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# JUNE 2017

## Summer



## WORSHIP

With the coming of summer also comes a change in our Sunday morning worship service. Less formal! More singing! Less liturgy! More interaction! And a few surprises along the way!

One thing we will be doing different this summer has to do with how we pick those “favorite hymns” we start our worship with.

This year we’re asking folks to write down both their favorite hymns and their favorite Bible verses and to pass them along. To that end, there will be slips of paper in the pew racks on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, just for that purpose. So – start thinking and browsing through those hymnals and Bibles!

## Speaking of Summer Worship

This year we are celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation Movement from which our Presbyterian heritage got its start. In order to honor that anniversary, Rev. Hare will be preaching throughout the summer on what’s called “The Basic Tenets” of the Reformation.

What are those aspects of our faith that sprang from the Reformation – and what do they mean to us as Presbyterians today? Well – stay tuned – and thank you for your support!



On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday! The morning worship service will include the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and will be followed by a potluck dinner in Tyler Hall. So – remember that red and white are the colors of the day, and come prepared to celebrate the traditional birthday of the Church!



### Pentecost Potluck

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday, the Fellowship Committee is hosting a potluck luncheon after worship. Please bring your favorite meat, salad, or vegetable dish to share. Birthday Cake will be provided by the committee.

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-- Join us for a meal as we remember the Day of Pentecost. --

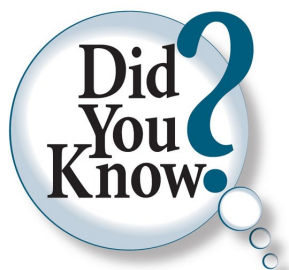


Shoko Abe, our wonderful church organist and pianist, and her husband are moving to North Carolina in June. Pentecost Sunday will be Shoko’s last Sunday with us, so we wish her well, and God’s speed.

**No Session Meeting for the month of June.**

**Ministry Committees—meet as needed.**





- That Matt Chalmers did a great job as May's pulpit assistant?
- That the Outreach Ministry Committee is still collecting large duffel bags for the State School?
- That the development of our "Biblical Garden" on the west side of the church has a new partner – the State School?
- That Rainy Carr and her family really appreciated the "Diaper Shower" we had for her on Mothers' Day?
- That the re-dedication service for our re-built organ will be re-scheduled?
- That the Hare clan had a wonderful time on vacation – that that Taylor loved Disneyland?
- That the Personnel Ministry Committee hopes to be able to announce the name of our new organist real soon?
- That our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Patriotic Songfest will be back next month?
- That Pam Cooper was our congregation's Ruling Elder Commissioner to a recent Grace Presbytery meeting?
- That an exciting new neighborhood event is being explored?
- That our church recently "adopted" a little girl from the Philippians as a mission project?
- That our recent "An Evening with a Holocaust Survivor" was a great success?
- That something completely different will happen during worship on June 25?
- That there's probably someone you know who would love for you to email them a copy of your newsletter?



Everyone is invited to come watch Part 1 of the famous movie "*Ben Hur*" showing in Tyler Hall on Tuesday, June 6th @ 5:00pm.

Popcorn, candy & Cokes will be available for a donation.  
All donations will go to DASH.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM at the Fried Pie on the square! All the men of the church are encouraged to come and enjoy a great time of food and for solving all the world's problems!



Times were changing as the following entry indicates:

From the Minutes of Called Session January 31, 1971:

"The procedure for serving of Communion was discussed. It was decided that women elders be included in serving communion and a detailed outline of procedures should be furnished all Elders. It was decided by common consent that any Elder is eligible to serve Communion, not just active Members."





NEW LIFE

### A "NEW LIFE" Ministry Begins

As we explore who we are as a congregation, it is important for us to seek God's blessing and leadership in all that we do. To that end, we are looking for folks who believe in the power of prayer and are willing to come together on a regular basis to seek God's participation and blessing in our journey together.

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry during our time of working through the "New Life" re-vitalization process, let Rev. Hare or Barbara Marshall know.



On behalf of the congregation we extend our Christian sympathy to:

Janice McCain and her family at the death of  
Clyde McCain.

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest."



Thank you, my friends, for the many cards, for your thoughts and prayers, to comfort my broken heart.

Daphne Kehrl



Rev. Hare's Sunday sermons are available on the church webpage! Just go to [www.fpcgainesville.net](http://www.fpcgainesville.net) – click on the "Sermons" link at the top of the page – then click on the dropdown tap – and you're there!



As we all know, money has purchasing power. But have you ever thought of what that "purchasing power" brings you through your financial giving to the church? Here's how one giver put it:

- My Church empowers me:
- To keep a sky in my life, and to look up!
- To keep my hand in God's, and to hold on to him!
- To see eternal values, above the material!
- To lift life above self, and to serve the Christ!
- To see the good in others and praise it!
- To keep sweet and to keep growing!
- To have a seeing eye, a feeling heart, and a helping hand!
- To test the motive of life, and choose the best!
- To do justly, love mercy and to walk humbly!



"Power" comes from an Old French word that means, "to be able." When we think about that definition the real question we have to ask ourselves is, "What do I want to be able to do or be – to feel or enjoy?"

With the coming of Pentecost – that season of the Christian Year in which we celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit into our lives with heavenly power – we remember that that Holy Spirit empowers us to lead by example rather than by force, to share rather than to hoard, and to flow with the present rather than to scheme for the future.

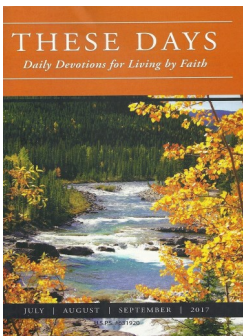
So – what do you want to be able to do or be – to feel or enjoy?

Peace, John





Congratulations to Rainy at the birth of her son, Sterling!  
Our Congregational Care Ministry Committee hosted a diaper shower  
for Rainy on Mother's Day.



"*These Days*" devotional books will  
be available on June 4th in the  
Sanctuary.



The greatest gift  
I ever had  
came from God  
I call him **Dad**



Holocaust survivor Jack Repp and Sarah Yarrin were our guests at our church's special event which was held at the State Theater on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Over 400 folks attended this once-in-a-lifetime experience as Jack shared stories about his time in Poland's concentration camps during World War II! Our thanks to our co-sponsors: First State Bank, Cynthia's Corner, Prosperity Bank, George J. Carroll Funeral Home, and Richard's Monuments, for their support. Our thanks, also, to the Dallas Holocaust Museum for their assistance.



On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated "Hat Day" at First Presbyterian Church. Our thanks to everyone who wore and who shared their stories about their hats!



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## Experience Tai Chi Part of the PrayFit ministry

Originally developed for self-defense, Tai Chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, Tai Chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements and stretching.

### Who can do Tai Chi?

Tai Chi is low impact and puts minimal stress on muscles and joints, making it generally safe for all ages and fitness levels. In fact, because Tai Chi is a low impact exercise, it may be suitable for people who otherwise may not exercise.

Some benefits of Tai Chi include:

- Decreased stress, anxiety and depression
- Improved flexibility, balance and agility
- Increased energy and stamina
- Improved muscle strength and definition

**\*\*Retha Bond leads a Tai Chi class in Tyler Hall on the  
first and third Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.\*\***

*Everyone is welcome ~~ Come give Tai Chi a Try!*