



First Presbyterian Church
Gainesville, Texas

2019



J. Melinda Hunt

Welcome Our New Interim Pastor

The Session and Interim Pastor Search Committee are delighted to introduce our new Interim Pastor Melinda Hunt. We are thrilled that Melinda will be joining the staff of First Presbyterian Church. Her first Sunday as Interim will be May 5th. Melinda's unique experience and training will allow her to guide us through transition and calling a new pastor.

Melinda Hunt retired from Solar Under the Sun as Executive Director in Dec., 2018. Prior to joining SUS, she spent almost 14 years as Director of Development and Ministry Services at Texas Presbyterian Foundation. Ms. Hunt belongs to Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church in Richardson, TX, where she serves as a ruling elder. Melinda has been involved with the Presbyterian Church at the local, regional and national levels, including serving as a Commissioner to the 223rd GA in St. Louis in 2018. Additionally, Melinda attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where she currently serves on the Austin Seminary Alumnae Board. In her spare time she and her husband, Homer Brown (and their little Cairn Terrier, Abbey), enjoy traveling and hiking, especially in our national parks.

Welcome Melinda!

Please come and help welcome our Interim Pastor, Melinda Hunt, on Sunday, June 2nd, following morning worship. Melinda will be providing pastoral care and congregational needs while the church is seeking a permanent pastor.



2019 Easter Egg Hunt

ARE WE THERE YET?

ETERNITY IS NOW IN SESSION

BY JOHN ORTBERG

Filmed on location in Israel in cooperation with the Dallas Willard Center, this 5 week study unpacks and explores Jesus' definition of eternal life and what it really means to be a disciple of Christ.

SUNDAY'S 9AM IN THE PARLOR

DON'T MISS THIS LAST STUDY OF THE YEAR



Written in Stone

After oral speech development mankind began to "mark" down information. Over more than a 1,500 year period in our Bible's development all copies were written and re-copied by hand. Pictographs chipped in stone were the first method of writing. Later papyrus and parchment were used to write down information. The first collections of writings were written by symbols of sounds. The verses that

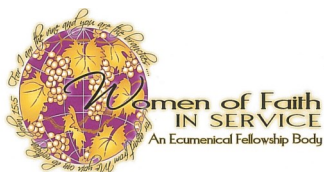
would later compile our Bible were scribe copied one-by-one. See if you can read how the verses were copied:

IFYOUCANREADTHISYOUWOULDBEABLETOTRANSLATEANDWRITEDOWN-
THEVERSESFROMTHEWRITINGSTHATWOULDATERBECOMEOURBIBLETHER
EWASPLENTYOFROOMFORSCRIBALERRORSANDMANYHOURS/DAYS/WEEKS/O
FTRANSCRIBING.

The writings were in capital letters with no spaces, no separation between words, and sparse indicators of punctuation. Added to this translation difficulty, the verses were translated into many languages. Come, learn about our Bible. Join us for a light dinner on the third Tuesday each month at 6:00 in Tyler Hall.



From the October 11, 1953 Session meeting: "To relieve the crowded condition of our nursery it was decided to insert a notice in the bulletin to the effect that all school age children should be brought into the church worship with their parents and that all children regardless of their age were welcome in the worship service."



Please join us to celebrate
The Fellowship of the Least Coin
and May Affection Day
with an ecumenical luncheon fellowship. NO CHARGE

Friday, May 3rd at Noon
Faith Lutheran Church, 1823 Luther Lane, Gainesville
(directly north of Scivally's Grocery/Hwy. 82 on Luther Lane)



No One Has Ever Become Poor by Giving:
A Look at Anne Frank

Speaker: Karen Marcotte
Retired Professor of History
and Humanities



Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement that was begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India, who believed that women anywhere could have a sense of being part of a worldwide family of Faith Least Coins will be collected.

Women of Faith in Service is open to and inclusive of every faith in Cooke County. We truly celebrate — TOGETHER — ecumenism and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please join us!

The North Central Texas Chorale
Directed by Mr. Clint Kelley
proudly presents

"Hear My Prayer"
and Selections from
"Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn

Featuring Shirley R. Hatfield, Organ
Soloists: Courtney Kelley, Rebecca Nunez-Stubbs, Dan Seeger



May 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Texas

Adults \$7, Students & Seniors \$5
Tickets Available from Chorale members and at door



For further information visit
www.northcentraltexaschorale.com



by Pam Cooper

The Session and Interim Search committee are happy to welcome Melinda Hunt as our new Interim Pastor. She has done a marvelous job ministering to our congregation already. Let's all show her how we got the name "The Friendly Church" and welcome her with a big hug, or a friendly handshake. Take time to read her bio in this newsletter and get to know a little about her. I don't know about you, but I'm getting excited about the new things that will be happening in our church.

So now what? Well, get ready for change - Change for the better. Don't worry, it's not going to happen all of the sudden, but if we want to be a church that's exciting and relevant, we have to get out there and do big things. Remember, we are the Church. You don't just go to church to be served, you go to serve. We are at our best when we engage in the mission God has given us. Let's face it, nothing, except God, remains the same. We must be willing to let go of everything that lies behind us and that includes our old ways and routines. We must allow the Holy Spirit to shake us up and open our eyes to what lies ahead so that we can take hold of God's plans for us. Above all, ask God what amazing and exciting plans He has for you individually. Be the change.



May Session will meet on Sunday, May 5, 2019 @ 12:00pm in the Seeker's Classroom. All Committee Reports need to be into the church office NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 2, 2019.



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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Welcome PW 2019-2020 Officers

Despite the rain, the Presbyterian Women had a wonderful time during the Spring Brunch held in April. Pam Cooper presented a fun program on Flamingos. The food brought by everyone was delicious and pink was the color of the day. Everyone took home a flamingo themed door prize. PW thank all who attended, especially Patty Camp and Pam Cooper who set up the lovely decorations.

Welcome to the Presbyterian Women's Officers for 2019-2020.

Jan Autry as Moderator

Carol McBride as Vice Moderator

Susan Moss as Secretary

Shirley Kinsella as Treasurer.

