



Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

The Branch

MAY/JUNE 2021

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Hello Friends!

PASTOR'S CORNER

I recently came across this photo of some ladies from Dublin, California during the 1918 Flu Epidemic. After I had a chuckle and wondered how they survived putting the masks on the cats, it also gave me a sense of hope. It made me hopeful because we *know* that eventually things went back to normal, and they didn't have to wear masks everywhere forever. But it got me wondering as well. I wonder what they did do forever as a result of that season. I wonder what they learned. Did they actually hold their loved ones closer? Did they really learn to slow down? Did they get better at washing their hands? Did they appreciate the smiles of strangers for the rest of their lives? A friend shared results from a poll where she asked what

her friends would take away from this pandemic and what they were ready to leave behind. Most everyone talked about a re-aligning of priorities: the importance of family and close friends, the value of self-care practices, the enjoyment of a slower and more contained way of life, a commitment to treasuring moments of joy. As those around us start getting back to "normal," I wonder what we'll take with us and what we'll leave behind. I wonder how we might use this time to realign ourselves and our priorities to better match our values. I don't have answers to these wonderings, but I do have hopes. I hope that whatever we leave behind brings us closer to one another. And I hope whatever we take with us brings us closer to God. I hope that as we navigate the months ahead, we are moved first and always by a love that calls us to consider our neighbors. And I do hope that in all of it we will be better attuned to moments of joy and gratitude.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Katy

*Tommy the cat is on the left,
and Golly is on the right.*

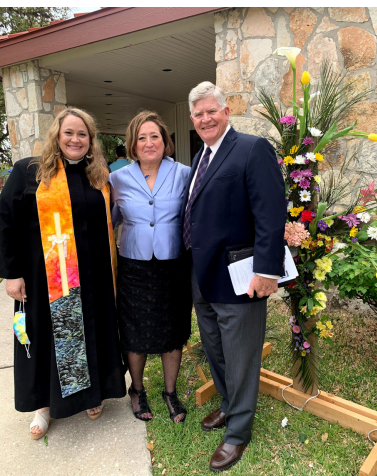


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Easter Celebrations



"He is not
here; he
has risen!"
Luke 24:6-7



Worship

Special Offerings News



**40% of the
Pentecost Offering
will go to the
Presbyterian Pan
American School in
Kingsville, Texas.**



Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) is a Christian, international, college-preparatory, boarding school in Kingsville, Texas, fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Established in 1911, PPAS motivates and equips young people for lives of Christian leadership in the global community. Students engage in a rigorous academic curriculum, develop spiritually in the Presbyterian/Reformed theological tradition, and gain senses of independence and personal responsibility through a disciplined daily schedule and communal work. Each year, 100% of our graduates are accepted into colleges and universities in their home countries or in the United States.

For more information about PPAS, go to <https://www.ppas.org>.

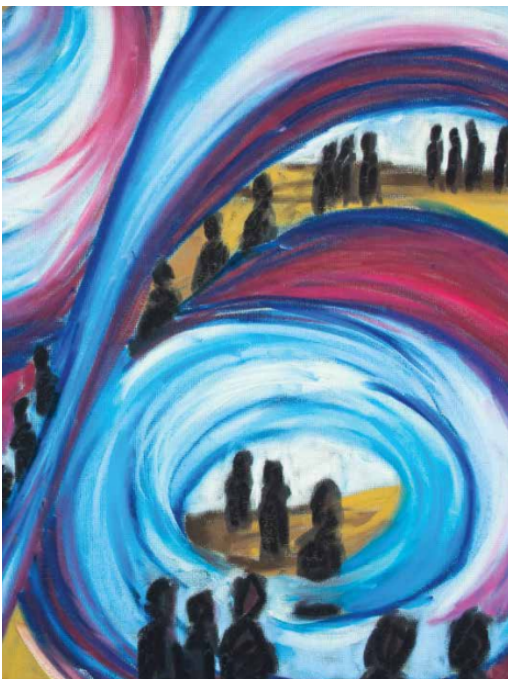


PENTECOST OFFERING

MAY 23, 2021

With our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to build God's house with our children, youth, and young adults.

The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start - a solid foundation formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood.



40%	stays with this congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.	25%	supports Ministries with Youth including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
25%	supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) , serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.	10%	is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.

FHPC Book Club

Meets Sunday, May 2nd at 2:30 pm in the FLC conference room to discuss *Gift From the Sea*, by Anne Morrow Lindberg. The book for June is *Simon the Fiddler*, by Paulette Jiles, and will be discussed on Sunday, June 6. Join Us!

COMING UP

4/29-5/2 HELOTES CORNYVAL
 5/1 HELOTES CORNYVAL PARADE
 5/2 BOOK CLUB (2:30PM)
 5/3 MISSIONS MTG. (6:30PM)
 5/4 FELLOWSHIP MTG. (6:30PM)
 5/6 WORSHIP COM. MTG. (6:00PM)
 5/8 PW BIBLE STUDY (9:30AM)
 5/9 MOTHER'S DAY
 5/11 CE/YOUTH COM. MTG. (6:30PM)
 5/13 ADMIN. MTG. (6:30PM)
 5/18 SESSION MTG. (6:30PM)
 5/23 DAY OF PENTECOST
 ALL CHURCH PICNIC (NOON)
 5/26 LADIES' LUNCH OUT (11:30AM)
 6/13-18 YOUTH TLC AT MO RANCH



Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful moms. May you have a special day filled with blessings of love and joy!



