

# Focus

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH |  
FEBRUARY 2018



We're rebuilding homes devastated by  
Hurricane Harvey  
in the Upper Galveston Bay area,  
southeast of Houston.



## FPC Williamsburg is headed to Texas!

**July 8th-14, 2018** (does not include travel days)

This trip is open to anyone, aged 16 & older, ready to restore  
the Upper Galveston Bay Area.

It is expected that the work to be primarily interior. So we'll be insulating,  
drywalling, floors and doors, cabinets and vanities, trimming, painting, etc.  
(Pastor Dan checked, we'll be working in AC!)

Cost: **\$150 per person**, which includes lodging, food & some building supplies

### Want to Go?

Sign up with the [Registration Form](#) and  
have your **\$50 deposit**  
(made to FPC; memo: Texas Mission)  
[turned in by March 15th](#)

Want to go, but worried about money?  
Talk with Pastor Dan



## Church Events

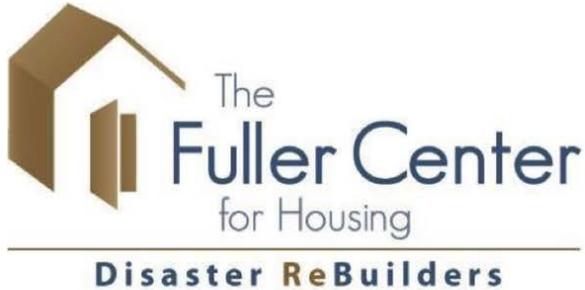
- Feb 7th -Presbyterian Women 10:00 a.m.
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser 11:00 a.m.
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Lunch Study 11:30 a.m.
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup>—Ash Wednesday

Youth Soup Supper  
Fundraiser 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday  
Service 7:00 p.m.

# REGISTRATION FORM

## TEXAS MISSION TRIP



**First Presbyterian Church  
Williamsburg, Iowa**

**Texas Mission Trip Registration Form**

**Due, with \$50 deposit, by March 15th**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Dietary/Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rank your experience, in each category:

1= unskilled 2= knowledgeable 3= semi-skilled  
4= skilled, non-professional 5= skilled professional

Framing \_\_\_\_\_

Painting \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical \_\_\_\_\_

Roofing \_\_\_\_\_

Landscaping \_\_\_\_\_

date received:

check number:

amount:

# Pastor's Pen

Lent comes incredibly early this year and starts with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's day. By the time this newsletter gets out that's just two weeks away. As we come into Lent I wanted to share with you all what I feel the Spirit has moved me to do with our time in this sacred season. First, there will be our usual Tuesdays book and lunch study and second, the sermon series for this Lent is about the spiritual practices we should be working to implement in our lives daily to make us more faithful disciples.

The five spiritual disciplines that we will be delving into are study, prayer, meditation, service, and simplicity/giving. Each Sunday we will spend some time looking at one of these practices and spending some time working on doing them or finding tangible ways that we can do them daily. Then the following Wednesday during our Lenten Wednesday services we will be again taking on these practices, if you will be practicing the practices.

This Lent will be a great opportunity to work on our spiritual lives as is the point of the season to reorient our spiritual lives toward God more and more. As we work on spiritual lives this Lent, this summer we will have the opportunity to move from the spiritual work to the active daily work of discipleship.

This summer there will be two wonderful chances to put the rubber to the road. You will see on the front of the newsletter that we are official and set to go to Texas to do the good work of Christ in the world. As you see we will be doing home repair and work, with the caveat that we will be in air conditioning so no need for the "it's too hot and humid in Texas in July excuses". This trip is not just a youth trip, although 16 and up and go, this is a whole church trip, where we will all have the chance to serve. It is very inexpensive but if money is an issue that is stopping you don't let it come talk to me.

These are exciting times for us as a church and I can't wait for either of these wonderful moments in the life of our church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Worship  11:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	5	6 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch Study	7 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women 3:30 p.m. Elementary Connections 5:30 p.m. Elementary Connections Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth Connections & Dinner	8 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group	9	10
11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Worship  11:00 a.m. Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Youth Fundraiser  5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	12	13 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch Study  6:30 p.m. Session	14 <i>Ash Wednesday Early Out</i> NO Elementary Connections 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper Youth Fundraiser  7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	15 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group	16	17 Rampersad Party 2:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall
18 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Worship  11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  11:45 a.m. Worship & Music Comm.  "3SYG"  5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	19	20 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch Study  6:30 p.m. Deacons	21 3:30 p.m. Elementary Connections 5:30 p.m. Elementary Connections Dinner 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner 7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service	22 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group	23	24
25 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  10:00 a.m. Worship  11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	26	27 11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch Study	28 3:30 p.m. Elementary Connections 5:30 p.m. Elementary Connections Dinner 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner 7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service			

