



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.

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From your Member Care Team (MCT)

FPCD Parking Lot Ministry (PLM)

In John 21, Jesus said to Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter replied, "Lord, You know I love you!" Jesus said "Feed my sheep." Peter must have gotten a little frustrated because Jesus asked him that question three times, but Jesus had a point to make – we aren't here to just live for ourselves, our own family, our own little church. HE wants us to reach out to anyone He sends across our path – to be that listening ear, to give an encouraging word or pat on the back, letting them know they are not alone in their circumstances, however difficult and trying those may be.

In Feb 2019, we (the Deacons, now Member Care Team) began to put feet into action with simple acts of kindness to show the love of Christ to those who probably didn't expect it. We wanted those using our parking lot to pick up their kids from Reed Middle School to be "Surprised by Joy", to be noticed and cared for as we hand them a small gift and offer to pray for any concerns they have. Jennifer McWilliams painted the lovely mailbox on the post near the playground where folks can drop off prayer requests at any time.

As we have reached out, in the heat or when a cold north wind is blowing, we are blessed to be able to give a little something without expecting anything in return. Families have immense pressures and difficulties these days – finances, broken relationships, illness (mental

and physical), just to name a few. Their children face bullying, scholastic challenges, sometimes being pressured into making bad choices trying to figure out right from wrong.

While we cannot solve their problems, we can offer kindness, a listening ear, words of encouragement and point them to the ONE who understands all that they are going through – that they are not alone. God is always on their side and He doesn't have an answering service. They have a direct line to our all-powerful, merciful, loving and faithful God!

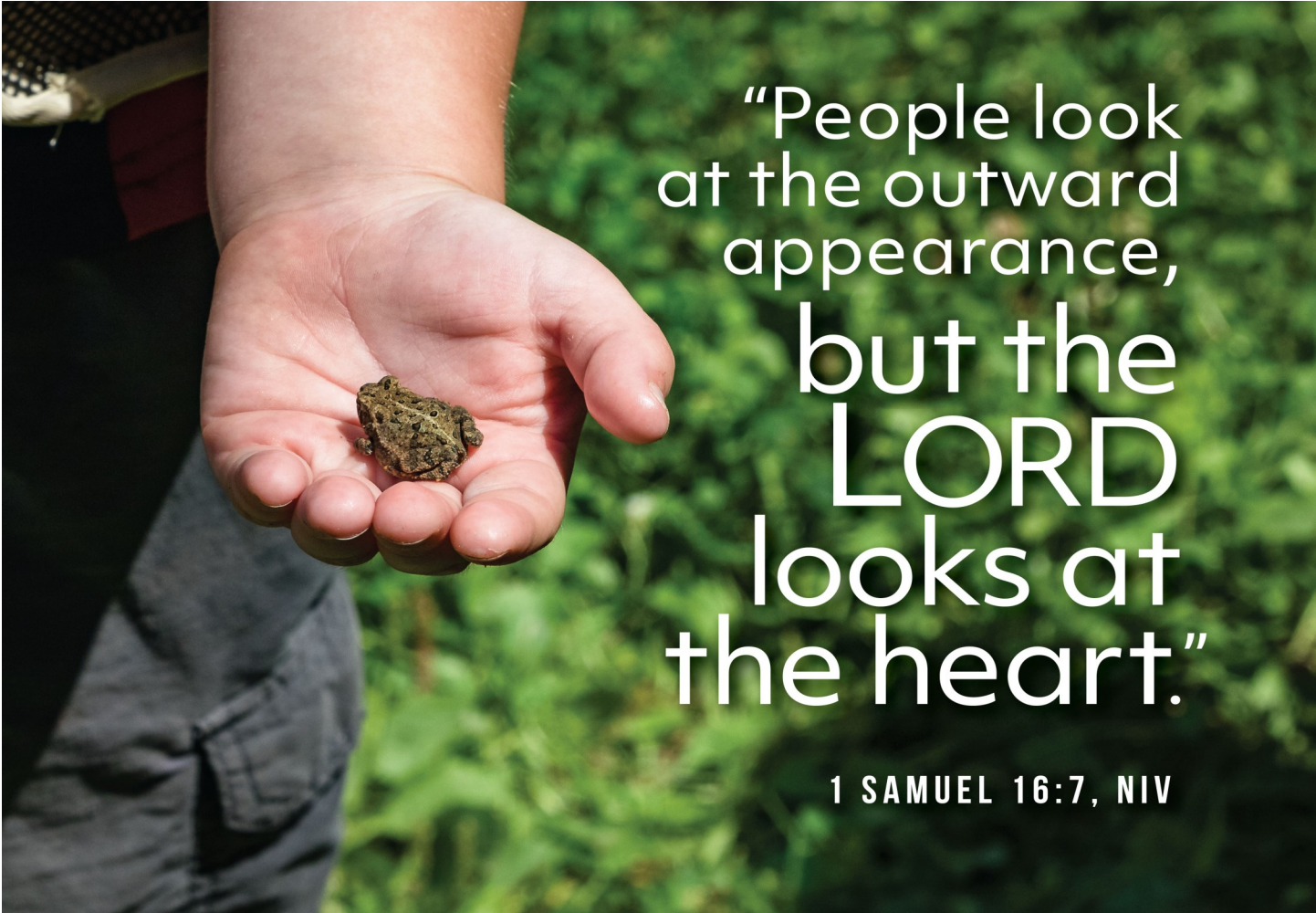
This past school year we have prepared up to 50 gift items to hand out each month – 15-20 with Bible verse and a prayer request form in Spanish and 30-34 in English. We always include a treat for the children, such as a granola bar, chocolates, gummy fruit snacks, peanut butter or cheese crackers, etc. We use leftover snacks to hand out to other kids waiting for their parents to pick them up. Ruth Hara even kicked around a soccer ball for a while with one student. Leo and Marlene Skinner have wonderfully helped with the Spanish translations. If you haven't been involved in this outreach to our community, you should try it. All you need to do is come to our parking lot by 4:00 pm the 3rd Wednesday or Thursday of the month. No travel documents or suitcase required!

