



March 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GAINESVILLE, TEXAS



The Cooke County Ministerial Alliance's Lenten Luncheons

Every Wednesday / March 13, 2019—April 10, 2019

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Donations to these luncheons will be used to support the
Alliance's ministries in Cooke County.



The Fellowship committee will be providing a
St. Patrick's Day lunch

following morning worship on March 17th.

To avoid the pinching leprechauns and bothersome friends,
deck yourself out in **GREEN** and celebrate

St. Patrick's Day pinch-free.

Some special entertainment is in store for our pleasure!

Bring your appetites and wear the color of the day!



What is the TaNak? How did the Bible come to
Be? Ask one of the members of the Tuesday night
Bible study group or come join the Bible study
and find out. The Bible study meets every third
Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. in Tyler Hall. A light
dinner is served, fellowship is shared and a lesson

on the Bible is brought to the participants. Tuesday, February 19th, friends
braved the threatening cold weather to share the learning experience and
meal. Come, join, listen, and learn about the Bible. See you there!



- ◆ That Corie Autry did a great job as February's Pulpit Assistant.
- ◆ That Kristen Anderson is a grandmother and her son Gage has a new son Richard Gaines Gilliland.
- ◆ That the Valentines for VISTO Luncheon was a success and the wonderful desserts brought in \$1069.00. A big thanks to all who participated!
- ◆ That Ginger Walker is recuperating from shoulder surgery and needs your prayers.
- ◆ That the choir has some new additions and, as always, they sound amazing.
- ◆ That Carol McBride enjoyed The Camp Gilmont Women's Retreat and guest speaker Rev. Kate McGee.



Presbyterian Women's SPRING BRUNCH

SATURDAY - APRIL 6 - 10:00 AM

Bring your favorite dish to share.

Wear your **PINK!**

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VISTO's Wish List

- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti noodles
- Canned fruit
- Canned tomatoes
- Beans (chili, pinto, ranch, black)



From the May 14, 1952 Session meeting:

"The Pastor asked (again) that, at the singing of the last hymn at the Sunday Morning Worship Service, all Elders come forward and take their places on the two front pews."





by Pam Cooper

Well good news! We have interviewed two applicants for the Interim Pastor and they even took time to be our guest ministers in February. Their names are Bob Getty and Melinda Hunt. Another candidate has shown interest in the Interim position, Tracy Ebarb, who has preached for us many times. The committee will soon decide if either one is the best fit for our congregation. The Interim Pastor will only be part time and they will stay only as long as we need them while we search for our permanent pastor. They can't be chosen as our permanent pastor. Please continue to pray as we go through the process.

“On the Lighter Side” - How to Get to Heaven

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, “If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and give all the money to the church, would I get into heaven?”

“No!” The children all answered.

“If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I then get into heaven?”

Again, the answer was “NO!”

“Well,” she continued, “then how can I get into heaven?” In the back of the room, a five year-old boy shouted, “You gotta be dead!”

“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3



We collect all year long and deliver them to the 6 local elementary schools. They then use them to purchase library books, PE equipment, and other supplies. Drop off at Bulletin Board by Seeker's Classroom.

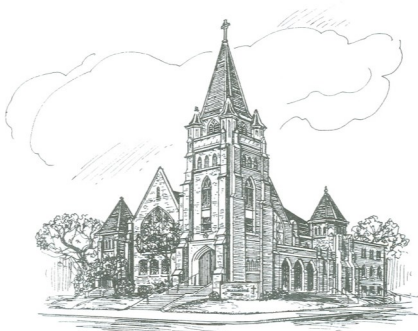


We collect all year long and deliver them to our Presbyterian Boy's School in Hugo, Oklahoma. They are used to purchase equipment and supplies. Drop off at Bulletin Board by Seeker's Classroom.



We collect all year long coupons for baby supplies, formula, etc. We deliver them to CPS, Child Protective Services to give to their clients. NOTE: Please check the expiration date before saving.

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Women's Winter Retreat at Camp Gilmont

Rev. Kate McGee, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Arlington, TX, conducted 3 sessions entitled "Where have you been, The Pause, and Where are you going". Session 3 was particularly apropos for our situation while we are searching for a new pastor. She introduced us to the book Bible Women, a book about the words of 88 women in the Bible. Tai Chi, yoga, using a labyrinth to go deeper in our prayer lives, hiking, singing, sewing projects for missions, time for private meditation and prayer and time in the cabins to enjoy friends and get to know others filled our time at Gilmont. As always, the food was wonderful.