# February, 2018 Volunteers

## Greeters Upstairs

02/04 Dale Albright  
 02/11 Dale Albright  
 02/18 Dale Albright  
 02/25 Dale Albright

## Greeters Downstairs (W)

02/04 Rhonda Phillips  
 02/11 Abby Sanchez  
 02/18 Russ & Joan Jones  
 02/25 Keith & Louise Aljets

## Technical

02/04 Keith Aljets  
 02/11 Jim Lynch  
 02/18 Tom Landeros  
 02/25 Mallory Koch

## Nursery

02/04 Sarah Stoutner  
 02/11 Jillian Tuttle  
 02/18 Mckenzie Gross  
 02/25 Wendy Jones

## Shepherds

02/04 Ruth Lindhart  
 02/11 Bev Watts  
 02/18 Gerry Boland  
 02/25 Doris Evans

## Elementary Sunday School Teacher

02/04 Patti Tiernan  
 02/11 Pastor Bethany  
 02/18 Tom Landeros  
 02/25 Marty Koch

## Candle Lighters

02/04 Cooper Daugherty  
 02/11 Taylor Sanchez  
 02/18 Marie Landeros  
 02/25 Mallory Jones

## Time With The Youth

02/04 Pastor Bethany  
 02/11 Pastor Dan  
 02/18 Cindy Slaymaker  
 02/25 Melissa Gross

## February Head Elder

Dale Albright

## Deacon Baptism

Kim Tanke

## Coffee Fellowship

02/04 Louise Aljets  
 02/11 Gerry Boland  
 02/18 Melissa Gross  
 02/25 Michelle Blythe

## Liturgists

02/04 Barb Perry  
 02/11 Sandy Lynch  
 02/18 Cindy Slaymaker  
 02/25 Melissa Gross

## Preschool Early Elementary Sunday School Teacher

02/04 Pastor Bethany  
 02/11 Diane Daugherty  
 02/18 Sandy Lynch  
 02/25 Wendy Jones

## Change for Change

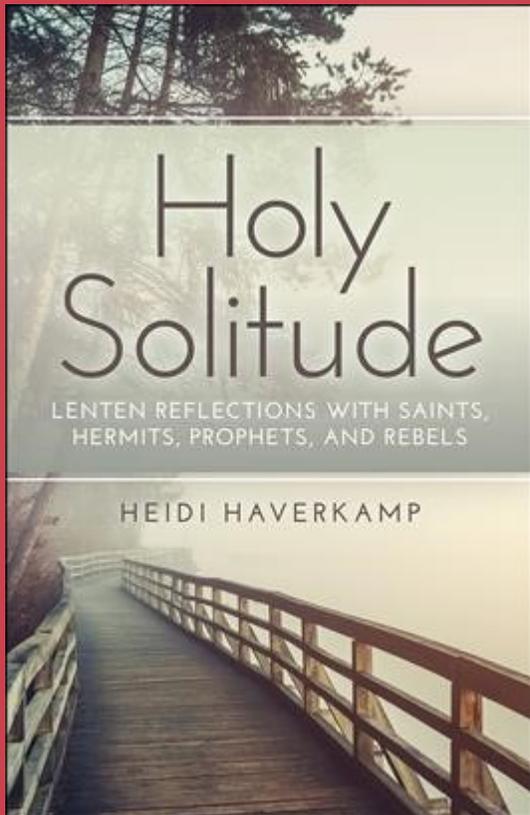
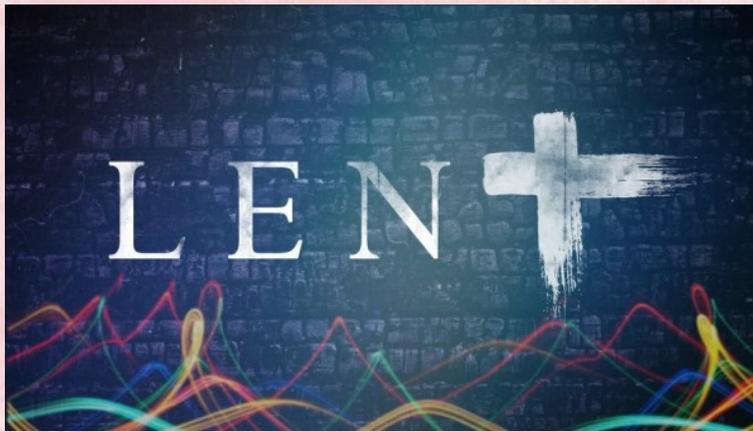


Everyone is encouraged to bring their loose change to worship the first Sunday each month for February that would be this Sunday 02/04/18. The money collected in 2018 will go towards "Pennies for Posho" who is the sponsor organization for the group Ugandan Thunder that we hosted in September. This group touched many of our hearts and we continue to want to help. To learn more about this organization you can go to this website <http://penniesforposho.org/>

During the Time with Youth this Sunday, we will pass the tin buckets and collect loose change to go towards a mission that we as a church family have a personal connection too. In January, we collected \$74.78 !!. Let's make it our goal to exceed this amount for February.



