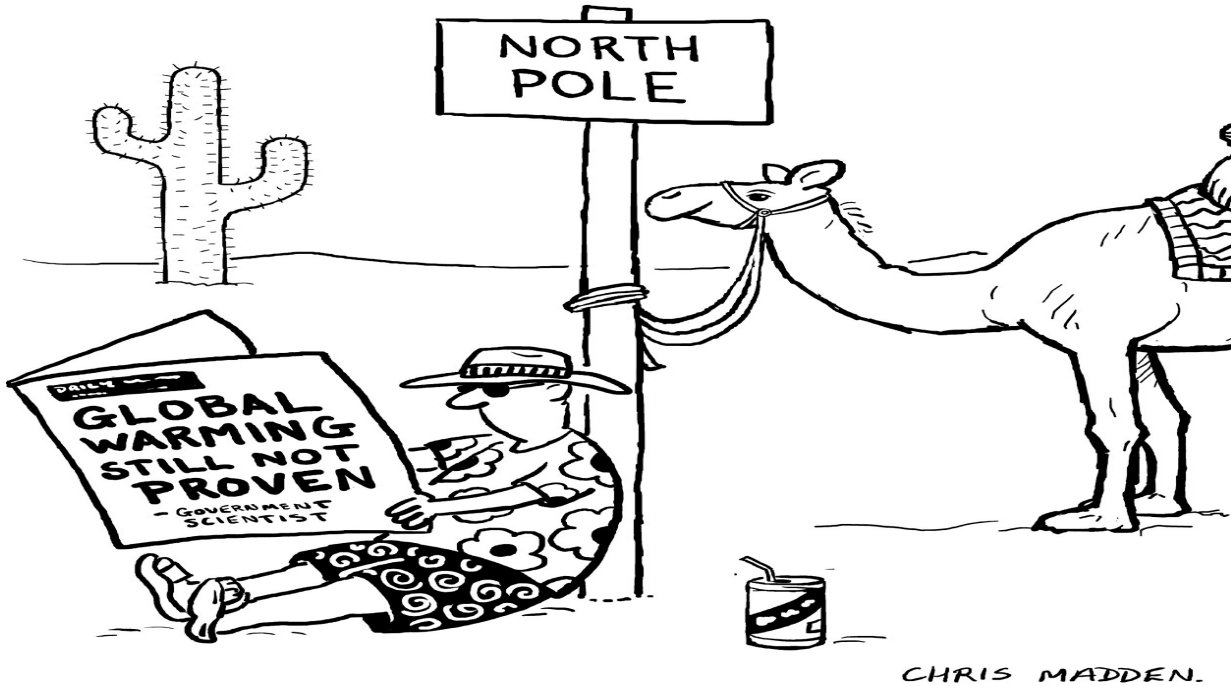


## Did You Know?



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## *Lobster Bisque in a Paper Cup*

*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from ourselves.” II Corinthians 4:7*

I’m a sucker for chunky lobster bisque.

It’s a pricey, hoity toity sort of dish, typically served in gourmet establishments, which means I don’t enjoy it very often. The best I’ve ever tasted was at The Harbor Gawker, a funky little takeout café on Vinalhaven, Maine, served in a large paper cup.

The contrast was not lost on me. The humble container might have made the bisque taste all the better to a cheapskate like me...that and the outstanding harbor view off the restaurant’s back deck.

When Paul describes us as “earthen vessels” in the verse above, he doesn’t use the word for “good china.” He’s talking about ordinary, everyday dishes. In effect, Paul is saying “*We’re not vases from the Ming dynasty. We’re the paper cups you find in aisle five at Walmart.*”

Yet God has dumped God’s jewelry box into the likes of us to make the contents shine all the more. After all, diamonds stand out better on a pile of dirt than in a pile of treasure. And this heaven-in-an-earthen-cup image has profound import for us. Whenever we think poorly of ourselves, it helps to remember that we are not only “stardust” as Carl Sagan famously said, we are dust that carries the priceless power of God. Conversely, whenever we think too highly of ourselves, it helps to recall that we are only a paper cup.

Never forget that you have eternal value as God’s beloved vessel. If you need a good cup of bisque to remind you, I’ll meet you on Vinalhaven.

Prayer: God, may I treasure you today as you treasure me. Amen

Rev. Matthew Laney, Senior Minister of Asylum Hill Congregational Church,  
Hartford, Connecticut.

