

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

August, 2019

Anniversaries are fun. They happen once a year, you know. Anniversaries are good cause for celebration, for jubilee, for taking time to think back and remember. We mark birthdays and weddings and baptisms and first days on the job.

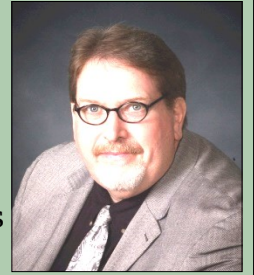
Some anniversaries are not so much about celebration as they are about marking important dates that need to be remembered. We celebrated July 4th just a couple of weeks ago. April 21, 1836 is a date every good Texan should recall as the battle cry "Remember the Alamo" marked the final battle of our quest for freedom from Mexico at San Jacinto. We recall December 7, 1941 and the events of Pearl Harbor. September 11, 2001 is a day Americans remember with such familiarity that we refer to it simply as 9/11. These anniversaries are important to our collective identity. They are worth remembering.

I've celebrated some special anniversaries in recent weeks. On June 30, Rhonda and I marked 40 years of marriage. Seems hardly possible. I moved next door to Rhonda the summer after we both completed third grade. We had our first date on September 8, 1973 when we were 15. It's certainly been a relationship worth celebrating.

July 21 was the anniversary of my first sermon in Granbury. I preached and led worship for the first time here on that day in 2013. Six years have passed quickly. That said, I know that several of you are thinking that it surely seems like it's been longer than that! It's a good day to celebrate as far as I am concerned and I hope we'll share several more

From the pastor

Rev. Drew Travis



anniversaries.

I was ordained in Brownfield, Texas on July 22, 1984. For 35 years I have been engaged in ministry in this denomination. Again, it hardly seems possible it has been that long. This anniversary has been an occasion to remember so many in the life of the church that have been important to me along the way. I am humbled as I recall each one.

I hope you'll forgive me for remembering out loud. It's been a summer of anniversaries and I am most grateful to be able to share them with Rhonda and to share them with you here. This is a special place of ministry and Rhonda and I feel fortunate to be in your midst. Thanks for being the people of faith you are. Happy Anniversary!

See you Sunday,

Worship

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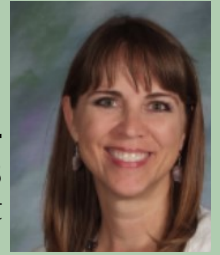
I know it's hard to believe, but here comes August! As a reminder, we will continue to have one 10:00 Sunday service through September 1st. We will resume two services on September 8th.

August will be a time of looking forward to and planning for the many upcoming programs and services to start again in September. Our musicians, choir, and bell choir will be fired up and ready to go! If you are interested in joining either choir, please see Marty Gump or Emily Graham. A big thank you to all of you who are providing wonderful and uplifting special music over the summer!

We do church together!
Kathy

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Our church family

Donna Callahan has been in hospital and had tests run. She is out now and doing better.

Beverly Williams is recovering from hip replacement surgery and doing physical therapy.

Martha Ferrill has moved to a new location. She is having a difficult time settling in and would love to hear from folks here in Granbury. Drop her a card or pickup the phone and call her.



Martha's new address is:
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At care/retirement facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury
Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury
Kathleen Moore

The Cove at Lake Granbury
Eloise Pauli
Maddie Reed
Jean Teal

Quail Park
Ruth Garrett
Pete & Nancy Pauley
Marilou Schairbaum
John Cheney

Granbury Care Center
CH Tubbs

At home and/or receiving treatment

Mary Skinner
Ed Hughes
Shirley McDonald
Martha Ferrill
Ed Smith
Stan Bowlin

Administration

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Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins
Prayer chain coordinator
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Church Attendance Report

23 June: 166
30 June: 154
7 July: 125
14 July: 130

Record of Giving and Budget Need

Year-to-date (Jan - June 2019)
Giving: \$260,815.32

Year-to-date (Jan – June 2019)
Budget Need: \$236,345.52

Mid-Year Pledged Giving Statements:

Administration will be printing and mailing mid-year giving statements to all members that submitted Pledge Cards for 2019. These statements are generated from our accounting system based on Pledge Cards submitted in 2019 and are solely for the members' information. A final end of year giving statement will be provided to everyone in January 2020 containing all of 2019 giving for your information and tax reporting. If you do not receive a statement and would like one, please contact Shanna Adkins, 817-573-2337 or office@fpcgranbury.com, and she will send it to you.

