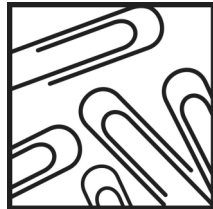


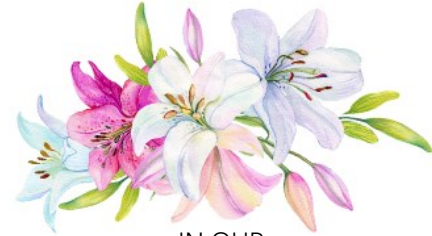


**SUNDAY**  
**9:30 am - Corporate Prayer**  
**10:00 am - Morning Worship**



**Office Hours**  
Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**JULY NEWSLETTER**  
**CONTENT DEADLINE**  
June 19th



IN OUR  
**Thoughts and Prayers**

Please email any updates to the prayer list to  
[magnoliapres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:magnoliapres@sbcglobal.net).

Dalene Baer, Alice Bartushock, Kelly Bourdier Family, Bob Burns, Finn Caldwell, T.G. & Katherine Connelly, Bill Dailey, Reeca Davidson, Keith DuPriest, Local Foster Families, Duane Fowler, Bailey Franks, Phil Genestet, Russ Holley Family, Calvin Johnson Jr., Rusty Johnson, Charlie Kendrick, Babe Knowles Gary Maskell, Sondra McCollum, Rochelle McMahan, Susie Moore Family, Grey Murphy Family, Susana Pelaez Family, Karen Pierce Family, Presley Price, Johnny "Red" Rone, Linda Selman, Mike Vaughn, Caroline Waters, Margo Weiser, Roger Wyrick.

John 8:12  
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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### Volunteer Spotlight

One thing that is certain, Presbyterians love their church. It has never been more obvious than this past year. Presbyterians turn their love into work and into sharing their gifts and talents. Those people are our volunteers. An idea was born and shared and since last spring an individual volunteer has been spotlighted in each newsletter.

June '22	<b>Drew Moore</b>	July '22	<b>Katherine Phillips</b>	Aug '22	<b>Sue Joyce</b>
Sept '22	<b>Ashley Hagaman</b>	Oct '22	<b>Anita Moore</b>	Nou '22	<b>Blake Pierce</b>
Dec '22	<b>Paula Boaz</b>	Jan '23	<b>Jodie Arnold</b>	Feb '23	<b>Ryan Phillips</b>
March '23	<b>Kathy Gean</b>	April '23	<b>Pierre Boumtje</b>	May '23	<b>Jimmy Arnold</b>



On behalf of a grateful congregation,  
we thank our first class of FPC volunteers!

*Thank you*

### In Loving Memory



*Susana Pelaez*  
1930-2023

*Our church extends our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Susana Pelaez. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Pray fervently in righteousness and avail much. -James 5:16b



Residents of Columbia County gathered on the courthouse lawn on May 4th to participate in the National Day of Prayer. Prayers were said for our nation, school, community, churches, and many more. Dr. Pierre Boumtje lead the prayer for our state during the event.

## Summer Service Times

Our Summer Sunday Schedule will start on June 4th. We will resume regular service times on August 13th.

**No Sunday School**

**Corporate Prayer - 9:30 am**  
**Morning Worship - 10:00 am**

## IN MEMORIAM

<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>	<b>BY:</b>
Kelly Bourdier	Anna Trexler
Karen Pierce	Ray & Christine Durham
Susanna Pelaez	Anna Trexler

### Have a Blessed Birthday!

May the abundance of the love of Christ fill all the days of your life!

6/1	Blake Pierce	6/3	Phil Genestet
6/3	Ted Nelson	6/6	Danielle Jones
6/8	Lincoln Nelson	6/9	Cole Rinehart
6/14	Mason Telford	6/16	Matthew DeSeguirant
6/19	Bill Dailey	6/29	Kelly Bailey
6/29	Sutton Powers		

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the meal you served after my best friend, Susanna's funeral. I was looking forward to the meal, but that was not to be.

Thank you also to all of the ones that have come to see me at the hospital and The Springs.

Sincerely,  
*Dalene Baer*

*thank you*

**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**JUNE 12-15 5:45-7:30 p. m.**

**REGISTER TODAY!!**  
<https://www.myvbs.org/fpcmag/>

**Update from a young mom that the Mission Committee provided assistance:**

Hi, things are going better than great! The family I work for are moving to Colorado and they want me to move with them and to be their live-in nanny for the new baby they have coming in a month, and so I accepted it. It comes with an even bigger salary! So yes, things are going great with me and it's all thanks to FPC initially helping me. So thank you!!

Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for our dear church family. We appreciate your prayers, thoughts, food and visits. We think of you often and love you dearly!