Come join us for our Mardi Gras themed pancake breakfast! Our youth will be serving you pancakes, eggs, bacon, & fruit right after church on February 11th. Bring a friend (or five!) and enjoy a great breakfast! Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person, maximum of \$20.00 for family.



## **Lunch Lenten Study**

**Tuesdays at**

**11:30 am**

**Soup will be provided,  
bring your own  
beverage.**

**Books are \$9.00**

**February 13-March 27th**

YOU'RE INVITED TO FPC'S

# Ash Wednesday Soup Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 | 6:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



*Join us on February 14th at 6pm for our annual Ash Wednesday soup fundraiser. This year we'll have a variety of soups, grilled cheese sandwiches, drinks & desserts. This is a free-will donation fundraiser, and all proceeds will go towards the costs of the youth summer trip to Indianapolis, and Mission Trip to Texas.*

*Ash Wednesday service, with the imposition of ashes, will be at 7 pm following dinner.*



# Lent

a season of reflection, preparation & renewal

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT  
6:30 P.M. POTLUCK DINNER  
7:00 P.M. LENTEN SERVICE

MADE WITH  
FONT CANDY

## POTLUCK SCHEDULE

Feb 21st If your last name begins with A-H please bring a salad,  
I-P Meat or Casserole, Q-Z Dessert.

February 28th A-H Dessert, I-P Salad, Q-Z Meat or Casserole.

March 7th A-H Meat or Casserole, I-P Dessert, Q-Z Salad

March 14<sup>th</sup> A-H Salad, I-P Meat or Casserole, Q-Z Dessert.

March 21st A-H Dessert, I-P Salad, Q-Z Meat or Casserole.

## KITCHEN CREW

Feb 21st Deacons

Feb 28th Worship & Music

March 7th Hospitality

March 14th Christian Education

March 21st JR/SR High Parents

March 29th Hospitality (Meal) Worship & Music (Clean Up)



June 17-22nd, 2018

## **Total Cost \$350**

This includes everything but food on travel dates & spending money!

**\$50 non-refundable deposit & registration form due: March 1st**

**\$250 or balance due with final paperwork due: May 2nd**

# Prayer Requests

**Health concerns:** Ken McMillan, Tom Claypool, Sandy Hynds, Ryver Lane, Rhonda Phillips's nephew, Vicki Carter, LaVona Richmond, Chuck & Dianne Heyn, Michelle Blythe, Jim & Sandy Lynch's friend Troy Tegits, Edna Sandberg's grandson Simon Ridway, LeeAnn's brother.

**Active military service:** Angela Chipman, Grayson Groepper, Brian Jones, David Kabisch, Christopher Schreiber, Matthew Schreiber, and Chaise Turner.

(Please let us know if you have a family member in the service for whom we can be praying.)

Prayer requests and praises can be submitted any time to

[Prayerministry@iowatelecom.net](mailto:Prayerministry@iowatelecom.net) or fill out a form in the Vestibule or in the pew and place it in the Prayer Ministry box. Requests will be kept confidential unless you ask they be shared with the congregation.

All prayer concerns will be lifted up for four weeks. If continued prayer is needed at that time, please resubmit your request.

**God bless you and those for whom you are concerned.**

Pastor Dan Jessop - [pastorfpcburg@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfpcburg@gmail.com)

Director of Christian Education - The Rev. Bethany Jessop – [cyfdirectorfpc@gmail.com](mailto:cyfdirectorfpc@gmail.com)

Administrative Assistant - Suzanne Kabisch —[secretaryfpc@iowatelecom.net](mailto:secretaryfpc@iowatelecom.net)

 First Presbyterian Church Williamsburg, Iowa

 [fpc\\_wburg](https://www.instagram.com/fpc_wburg)

Phone (319) 668-1375



First Presbyterian Church (USA)  
504 South Highland P.O. Box 24  
Williamsburg, IA 52361  
Change Service Requested

ST. ANDREW  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESENTS A ...



# MEN'S RETREAT

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
REV. DR. KIP MURPHY

**MARCH 3, 2018**  
8:00AM — 4:00PM

**TOPIC:**  
LESSONS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
\$25.00 (SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE)

**QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER\*:**  
GRAHAM DAMERON; GRAHAM3076@GMAIL.COM

**LOCATION:**  
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
140 GATHERING PLACE LN, IOWA CITY

\*PLEASE INCLUDE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS WHEN REGISTERING.



Winter Reminder: If you have questions about the cancellation of church services or activities, please check KCRG-TV 9 ([kcrg.com](http://kcrg.com)) or our Facebook page for the most up to date information.