## Council Actions August 16, 2018

- ◆ **Worshipped and prayed together**
- ◆ **Received a new member**
- ◆ **Reviewed church finances**
- ◆ **Approved use of the Fellowship Hall on September 15**
- ◆ **Reviewed Session actions to be taken by December 31**
- ◆ **Discussed security measures for the church**
- ◆ **Noted that Grace Presbytery meets October 6 at FPC Longview**

**Please help fill  
this basket!**

We need your help.  
Yes, **YOU!**



### Help Us Fill the Basket

Please remember to bring a food donation for the Henderson Interfaith Ministry (HIM) basket the first Sunday of September. The basket is located in the narthex before going into the Sanctuary.

We have received memorials in

August in memory of:

Jane Fahle

Jim Pumphrey



*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

**Members of the Congregation:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, Session, PNC, and Congregation of our church during this transition time

**Connected Family:** Billy Tapley (Bert's brother)

*All who need our prayers*



Enjoying good food and good fellowship while catching up with Rev. Shelley Wiley!!!





## WORSHIP

What fun when Rev. Shelley Wiley returned to our church to preach and visit this past month! The potluck luncheon following worship was great. Thanks to everyone who took part, even if you just showed up. It was so enjoyable.

We have another reunion celebration on September 2<sup>nd</sup> when Rev. Jonathan Murray joins with us to bring God's Word to us and officiate the Lord's Supper. Another potluck luncheon is planned so that we can update everything in Jonathan's life as he now serves with his wife, Caressa, co-pastoring at Covenant Presbyterian Church in College Station, Texas.

Rev. Kay Creer will join with us on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Rev. David Reeder on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, and we will welcome Rev. Charlie Hornes the last two Sundays of September. Rev. Hornes lives currently in Palestine, Texas, but has served First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Texas until relocating. We are excited that she will be filling our pulpit on a fairly regular basis the next several months.

Thanks to Choir Director/Organist/Pianist Joshua Allen and the choir for their continued additions to our service, and to our sound/lighting crew, liturgists, and last, but certainly not least, our ushers and bell ringers. Especially Steve, Travis and Kimber! We are so blessed with many who wish to help in some way.

Plan now for a Hymn Sing on the 5th Sunday of the month (September 30th) at First Presbyterian Church, Longview, Texas. Joshua Allen (Piano Man) will continue to update us on plans!

The Worship Team includes Kathy Porter, Jimmy Chapman, Jan Mims, Kelly Weaver, Margaret Hillin, Cindy Ratliff, and Chair, Lynn Ticken. Next meeting is planned to follow Worship on Sunday, September 9, 2018, and we invite you to join with us.



Worship Committee

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Hello church member! Shopping at Kroger helps us support our mission work, both locally and nationally. It is now time to go online and make sure you are still enrolled and participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. As you know, Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, gives back a percentage of money each year to any organization who applies. We have been a participating organization now for over ten years. In order for our church to receive a percentage back each quarter we need for you to follow these steps:

1. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
2. If you are enrolling for the first time, create an account (write it down and keep it).
3. If you have an existing account, go to account login and enter your username and password (if you did not write it down in a secure place you can make another one).
4. Find Kroger Community Rewards tab (look under savings & rewards)
5. Go to: my account, and either your account summary will come up or you will have to create one if you are new to the site.
6. Under Kroger Community Rewards , our church will be listed if you have an existing account, if not, search : Henderson First Presbyterian Church. Our organization number is PL535.
7. You MUST have a Kroger card.
8. Shop at Kroger and know you are helping mission work!

If these steps "look different" when you get into the site, just play with it. It is not hard to enroll or re-enroll. Each member is responsible for seeing to their own enrollment. If you need help, please don't hesitate to call upon a family member or church member to help you. Thank you so much! This small effort can help make a large difference! Shop Kroger and help others !!



## YOU'RE INVITED

### The Presbyterians announce their 1st Fall Fellowship Reception

Come celebrate Fall & Fellowship with us in the neighborhood.

We are doing things a little different this year --- Come by and share some popcorn, caramel apples, cookies & apple cider or spiced tea. A come and go neighborhood reception just for you.

**Where:** FPC Church, 311 S. High Street

**When:** Saturday, October 27, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 pm

We love being  
your neighbor





**“Autumn Is In the Air”**

After a long and hot summer, September brings us a look forward to fall.

On Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Fellowship Committee will once again co-host a potluck luncheon after service to give extra time with our visiting preacher, Jonathan Murray. Fellowship Committee will provide the entrée dish and invite other congregation members to bring their favorite potluck dish. It will be a tasty good time.

