you, Daddy!

Your Sister in Christ,

Donna Baskin

## JUNE'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:	Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM
PW Council:	<b>No Meeting in June</b>
Worship Committee:	<b>No Meeting in June</b>
Christian Education Committee:	Tuesday, June 14, at 3:00 PM
Afternoon Women's Circle:	<b>No Meeting in June</b>
Second Sunday Lunch:	June 12 following worship
Sunday Circle:	<b>No Meeting in June</b>
Outreach & Mission Committee:	Tuesday, June 21, at 11:30 AM
Congregational Care Committee:	<b>No Meeting in June</b>
Newsletter Deadline:	Wednesday, June 15
Game Night:	Friday, June 17 at 6:00 PM
Diaper Disciples:	Saturday, June 11 & 25 10:00 AM – Noon
Session Meeting:	Sunday, June 26, at 11:30 AM
Wednesday Night Supper:	June 22 at 6:00 PM

## **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Please welcome Rachel Montalvo and Karen Tilley to our church family!

Rachel is married to Felipe. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is enchiladas. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Karen is married to Gary. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is Mexican. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 23,

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

We look forward to fellowshiping and working side by side with these lovely ladies as we strive to further God's kingdom here on Earth.

## CAMP SPONSORSHIP

It's time to start thinking about sending our young people to camp. If you are interested in helping to send one of our incredible youths to Camp Cho-Yeh this summer, please consider being a camp sponsor. Please call the church office for more information and let's help your young people spend a week immersed in God's abounding love!

## SUMMER IS HERE!

Wow! Those temps are already reaching toward the 100's and if you are like the women of the church, you don't want to turn the stove or oven on in your kitchens. To help the ladies out, during the months of June, July and August, our Second Sunday Luncheons and Wednesday Night Suppers will be serving "cold" food only. No food that requires heating will be served. Don't worry, fried chicken is considered a "cold" food! The ladies are asking for things like sandwiches, chips, dips, and salads. Let's help give the kitchen ladies a little break from the summer heat; they will thank you!



## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH REMINDER

DO NOT bring desserts. Dessert will be provided by the church to celebrate our new, beautiful banners and the Women's Birthday Offering.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING IS WELL UNDERWAY!

VBS will be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 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. Don't miss out on the fun, make plans to join us!



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