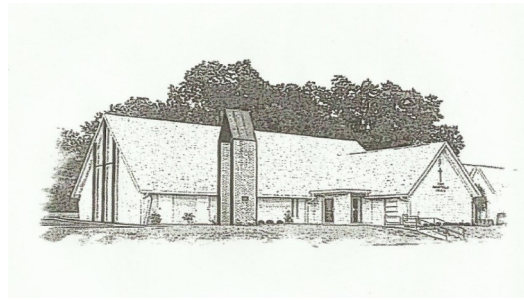




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For 10 consecutive years, First Presbyterian Church-Henderson has earned the designation and certificate for being an Earth Care congregation. Our certificate, along with other Presbyterian Churches, was recognized during the most recent presbytery meeting of Grace Presbytery. To our knowledge, we are the only certified Earth Care/Green congregation in Henderson. Something we are very proud to maintain.

June 7th is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. As in past years, members of the Christian Education Committee, friends that support gun safety as well as anyone else who supports gun safety, are invited to join us for our annual participation in the Gun Violence Awareness Day from 10:00 am - Noon. This year we will again set-up our canopy-tent in the parking area near the bell tower wearing our **orange** shirts (color of safety and caution). We will have a brief service acknowledging and remembering the lives lost to gun violence. The group will then be there to share handouts about the impacts of gun violence in our state and country. Please plan to put on something **ORANGE** and join us.

Speaking of gun safety and awareness, our Session adopted and affirmed our support of a Gun Violence Overture. This Gun Violence Overture was passed by Grace Presbytery at the May 4th meeting and will now go forward to the upcoming General Assembly. We'll keep everyone updated.

The Sunday School class continues in its study of ***The Making of the Bible: From the First Fragments to Sacred Scripture***. This is a very interesting discussion of how the Bible came to be. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the discussion in the parlor at 9:45 each Sunday.

Blessing to all, Jimmy, Steve, Claudia, Kathy, Lynn & Liz

Council Actions

May 16, 2024

- ◇ Prayed and shared joys and concerns
- ◇ Determined home communion volunteers for June 9
- ◇ Approved training by Presbytery for two elders to do communion
- ◇ Approved hosting a meeting of the East Region regarding social justice
- ◇ Discussed usage of Fellowship Hall by City of David Church
- ◇ Reviewed May 4th Meeting of Grace Presbytery
- ◇ Reviewed the Transitional Team Report
- ◇ Determined Duty Elders for the months of June, July, and August

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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



April 2024:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$8,511	\$6,881	\$1,630	
March 2024:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$11,608	\$7,952	\$3,656	
Year to Date:			
IN	OUT	BALANCE	
\$33,901	\$37,632	-\$3,731	

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ozone layer is slowly, but surely, recovering. According to a report from the United Nations, the infamous hole in the ozone layer could be totally healed by the 2060's – and it could be as soon as 2030.

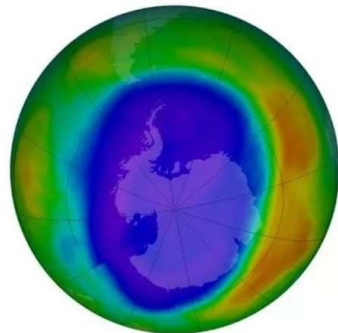
In 1987, an agreement known as the Montreal Protocol called for the elimination of chemicals found in consumer products like refrigerators and aerosol cans that were harmful to the ozone layer, also known as ozone-depleting substances (ODS).

It is only the beginning and it's important to continue the efforts! This shows how politics and governments can come together to repair the man-made damage to Earth!

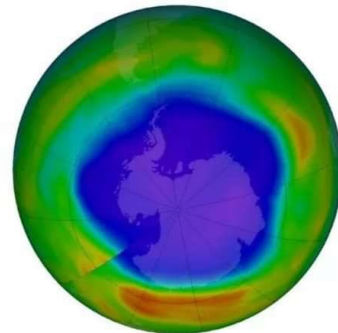


GOOD NEWS

The ozone hole is healing



Sept. 2000



Sept. 2018

The ozone hole was at its highest in 1994 and is slowly recovering since then



C.E. Green Team

June is here!!! We will be welcoming (?) Summer soon. It arrives on June 20th. Do you know that June is the month with the longest daylight hours in the Northern Hemisphere? It isn't a daylight savings thing either.



And what other lovelies come with summer? Farmer's Market comes with summer. The Rusk County Farmer's Market will be opening for the season on June 1st. They open at 7:00 am and remain until the vendors sell out. Lucky for us, the Farmer's Market is located right across the street from our church. We encourage you to buy local whenever possible and support our small farmers.

We get to witness God's glory and creative hand at work all over the place including on our church grounds. Look around and take it all in.

Building & Grounds wish you a happy, fun and warm June!



Hello Summer – Officially arriving on June 20th.

While we don't have any specific fellowship events on the calendar, we hope to have some group invitations to attend some local community activities together.

Maybe a play at Henderson Civic Theatre. Maybe a small potluck at someone's home. Maybe something musical outside of the wonderful music we share at church. Possibilities. Stay tuned.

