



Spring Is In the Air!



A Message to the Congregation from Session

At our last Session meeting, we thanked Dr. Donald Baird for his friendship and leadership during the time that he has been with us. As you know, Dr. Baird's contract ended this past month, and his family felt that he was needed at home. Since the COVID 19 restrictions prevent us from meeting, and would require an interim pastor coming to the State to quarantine for two weeks before he could even meet with us, the Session has decided not to seek another interim pastor at this time. A number of elders have volunteered to assist with preaching on Sundays, and this is something our Presbytery encourages. The early church was largely led by elders. Paul, Peter and the other disciples traveled (some more than others) establishing and encouraging new believers, but the elders primarily led the church. Consider these bible passages:

Titus 1:5 The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season...



James 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

We anticipate that David McConnell-Booher will preach two Sundays a month. We will use an ordained minister on the Sundays the sacrament of communion is served, or an elder if an ordained minister is not available. On other Sundays, an elder will provide the message. You will undoubtedly find that we all have somewhat different expository styles, however as long as we are led by the Lord, each will have a message that is worthy of our sincerest attention. While we are excited about this new opportunity, we also feel the weight of the responsibility. Please encourage those that have stepped up to this new role, and most of all, please cover us in prayer. Additionally, please cover the pastoral search committee in prayer, and also the Pastor that God has been grooming for First Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,
Jim Aldrich
Session Moderator



MAY 10, 2020



BEHOLD

*I will do a new thing,
Now it shall **SPRING**
forth; shall you not
know it? I will even
make a road in the
wilderness and rivers in
the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Like many of you, the members of the Pastoral Search Committee have been staying at home, but have NOT “washed their hands” of the work given to them. We have been meeting each week using Zoom. Although there has been some slowing due to the pandemic, such as having to cancel a visit to hear a potential candidate’s on site sermon, we are busy re-viewing Personal Information Forms, preparing for interviews and utilizing electronic means to screen candidates. Again, we count on your prayers, and we believe that God will give us His discernment in calling His choice to serve as Lead Pastor for FPC.



Pastoral Search Committee: Ted Riggs, Sr., Michelle VanHatten, Sheila Williams, Sarah Curtis, Sarah Albert, Geoff Beyersdorf, Joanne Klaver

House Sitter Needed

1 bedroom, no pets, required to pay partial utility expenses, available 6/1. For additional information, please contact

Ann Jones at
206-518-0496

THANK YOU

Thanks to all my wonderful friends at FPC for all the prayers and cards. God is helping me to heal. We are still in Texas but would love to come home.

Love and Blessings, Pat Fink

What follows is a short summary of the decisions and actions of the Session, at the April 21, 2020 Session Meeting. The minutes of the meeting will contain a more complete record.



- Elders attended the meeting over video chat.
- The meeting was opened by Clerk of Session David Dreydoppel based on Isaiah 28:15-18 and Matthew 6:25-34, Moments of Panic.
- Pastor Don led a “Pastor’s Study” on Ephesians 2:1-10, about Grace.
- Minutes from the last two Session meetings and vital statistics of the church were received.
- Elders spent a few minutes reviewing the 2020 Three Year Plan.
- Elders decided that a greater focus making contact with members and friends of FPC be made, to “Check In” and assess needs.
- Consent Calendar items were passed as presented. The Consent Calendar items included: Approval of the minutes of Deacons Meeting: February 25, 2020 and passage of a Personnel Committee Motion: That the amendments to Personnel Policies approved by the Personnel Committee be approved by Session.
- Reports from the Ministry Teams were received.
- Session was notified by Youth Director David McConnell-Booher that Youth Works, the organization which was planning our youth’s upcoming mission trip has cancelled all Mission Trips for this summer.
- The Celebration Gathering for Pastor Don was postponed until later in the Summer, when travel restrictions have been lifted and he returns to pick up his belongings.
- The upcoming visit by Northwest Presbytery Stated Clerk Dr. Ed Cummings has been postponed until later in the year.
- A written Financial Report was provided to Session, and Church Treasurer was present to answer questions.
- With Pastor Don’s departure as our Transitional Pastor, Session has decided to wait until travel restrictions and quarantine recommendations have lifted before considering another Transitional Pastor.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to elect Ruling Elder Jim Aldrich as Moderator until a new Senior Pastor or Transitional Pastor can be found.
- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve and forward the By-Laws of the First Presbyterian Church Congregation, to the next Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, for adoption.

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- The Personnel Committee moved, and it was passed to: Award David McConnell-Booher a bonus of \$1,000 for the extra work he did in the first quarter of 2020.
- Several elders will be assisting Ruling Elder June Champlin and David McConnell-Booher with planning for preaching during the months of May and June.
- David McConnell-Booher is looking for a local pastor to administer Communion on May 10, 2020.
- Elders spent time in prayer. After making prayer requests known, elders prayed for one another and for First Presbyterian.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held on May 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Church Conference Room or if needed via Video Conference.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- 1 **Stephanie Brewer**
- 2 **Jonah Brown**
- 3 **Candy Setzer**
- 5 **Ed Washburn**
- 9 **Joel Gibson**
- 13 **Ashley Morris**
- 14 **Charles Gray**
- 15 **Nathanael Hull**
Sarah Craft
- 17 **William VanHarper**
- 18 **Emma Moody**
- 19 **Christine Lundberg**
Caden Davis
- 20 **John Prusak**
- 22 **Harrison Riggs**
- 25 **Logan Foster**
Deborah Sirevaag
- 26 **Robert Boswell**
- 27 **Brandon VanHatten**
- 28 **Denise Wallace**



FPC ZOOM Meetings

Monday

FPC Men Meetings

11:30am

POC: Jim Aldrich

Monday

Paul & Terry Lifegroup

7pm

POC: Terry Reichardt

Thursday

Front Office Staff Meeting

2pm

Sunday

FPC Adult Sunday School

POC: Stephanie Rozell

SESSION MEETINGS

Once per month