Prayer of the month for August

How do you Imagine your prayers reaching God? We know God indwells in the form of the Holy Spirit, but I find myself “offering up” prayers. The Old Testament uses phrases that have me comparing prayers to a fragrant offering (something that pleases God) wafting into the skies. I have to think through this to conclude it is obedience God wanted from the Hebrews in that place and at that time. So, in this place and at this time, how are we to continue in obedience to God regarding our prayers?

Adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, supplication. Many of us recognize this pattern for prayer. This is also the form of our worship. We come singing praises about how gracious, good, forgiving, kind, powerful and more, God is. We confess our sins. We, in contrition, ask forgiveness. In prayer, we follow with supplication. Personally, here, I vacillate between (1) describing what exactly God needs to fix, and (2) humbly bringing a person or situation to mind and simply holding them/it mentally, with love. Is it important to find exactly the right words for our prayers? I sometimes think it is. By spending time focused on details occurring in another's life we gain empathy. We bring the “other” close. When we offer them a hand or kind words of caring, we offer with strength because we know that's what's needed. On the other hand, offering love without judgment or agenda brings peace — certainly to the one praying and we take in faith that it empowers those we are praying for.

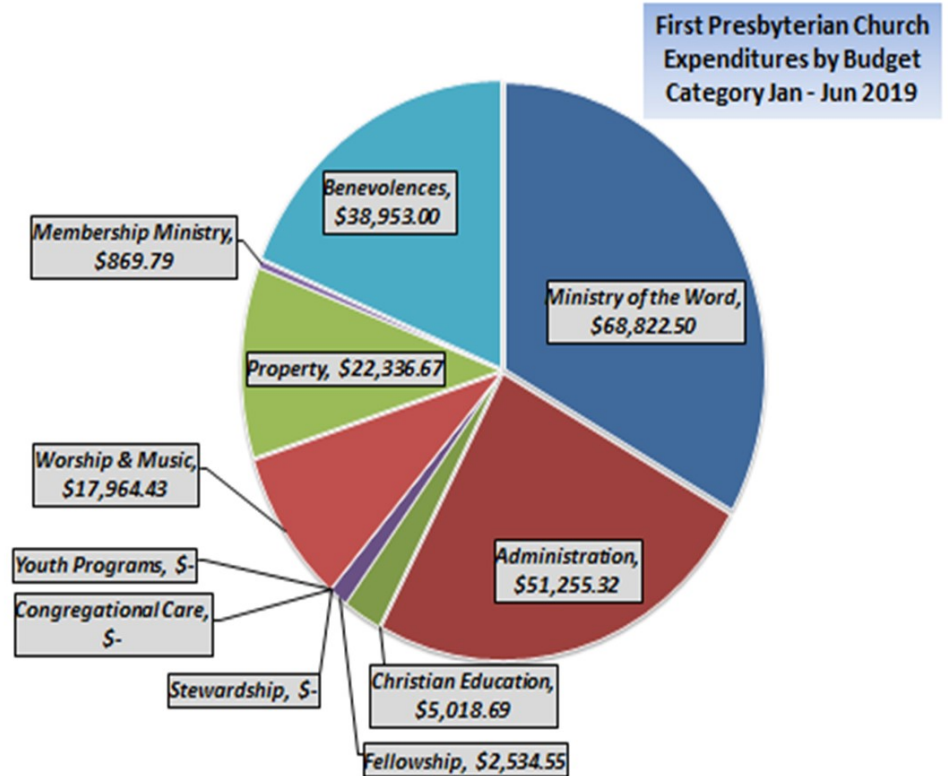
It probably doesn't matter as much how we pray, only that we pray. Inherent in the action of prayer is the acknowledgment of what God is and who God is in our lives. Pray often. Pray sincerely. Involve both heart and mind. Rinse and repeat.

Father God, tune our minds to see your power working in the lives around us. Let those we minister to in your name be aware of your constant presence. Bless all those who order their lives with you first, always. Show us the way to bless the lives of others. We pray all this and so much more in the name of Christ.

Pat Collins

Administration

Church Budget Execution for January – June 2019: The following chart provides an overall view of areas that budgeted funds have been spent in support of the Church’s Missions and Operations. During this period, \$236,345.52 was budgeted with a total of \$207,754.95 expended. Congratulations to all the Elders for the efficient management of their budget areas and for continuing to operate under budget. Personally, I want to thank our Church Treasurer, Lawson Allen, for all his hard work and many hours spent at his duties. Also, many thanks to Shanna Adkins for all the work she puts into posting our financial records, maintaining our accounting system, and capably managing our payroll process.



