



# First Presbyterian Church *Tidings*

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## Summer solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that

then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*



## God remembers



It is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I. ... I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget his children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not his habit to forget his children.

—J. Hudson Taylor

## Special Dates

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - Communion Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary; Vespers Service, Escapees, 5 p.m.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Admin. Meeting, 9 a.m., AB; Mission Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Rm. 2, FH
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Day of Pentecost; Fellowship Luncheon after the 10 a.m. Service, FH
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Session Meeting, 3 p.m., FH
- July 15<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Sunday; Father's Day; Communion Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - Naomi's Sisters, 1:00 p.m., FH
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - *Tidings* articles due

# Congregational Care

Mother's Day luncheon was absolutely wonderful! Can't wait to discover what surprises lay in store for us on Father's Day. I asked the fathers to cook the main course. But I thought about it and came to my senses. We plan to have Ribs and hot dogs (what a combination fit for a King). Side dishes are welcome.

On another note, here are pictures of Ann Wilkins' first tomatoes grown on her March door prize. Be nice to her and she might share surplus.

Remember you have any suggestions or special needs please contact me or any of the other Elders. I'm here if you need me (832-545-5332).

- Virginia Key



## Thoughts for Father's Day

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries —  
Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine:  
The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

—Author unknown



## Administration Team

Your Administration Team met on Wednesday, May 7, with five of its seven members in attendance. We opened with prayer.

Robin reported that the electricity bill covering the month of April was \$688. This is only 46 percent of the average monthly amount budgeted for 2025. Kudos to Joe Palmer and David Sessums for their keen "watch" of the church's thermostats!

Treasurer Paul Laverty advised that meeting the \$115,000.00 donation estimate for 2025 may be difficult to meet, as many of our contributors have passed away or have moved to other locations.

Carpeting the stairs in the Activity Building and moving the storage building from across the street to the main parking lot are works in progress.

We plan to next meet on Wednesday, June 4 at 9 am in the Activity Building.

Mary Lou Anderson

**Wanted: new shoes,**

**new socks,**

**new underwear**

To give to students starting school in August by the volunteers at KFCE in Onalaska.

Collection containers in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Checks are also accepted: payable to "KFCE."



# Do I Care

*by Tommy Fluker*

When passing a beggar with vacant stare  
Ask yourself, do I care

When pain is more than someone can bear  
Ask yourself, do I care

When seeing beauty and something rare  
Ask yourself, do I care

When courage is needed will you dare  
Ask yourself, do I care

When someone curses and starts to swear  
Ask yourself do I care

When faced with lies and deeds unfair  
Ask yourself, do I care

When Jesus calls will you declare  
Ask yourself, do I care

If your answer is NO, whatever you do  
Just remember---GOD heard it too

## Mission Updates

Your Mission team met on May 14th and will meet again on June 4th, at 11:15 a.m., in Room 2 of FH. Anyone may attend.

Thanks to those who donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing in April. \$800 will be sent to the PCUSA. The Pentecost special offering is set for June, and 40 percent stays local. We have decided to send our 40% to the Revival Food Pantry.

YikesBikes has donated four bikes to four top readers at Chester ISD; thanks to them for this donation. Thanks to Paul Laverty for his Lake Livingston program in FH on May 8th. If anyone has questions or wants to know more, I am sure he will be happy to respond. COSI will take the summer off, but is working on several possible programs later this year.

June has five Sundays; so be prepared to wear green on June 29. Or, you can wear your green church shirt any-time just to promote our existence.

June and July are our normal focus on collecting new shoes, socks, and underwear for KFCE. The August luncheon is set for the 10th and collection boxes for donations are at the church. We also plan to hold our

second book swap in July at the second Sunday luncheon; bring up to five books to share or swap with others.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items year round, as well as items for our seaman's shoeboxes. Our head-start collections are on pause until they open again in August, but donations for Guatemala are still being accepted. Thanks to all who continue to support our giving to the community.

Chuck Davidson, Chair



Paul Laverty speaking at the church on May 8<sup>th</sup> about Lake Livingston.

# Celebrate!



- David & Robin Sessums, 06/16
- Harry & Judy Bristol, 06/27

- Jamie Nixon, 06/01
- Joe Palmer, 06/01
- Jere Hamilton, 06/07
- Elizabeth Clark, 06/15
- Patricia Herrmann, 06/23
- Gene Jensen, 06/25
- Jay Walrath, 06/27

**Elder**  
of the Month  
**Sheri Grounds**



We were treated to another wonderful luncheon for Easter in April. Virginia Key with help from Ann Wilkins, Elizabeth Clark, and Bonnie Laverty decorated & served the meal. Thanks to Joe Palmer for smoking the turkey!



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**Sunday Schedule**  
**Friendship Bible Study - 9 a.m.**  
**Worship - 10 a.m.**  
**Adult Bible Study - 11 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays**  
**Prayer Group - 1 p.m.**  
**Adult Bible Study - 2 p.m.**