Thank you so much,  
*Katherine & TG Connelly*

*Thank you*

# June 2023

Let your good deeds shine...  
so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.  
- Matthew 5:16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Worship Service Neil & Beth Rinehart	5 Stewpot - Youth	6 Brooke-Vacation Danielle Jones	7	8 Blake Pierce	9 Brooke-Vacation Rusty & Tracy Johnson Danny & Becky Jones	10 Phil Genestet Ted Nelson
11 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Worship Service	12 VBS	13 VBS Stewpot Presbyterian Ladies	14 VBS Mason Telford Wesley & Heather Mason	15 VBS Lincoln Nelson	16 Cole Rinehart	17
18 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Worship Service <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 1</b>	19 Bill Dailey	20 Southern Christian Mission	21 Todd & Renee Connelly	22	23 Matthew DeSeguirant	24 Youth Trip Fun Country Park
25 9:30am-Corporate Prayer 10:00am-Worship Service	26 Session Meeting 6:00 pm Jeremy & Sydney Hawkins	27	28 Sid & Anita Moore	29 Kelly Bailey Sutton Powers	30	

### SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Pictured below left: Mary Bounds, Anita Moore, and Kay Teutsch served lunch to the 3rd grade teachers and testing administrators after a long week of testing! Pictured below right: Presley Price, Lincoln Nelson, Bowen Phillips, Witt Nelson, and Finn Caldwell served those in need at The Stewpot in May.

Thank you all for serving those in our community!!



## End-of-Year Fellowship Night



### Youth Director Report—Mrs. Katherine

While the school year is winding down, it feels like we are busier than ever! The youth and kids are finishing up their last few lessons on the Ten Commandments. We have also worked on organizing the clothes for Cameroon Missions and took some time to clean up Jackson Street of trash. The summer youth events have been announced. Pre-registration is required to attend all events. You can find the online link for registration on our Facebook page or pick up a paper form. Space is limited for all events, so I ask you to have it turned in at least a week prior to each activity. VBS is fast approaching. I am so excited to go on this "Stellar" cosmic quest, to learn how to shine Jesus' light to the world.

#### Summer Youth Activities

To register: First Presbyterian Church Facebook page for links or you can type in the links below. For any questions, please contact Katherine Phillips 870-299-9882.

**Fun Country Park**  
Texarkana  
Putt-Putt Golf & Supper

**ONLY 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

Saturday June 24  
Leave church @4:30 p.m.  
Leave Texarkana @ 8:15

SIGN UP BY JUNE 17- FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

Online registration: <https://form.jotform.com/231295005472160>

**IJUMP TEXARKANA**  
Wednesday July 19  
Leave church @2:15 p.m.  
Leave TK @8:00

**ONLY 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

REGISTER BY July 13<sup>th</sup>  
FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://form.jotform.com/231295005472148>

**POOL Party**

Friday August 11  
2 P.M. - 4 P.M.  
340 Columbia Rd. 140, Waldo

**ONLY 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE!**

REGISTER BY AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>  
FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SWIMMING.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://form.jotform.com/231295005472133>

**First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas  
The Minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia, Arkansas met for its monthly stated meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The following members were present, Moderator Dr. Pierre Boumtje, Elder Debbie Arnold, Elder Jodie Arnold, Elder Mary Bounds, Elder Dan Dykema, Elder Kathy Gean, Elder Ashley Hagaman, Elder Mike McNeil, Elder Blake Pierce and Elder Ryan Phillips. Elder Anita Moore had an excused absence. Also present were Paula Boaz (Clerk) and Youth Director Katherine Phillips.

**Call to order:** Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

**Session Devotional:** Elder Debbie Arnold brought a devotional on "change". Jesus is the same today and forever. God has a plan for us.

**EPC Discussion:** The Session applied to join EPC (Evangelic Presbytery Church). A committee from EPC met with the Session. The Committee was composed of 6 members in person and via Zoom: Rev. Bruce Rux, Chair (Junction City), Jan Watkins, Clerk, (Junction City). Ed Langhaus (Monroe), Tom Givler (Monroe), Rev. John Mabry (Monroe), and Rev. Robert Vincent, Facilitator (Texarkana). The committee asked Session to explain why our church wishes to join EPC. This committee will recommend us to become members of the EPC Presbytery. The EPC Presbytery will appoint a commission to officially accept First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia into EPC and to notify PCUSA that First Presbyterian Church of Magnolia is being accepted into EPC.

**Youth and Family Ministries' Report:** Katherine Phillips reports that the children and youth classes are learning the Ten Commandments. She thanked Jodie and Jimmy Arnold for implementing some music into the youth devotional time on Wednesdays. The Fellowship committee will sponsor an end-of-year bash on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The whole congregation is encouraged to attend. Katherine is working with some of the Youth to plan some fun summer events.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elder and Treasurer, Kathy Gean, reported that there was nothing new for the financial report. Elder Mary Bounds moved to accept the report as information; Elder Mike McNeil seconded, and Session voted accordingly.