Library committee

2019 – 2020

Book List for the Audrey Wallace Book Circle

*September 18, 2019	<i>Defending Jacob</i>	William Landay
October 16, 2019	<i>Before We Were Yours</i>	Lisa Wingate
*November 20, 2019	<i>Upstairs at the Whitehouse</i>	J.B. West
*Jan. 15, 2020	<i>Peace Like a River</i>	Leif Enger
February 19, 2020	<i>The Great Alone</i>	Kristin Hannah
*March 18, 2020	<i>A Bus of My Own</i>	Jim Leher
April 15, 2020	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i>	Delia Owens
May 20, 2020	The group will select books for the following year.	

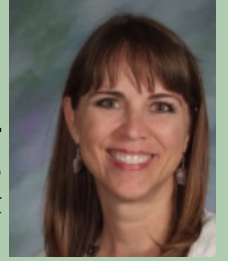
* Indicates that your Church Library has a copy. The Hood Co. Library has copies of the other titles.

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The Book Cart in Fellowship Hall has a new selection of books from our Library and also the books for Book Circle that we own.

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AUGUST

1
Shirley McDonald
2
Christopher Smith
Rhonda Travis
3
Nancy Bennett
5
Jane Johnson
8
Cory O'Carroll
9
Donna Callahan
10
Jim Deaver
13
Connie Gilmore
14
Sue Root
15
Howard Lovelady
16
Mark Higgins
Ruth Garrett

Birthdays

19
Mark Collinsworth
20
Wanda Moon
William McMillan
26
Cindy Cress
Elinor Foote
28
Kaila Wilkes
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Beverly McKusick
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Hannah Briese



Anniversaries

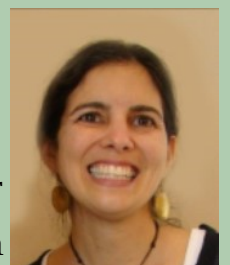
AUGUST

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Jamie Rae Sanders and
James A Witt
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Andy and Lou Ann Attaway
12
Derek and Vanessa
Faulkner
14
David and Dennie Treat
17
Terry and Nancy Worcester
23
Ted and Trish Goller
24
Gary and Brenda Towers
25
Mike and Margaret Gulinson
27
Kathy and Jerry Long
28
Max and Ruth Ann Jewell
Howard and Winette
Lovelady



Outreach and Mission

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Working together to make a difference

I would like to give a great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who took lunches out to sky harbor this summer. We appreciate it and we know the kids appreciated it too.

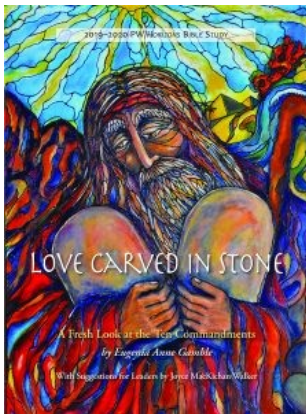
We raised \$475 for Yayas college fund from the 4th of July parking.

Presbyterian Women

Margaret Gulinson
PW Moderator



I hope everyone is staying cool now that summer is here with our 100 degree temps. Our Coordinating Team is planning some wonderful programs starting in September. But, I want to elaborate on a special program, presented by Grace Presbytery, coming up in August. Eugenia Gamble is a PC (USA) pastor who has served the church for more than thirty years. She is an author, speaker, preacher and retreat leader who loves to help the Bible come alive in people's lives. She wrote the Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone*, which we will be using this coming year. Come listen to her introduce the study to us at the First Presbyterian Church, 1000 Penn St., Ft. Worth, TX 76102 on Tuesday, Aug. 27th at 10:00 am. There will be morning coffee and snacks at 10:00 am followed by a \$7.00 lunch after the program. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We will have a carpool leaving the church and/or Pecan Plantation at 9:00 am for anyone interested. Lunch reservations need to be made by Monday, Aug. 19th. You can register on line at fpcfw.org/pw or call/email Celeste Falter at 817-335-1231 or cfalter@fpcfw.org. I will post information on the Fellowship Hall bulletin Board. Come join us!