We will resume PLM on August 29th. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex in early August!

Nancy Bergman




Upcoming Events

- July 20 **New Music Reading Session**
Join us from 9 am - 12 pm on Saturday, July 20, to sing through new music for our church.
- July 21 **Pastor Rachael's Installation**
The service will be at 4 pm, with a reception to follow.
- July 24 & 31 **Summer Hymn Choir**
Join us for rehearsals on July 24 and 31 at 7 pm, with performance on Sunday, August 4
- Jul 29 - Aug 2 **Vacation Bible School**
Volunteers are needed to run VBS from 5 to 7 pm. Contact Pastor Rachael for more info.
- Aug 4 **Worship Workshop**
Choir, sound room technicians, liturgists, and musicians, and anyone else who wants to join the fun, is invited to our Worship Workshop on August 4 at 11:30 am, where we'll learn How to hone our craft and use what we've been given well.

A photograph of a person's hand holding a small, dark frog. The background is a blurred green field. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“People look
at the outward
appearance,
but the
LORD
looks at
the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7, NIV

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July Volunteer Schedule

July 7	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Communion Service Communion Preparer	Connie Steger Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram & Darlene Cowand Darrell Ingram & Brittany Haywood Teresa Reed
July 14	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Sharon Ingram Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed Jimmy Cordova & Brenda Everett
July 21	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Nyadia Thorpe & Dudley Austin
July 28	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Dub Guthrie & Connie Steger

*Be completely
humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing
with one another in love.*

EPHESIANS 4:2, NIV

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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July Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Linda Simons, July 2
 Peggy Kezar, July 10
 Allen Conley, July 11
 Matthew Reed, July 14
 June West, July 16

Isaac McConnell, July 18
 George Pounds, July 21
 Larry Lewis, July 28
 Heather Lewis, July 29
 Jessica Kusler, July 30



2024 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$ 12,015	\$ 39,078
Jan - Jun	\$ 163,172	\$ 157,232