**Approval of the minutes:** Elder Mary Bounds pointed out a correction for the March Minutes. Clerk Paula Boaz will correct the March minutes. Elder Mike McNeil moved to accept the corrected March Minutes; Elder Mary Bounds seconded, and Session approved accordingly.

**Correspondence and requests:**

a. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is hosting a church security/active shooter and de-escalation training on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the detention facility's court room. Elder Ryan Phillips recommended that he contact their office and arrange for the training to take place at our church to address our specific facility.

b. Save the Date card for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Goodland Academy on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

An email request for financial support for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). Elder Mary Bounds recommended that Session pass on this request; Elder Mike McNeil seconded, and Session voted accordingly.

**Committee Reports:**

**Administrative**— Elder Blake Pierce reported that some of the security cameras are out. They are about 20 years old. He will investigate. The Sanctuary roof still has a leakage problem. Blake is trying to find a roofer who can fix the problem.

**Cameroon**— No report, but everyone was reminded to donated gently used clothing for Cameroon this summer.

**Discipleship**— Elder Mary Bounds reported that Ladies' Circle and Women of the Church will give \$150 to Martine Boumtje to purchase soap for the women in Cameroon. Mary proposed that the Church pay for shipping the collected used clothing. Elder Dan Dykema seconded, and Session voted accordingly. Mary read Katherine's youth report. VBS planning is in full swing. May 24<sup>th</sup> is the date for the end-of-school year bash. After Memorial Day, Sunday School will stop for the summer. Following a survey, the results were overwhelming for Sunday Service to start at 10:00am during the summer.

**Fellowship**— Elder Ashley Hagaman reported that "Top Sarge Entertainment" will have a bouncy house and a snow cone truck, along with hamburgers for the May 24th bash. Her committee will be cooking.

**Mission/Evangelism**— Elder Debbie Arnold reported that her committee continues to provide a monthly meal for the Southern Christian Mission.

**Worship**—Elder Mike McNeil reported that pulpit supply is set up through June. Elder Ryan Phillips proposed that beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday service start at 10:00am. Elder Dan Dykema seconded, and Session approved accordingly.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

Moderator Pierre announced that organist Elizabeth Davis will not be available for a couple of Sundays and that Dr. Dan Dykema will temporarily assume both piano and organ duties.

**Assignments** for May 2023: (4 Sundays and 5 Wednesdays)

**Wednesday Meals** for May: [Worship Committee](#)

**Session Devotional** for May: [Dr. Dan Dykema](#)

**Adjournment and Prayer:** There being no further business, Elder Ryan Phillips moved to adjourn, and Moderator Dr. Pierre Boumtje closed with prayer at 7:45 p.m.

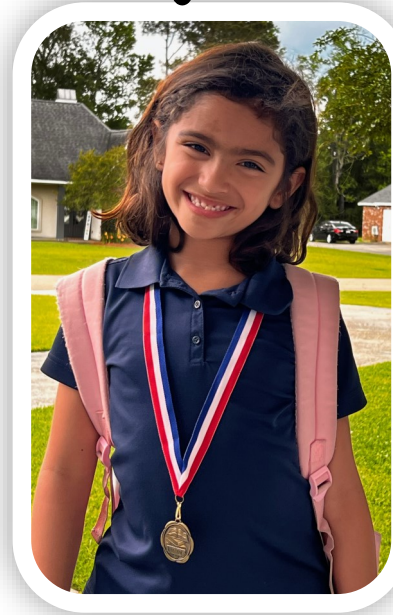
Respectfully submitted: Paula Boaz, Clerk

**June Assignments**

Deacon on Duty:		Session Devotional:	
Drew Moore—(870) 904-2372		Katherine Phillips	
Communion Preparers:		Communion Servers:	
June 4	Sue Joyce & Tracy Johnson	June 4	Mike McNeill, Anita Moore, Dan Dykema, Tracy Johnson
Liturgist:	Usher/Greeter:	A/V:	Summer Meals for Homebound:
June 4 - Debbie Arnold	Mary Bounds	M. DeSeguirant	May 31 - Mary Bounds
June 11 - Mike McNeill	Christine Durham	M. DeSeguirant	June 7 - Paula Boaz
June 18 - Mike McNeill	Anita Moore	M. DeSeguirant	June 14 - Susan West
June 25 - Tracy Johnson	Susan Dees	M. DeSeguirant	June 21 - Ashley Hagaman
			June 28 - Kathy Gean



**Haley West**



Haley was recently awarded top reader in her class!  
Great job, Haley!!  
We are proud of you!

Welcome,  
**Bear Bradley Smith**



Brad and Morgan Smith welcomed their new baby boy into the world on May 2nd! Bear weighted 7lbs 2 oz and was 18 inches long. Everyone is happy and healthy! Praise be to God!! Proud big sister is Hazel! Proud grandparents are Bubba and Paula Smith.

Congratulations!  
Bear is precious, and so is big sister Hazel!!