Dates to Remember:

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| Aug. 27 | Rev. Eugenia Gamble's introduction to our <i>Love Carved in Stone</i> study at First Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth. |
| Sept. 2 | Bridge Circle |
| Sept. 3 | Jeanell Morris Bible Study, <i>Love Carved in Stone</i> |
| Sept. 3 | Nursing Home Party |
| Sept. 13 th | PW meeting |
| Sept. 18 th | Audrey Wallace Book Discussion Circle |
| Sept. 25 | F.U.N. (Friends United Naturally) Circle |
| Oct. 4-5 | Rummage Sale |

Look for more detailed information in Mid August. All are welcome.

AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 AM One Service	29 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	30 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School 12:00 PM APNC Meeting	31 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School	1 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School	2 Office Closed for Vacation Day 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School	3
4 10:00 AM One Service	5 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	6 12:00 PM APNC Meeting 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	7 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	8 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00)	9 Office Closed for Vacation Day	10
11 10:00 AM One Service	12 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	13 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Granbury Knitters 12:00 PM APNC Meeting	14 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM PEO	15 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 11:30 AM clergy group meeting 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Oddfellows Lodge #237	16 Office Closed for Vacation Day	17
18 10:00 AM One Service	19 Bridge Articles Due 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	20 12:00 PM APNC Meeting 1:00 PM Library Meeting 5:30 PM Session	21	22 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00)	23 Office Closed for Vacation Day	24 7:00 PM GSQ concert
25 10:00 AM One Service	26 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	27 12:00 PM APNC Meeting	28 10:00 AM FUN Circle 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	29 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	30	31

Christian Education

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When you receive this newsletter, VBS will be in full swing thanks to the many volunteers that have so joyfully stepped up this year. Be sure to attend church on August 4th to hear the children perform their music.

I hope everyone enjoyed the P10 classes provided by Rev. Travis and if you missed them, you can find videos on our website. Click on the "Church Happenings" link at the top of the page and then scroll down to find the video.

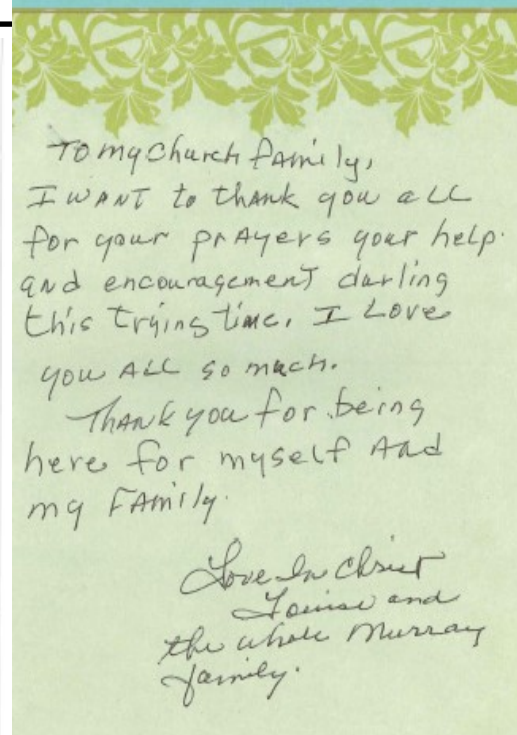
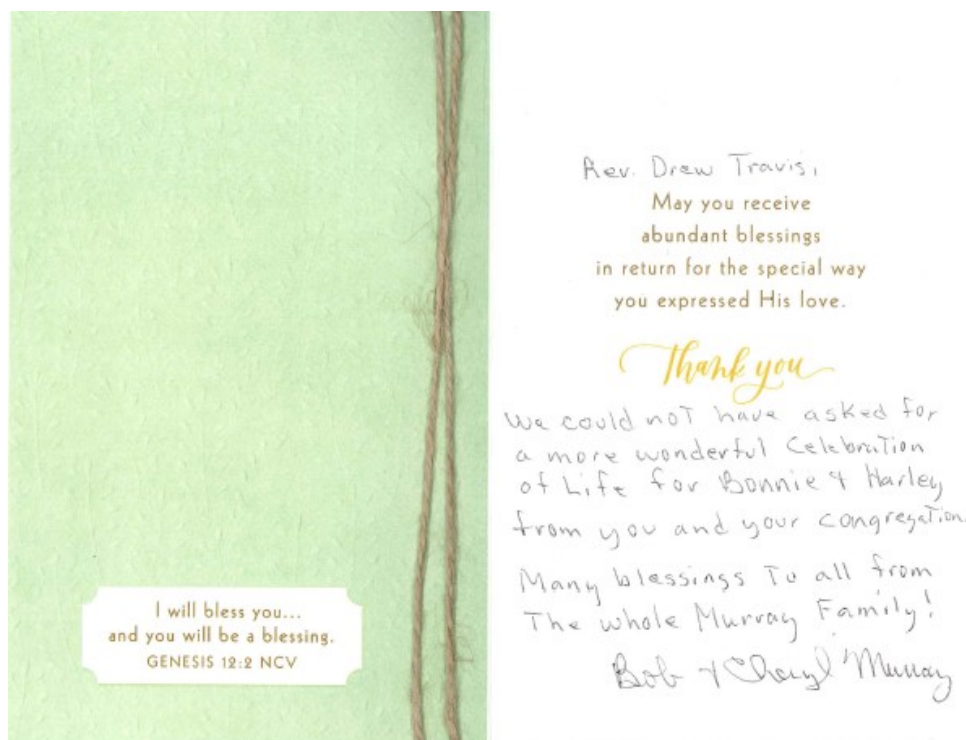
Our church supported both Angela Young and Hanna McCray for camp and mission programs this summer. Angela attended Glen Lake camp located in Glen Rose earlier in July and Hanna has been participating in a mission program called the Denver Leadership Project which helps college aged participants grow in their faith. Look for more information about their experiences in upcoming newsletters.