At Home Communion

Communion is a holy meal, whether it is done in our church Sanctuary with bread and juice or at our kitchen table with a biscuit and coffee. Knowing that, we might have missed a bit of our church community in our staying home. If you would like a pastoral visit for Communion and a time of prayer, please let Pastor Katy know at pastor@fhpconline.org.

Chris and Bette Lampe graciously posed for the camera after a visit with Pastor Katy. They appreciate everyone's prayers.



YOUTH MINISTRY @ FHPC

News from Christina Moore,
our Director of Youth Ministries:

Presbyterian Youth Leader Team

Luke, Amber and Rheana have signed up to be leaders in our presbytery and plan the events of John Knox and Mo Ranch. This group has committed to meetings and overnight retreats to come up with event themes and ideas to make an impact on the youth of presbytery. These youth had to apply for this honor and I am so proud of them for taking on this role!

**CHECK OUT THE
NEW YOUTH
CALENDAR WITH
THIS LINK**

CLICK HERE



Upcoming Youth Camps:

Mo Ranch - TLC June 13-18

Mo Ranch - Junior High Jubilee July 4-8

***For more information,
please contact Christina Moore at
fhpyouthgroup@yahoo.com***



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**VBS
2021**

**You've Got a
Friend in
Me!**

July 26-29 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Dinner is served from 5:30-6:00 pm.



Save the date for
Vacation Bible
School, happening
July 26-29, 2021.

If you'd like to
volunteer, contact
Cami Pace.

**Register today for
VBS by clicking here.**

Session Highlights

The Session met on April 20 for our April meeting via Zoom.

Here are some highlights:

- We welcomed Dr. Judy Harris, our Mission Presbytery Committee on Ministry Liaison to our meeting. She has been instrumental in working with our Session in calling our new pastor. We are grateful for her assistance along the way!
- Our new elders were examined and shared their faith journey with us. We look forward to working together in ministry and learning more about one another in the coming months. All five were **voted on and accepted** and will be ordained and installed on April 25th during worship.
- Treasurer Sandra Davis shared in her report that FHPC was accepted into the second round of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan.
- Our Committees shared what's going on in their ministries: a Pentecost Party Picnic on May 23, Cornyval Pizza serving and a parade on May 1st, bids for pest control, a gardening group on our campus and so much more!
- A job description has been published for a Worship Pianist for our Sunday Morning Services. If you know of someone who would like to apply for this job, please let Pastor Katy know.
- The Session **voted to formally accept** to continue the protocols set in place by the CDC and have renters sign waivers during this time of Covid.
- Pastor Katy reported that she will be taking time of May 7-13, 2021. Rev. Elise Neal will be preaching on May 9th.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Katy Walters



MATTHEW 25

Stay tuned for more information coming your way regarding the Session's decision to become a Matthew 25 church. To learn more, visit: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

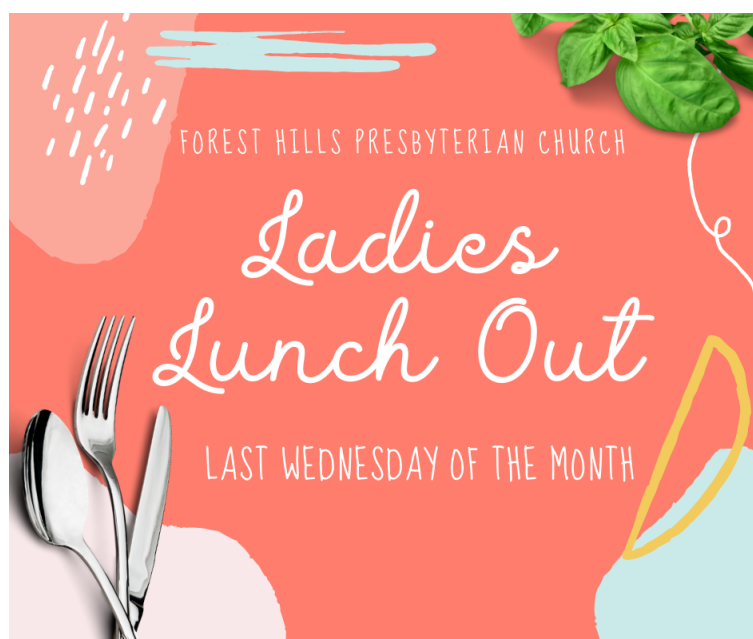
All Church PENTECOST PICNIC

Sunday, May 23



Hey Church, it's time to celebrate! Join us on Pentecost, **Sunday, May 23**, for an all church birthday picnic following worship. We'll provide the drinks and cupcakes, you pack your picnic basket. Bring a blanket or chairs for outside dining, and there will be some fun for all ages. Whether you bring fried chicken, PB&J, or pick up tacos, it's sure to be a joyous celebration of the church coming together in fellowship safely.

DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE FOR LADIES LUNCH OUT ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. MAY 26TH AND JUNE 30TH ARE THE NEXT DATES AND WE MEET AT 11:30AM. STAY TUNED FOR WHERE WE WILL BE EATING.



Did you know?

In addition to the **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church Facebook** page, there are a few others that celebrate being a Presbyterian. Here's a few to check out:



- **Happy to Be a Presbyterian - PC(USA)**
- **A Presbyterian Haven**
- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
- **Mission Presbytery**
- **Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Search for these groups in Facebook, and join in the conversations about the church at work in the world!



CORNYVAL 2021