We will also be celebrating our dads this month on Father's Day, June 16th.

Always know, that each of you are with us always in mind, body and spirit even when we're not together in person.

The Fellowship and Member Care Team:
Claudia, Mary, Lynn, Kathy, Chris, Suzanne

Join us for a vibrant summer journey - A season of sharing stories and lives.

Proclaiming Boldly that we all belong to God and each other.

Loving Intentionally and creating a sanctuary—
a **Beloved Community** where every voice belongs.



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Sundays at 11 AM



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



Join us for these special Sundays

Mother's Day May 12

Pentecost May 19

PRIDE Sunday June 9

Father's Day June 16

Find your community here every week!

Step into a summer of vibrant worship and community engagement at First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, through our Summer Worship Arts series,

"Beloved Community: Proclaiming Boldly, Loving Intentionally."

From the fiery proclamation of Pentecost to the celebration of Pride Sunday, we boldly declare love and inclusion. Join us as we ignite the flames of Pentecost, sharing stories ablaze with the Spirit's presence, creating a sanctuary where every person finds their Beloved Community.



Oh, June – the month when the pews may be even less full than the month before. The month of summer vacations and recovering from May. But wait, there's more to behold at FPC this June.

Filling our pulpit this month is a line-up that will make accepting our invitation to join us an easy "yes." This month we welcome:

June 2 – Don Richards from Lubbock, Texas. Don is a friend of Claudia and Weldon. Don is an attorney by day and a preacher on Sundays! A must hear.

June 9 – Pride Sunday Jimmy Chapman – We will share the Lord's Table with Communion and deliver Home Communion after Service. Please join us for this welcoming and embracing service.

June 16 - Rev. Jerry Carpenter – We are always glad to welcome Jerry.

June 23 - Rev. Jerry Carpenter- Still and always glad

June 30 - Rev. David Reeder – Welcome back David.

We worship at 11:00 and would love to have you join us. We'll save you a seat to share moments of fellowship, worship, wonderful music. See you on Sunday!

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." – Galatians 3:28

The Outreach Team is excited about June.
Are you?

We continue our faithful delivery of Meals on Wheels. You know what they say – a Team that sweats together stays together. Our Team includes - Lynn, Kathy, Kelly, Mary and Claudia and Rick.



We will be doing our next **“Hustling Kindness”** event on Saturday, **June 1st at 10:00 am**. We will be Hustling Rusk County Pets Alive -- the group of hard working volunteers that include our own Kelly, Jan and Tammy. We anticipate about 15 humans and some furry babies. We’re going to Hustle them with supplies for the center and the precious animals and yummy treats for the humans. If you want to join in the Hustle, let us know

We will be participating in the **Longview Pride** event again this year. Event is on Saturday, **June 8 from 3-8pm**. Lynn is spearheading our booth presence and she’ll be helped by John, Kathy, Louise, Joshua and any and all who want to join us. The event will be at Maude Cobb in Longview.

Our next **Adopt a Block** will be on Monday, **June 24 at 5:30**. We walk the neighborhood around our church and check in with our neighbors. We generally take them a little something-something as we check in on their health, well-being and any special prayer requests. If you’d like to walk and visit with our neighbors – Come on and join us.

Have you noticed our outdoor sign and the changing messages? Isn’t it great? Jan has been a ninja in keeping us sign-worthy. If you have something you’d like us to consider for the sign, let Jan or Claudia know.

We are all within reach of grace,

Claudia, Liz, Lynn, Mary, Kathy, Kelly, Jimmy, Louise, John, Jan, Weldon



The Green Team celebrating the Ten Year Certificate as an Earth Care Congregation by the PCUSA.

The Communications Team stays busy producing and distributing the monthly "Connections" newsletter, posting the weekly church service bulletin and monthly newsletter to the website, updating the front page of the website each month, making multiple weekly posts to the Facebook page, posting songs used in the worship services to licensing companies each week as required by copyright laws, and assisting with special submissions to the newspaper.



One thing we are striving to improve each week is the streaming of our online worship services.

Your Communication Team Members are Liz, Claudia, Weldon, and Kathy, and we are honored to serve the congregation.

June 2024



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Mon




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Wed

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Fri

Sat

						1 7:30 Farmers Market at Fair Park 10:00 FPC Hustle Kindness
2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Don R. Richards	3	4	5	6	7 10-12 Gun Violence Awareness Event Meals on Wheels	8  3-8 pm Pride Festival in Longview
9 Pride Sunday  9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/ Communion with Jimmy Chapman Home Communion	10	11	12	13 2:30 L.E.A.N. Mtg.	14 Flag Day  Meals on Wheels	15
16 Fathers' Day 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jerry Carpenter 	17	18	19 Juneteenth Office Closed 	20 	21 Meals on Wheels Newsletter Deadline	22
23 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jerry Carpenter	24 5:30 Adopt-a-Block	25	26	27	28 Meals on Wheels	29
30 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder						

Duty Elder for June:

Claudia

Liturgists for June:

2—Lynn

9—Louise

16—Carol

23—Liz

30—Jan

June Birthdays:

30 - Mariella