And even though most of our education classes are on hiatus for August, you can always check out the book cart in Fellowship Hall for something to read. The library committee rotates the book every couple of months or browse through our entire collection of books in the church office when it is open. There is also a red cart near the nursery in Fellowship Hall with children's books if you need something to read to a visiting grandchild. And don't forget, if you happen to pick up a particularly good book over the summer, set it aside for us to share through our prison ministry.

The dog days of summer will be over soon enough, and we'll be gearing up our Sunday school classes as well as the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, Book Circle and Men's lunchtime study. So find yourself a good book, pour a tall glass of lemonade or tea and soak in some spiritual words.

Notes of thanks.....

Through Christ our comfort overflows.
II CORINTHIANS 1:5 NIV





The heat didn't keep us from Fourth of July parade and picnic!





Coloring red, white and blue on the 4th!

Ann and her horse join the parade.



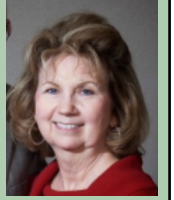
Strong winds damage awning at administration building



Membership

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Welcome new members, Wayne & Marijane Harvey



Wayne and Marijane Harvey joined our church on April 28, 2019 after moving here from Indianapolis, IN. They have a blended family of seven daughters.

Wayne was born and lived in Indianapolis where he retired at age 62 from the Allison Transmission division of General Motors. He was married to his first wife for 53 years and has three daughters and eight grandchildren. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, serving as a Deacon there. His hobbies include fishing and working in stained glass.

Marijane grew up in Iowa and studied music for three years at Northwestern University and finished her degree at Simpson College in Indianola, IA and added an M.A. in EFL/ESL a year later. She has four daughters by her first marriage, including church member Bianca Brownfield. She has four grandchildren including Bianca's children, Bri and Ben. Marijane has had several careers. She has been a music teacher, an alcohol and drug counselor, program director of a drug rehab, and she taught ten years as an ESL teacher at the community college level and later trained ESL teachers.

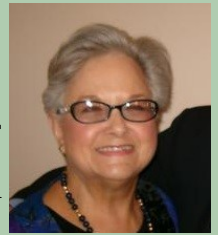
Marijane also served as an ESL missionary teacher for one year in Taiwan and two years in mainland China. After returning to the USA in 2003, she settled near her children in the Washington, D.C. area for two years before moving to Florida to care for her ill mother. In Florida she met Wayne, and they have been married for 13 years. Her interests include singing in Melody Belles and the Civic Chorus, water exercise, and volunteering in areas to help others.

We give them a warm welcome to First Presbyterian!

Fellowship

Linda Allen, elder

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Hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We had a great **July 4th Celebration** with about 120 members, friends, relatives, and “town” guests for our annual BBQ and Hot Dog Lunch. Everyone was glad to get in out of the heat and have a cold drink, great food, and a chance to visit. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies to share!

Dinners for Eight will begin again in September. Get-togethers can be dinner, breakfast, brunch, or lunch in your home or at a restaurant- whatever works best for you and your group. The sign-up sheet for the fall will be in the narthex by late July. These get-togethers are a great way to get to know new members and have quality visiting time with old friends. If you can’t commit to participating every month, you can sign up and indicate that you would like to be a substitute.

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