Another reminder to Save the Date - Fellowship will also be working with the Outreach Committee on a new direction for our October neighborhood event. This year we are hosting a Fall Fellowship Reception for the neighborhood and other friends. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the church. We'll have popcorn, caramel apples, apple cider and an abundance of Fellowship. Please plan to join us.

In the meantime, remember that FELLOWSHIP MATTERS! We invite you to join us as often as you can.

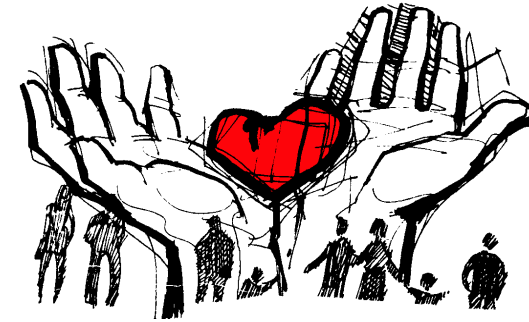
FPC Fellowship Team

**OUTREACH**

**Our Outreach Committee again will lead our church in our annual neighborhood outreach event. We have come up with a creative way to keep this tradition alive and continue to share in fellowship with our church neighbors. This year, we are hosting an informal come-and-go Fall Reception in the Fellowship Hall and back yard on Saturday, October 27, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Mark your calendar to come and join in some Fall Fun of caramel apples, popcorn, cider and neighborhood fellowship.**

**We also want to note another successful Youth Yates Park Project school supply event. Betty Jean Elder sends a BIG, BIG THANKS to our church for our continued support and participation of this important event. As you all know, Betty is the co-founder of Help the Youth Yates Park Project. She reports that this year this project helped to serve 697 children from families in need with new school supplies.**

**Thanks to all for all you do,  
Bert Lowe, Outreach Chair**



FPC Mission Committee includes members of the Session in addition to congregational members of John Tieken, Jan Pennal and Jimmy Chapman.

As a church, we are gracious, giving and generous with our time, energy and support. Reflective of this supportive nature, our upcoming special offering is Peace & Global. This special offering begin September 9, 2018. Look for the information in the narthex to help inform you and guild you in your giving decisions.

**Peace & Global – September 9, 2018 through October 7, 2018 – Blessed are Peacemakers. This special offering purposefully runs during the Season of Peace which ends on World Communion Sunday. This offering helps address the systems of injustice around the world. Our local church can retain 25% of that collected to put forward to address systems of injustice in our local area.**

If you have any questions or would like more information on any of these programs, please contact Claudia.

Peace & Grace,  
Your Mission Committee

**Please join us in welcoming to our pulpit for the month of September:**

- Sept. 2nd  
Preaching:           Rev. Jonathan Murray**
- Sept. 9th  
Preaching:           Rev. Kay Creer**
- Sept. 16th  
Preaching:           Rev. David Reeder**
- Sept. 23rd  
Preaching:           Rev. Charlie Hornes**
- Sept. 30th  
Preaching:           Rev. Charlie Hornes**



# September 2018

DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:  
Tom Weaver

\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*  
Bring H.I.M. donations the  
First Sunday of every month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>HELP US TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE HERE! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX.</b>					1  Cindy Ratliff
2 <i>Welcome to our pulpit</i> Rev. Jonathan Murray  <i>Potluck Luncheon</i> <i>after service</i> <i>Bring H.I.M. Donations</i>	3  Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:00pm	5 <i>PNC Meeting</i> 5:30pm	6	7 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	8
9 <i>Welcome to our pulpit</i> Rev. Kay Creer  <i>Worship Team Meeting</i> <i>following service</i>	10	11  Patriot Day <i>Choir Practice 6:00pm</i> Joyce Huggins	12 <i>PNC Meeting</i> 5:30pm	13	14 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	15
16 <i>Welcome to our pulpit</i> Rev. David Reeder	17  Claudia Morgan-Gray	18 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:00pm	19 <i>PNC Meeting</i> 5:30pm	20 <i>L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm</i>  <i>Session Meeting 6:30pm</i>	21 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	22 
23 <i>Welcome to our pulpit</i> Rev. Charlie Hornes	24  <i>Pipeline Deadline</i>	25 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:00pm	26 <i>PNC Meeting</i> 5:30pm	27	28 <i>Meals On Wheels</i>	29
30 <i>Welcome to our pulpit</i> Rev. Charlie Hornes	30  Lynn Tieken					