

This week at FPC

August 23-29, 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

Several weeks ago Nancy and I flew to Memphis for the funeral of a man who was very significant in my life. He was a close friend of my father's. He was also Dad's accountant and business advisor. (Dad was an architect and died 25 years ago this month. Hard to believe)

In the months and years after Dad's sudden death to cancer Ramon became an advisor to my step-mom, my siblings, and I. He helped her through the difficult tasks of selling Dad's practice to his younger partners and managing our family farm and other assets. Being an accountant Ramon taught us to watch the cents as well as the dollars and he helped us see the big picture and 'think downstream.' What implications will a decision today have years in the future? I hope to help First Presbyterian 'think downstream,' into the future.

Ramon was a father to six, a fine Christian man, and a leader in his Catholic parish in Memphis. At his funeral I learned how much he helped his church raise money and spend it wisely. He passed on his knowledge to their priest and board.

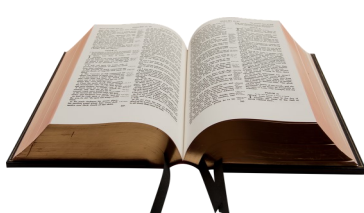
My brother Will, also a Presbyterian minister, read scripture in his service and were pallbearers. Will made the observation that as a pallbearer, carrying Ramon's body to his grave, it was very symbolic. He had carried us for many years, shepherding us, teaching us. Now we were carrying him to his final resting place.

At different times in life we carry one another. Look for someone to mentor and teach, it is never too late.

Walk



A new 13 week session of Griefshare has begun. Sundays 3:30 p.m. in Room 1.



Adult Sunday School will start Sunday, September 10th 9:00 a.m. in Room 1

Nominations For Elders And Deacons

Copy or click this link to complete the Elder online form: <https://e3consultingnet.wufoo.com/forms/wkd38q9031yay1/>
Copy or click this link to complete the Deacon online form: <https://e3consultingnet.wufoo.com/forms/wjqlvb20w69y56/>

Recommendations may also be made by filling out the form inserted in last week's bulletin and after church you can hand the completed form to Walk, Bill Tucker or any member of the nominating committee or mailing or bringing it to the office. Recommendations for elders and deacons must be submitted to the nominating committee no later than Sept. 12, 2023.

We need iPads or Tablets



Several ministries around our church need gently-used electronics. If you have an old iPad or other tablet device you are not using and haven't yet recycled, please donate it to our church. You may bring it by the church office on Sunday mornings or Monday to Thursday from 9-4.

Save the Dates

PW Women Summer Gathering will take place This Saturday, August 26th at Montgomery Conference Center
Food Drive for Interfaith will take place Sunday, September 17th!

Hymn Sing – Sunday, September 10th at 3:00 p.m. Join in an old-fashioned Hymn Sing. We have invited local area churches to join us. Ice Cream Social immediately following.

Prime Timers' Luncheon Is Back! September 24th. Single/widowed individuals who are 65 and older please join us after worship. Lovingly sponsored by the deacons.

YOUTH NEWS

Middle and High School Youth Group is meeting in the Youth Room 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday nights. Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863)651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at: <https://mealtrain.com/09nwe9/>



CHOIR and BELLS



The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing in the choir room tonight, August 23, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Please join us if you are interested in singing at all during the year. If you're not able to commit to the full choir year, we can talk about a "customized plan" for you! Please contact Phyllis Von Ebers 509-998-6039. First Sunday to sing is September 3rd. The Bell Choir's first rehearsal is also today, August 23rd, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

PRAYER LIST

Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
The family of Tom Cooley (following his recent, untimely death)
Mina DiGeronimo
Ruth Fraser
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Tola Hass
Mark and Melanie Heuer
Andrea Mogg Jacque (recent surgery)
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)

Penny Kramer (Evelyn Longo's sister)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Evelyn Longo (recent surgery)
Celine Mack
Judith Martin
Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Ron McMillin
Gloria Miller
Albert Peek
Annette and Joseph Pickard
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Erik Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Bob Timmer
Richard and Sandy Valvo
Ann VanDenburgh (new concerns)
William Wright
Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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God's Saving word: Encouragement			Saturday	August 26	2 Timothy 2:1-26
Wednesday	August 23	1 Timothy 5:1-25	Sunday	August 27	2 Timothy 3:1-17
Thursday	August 24	1 Timothy 6:1-21	Monday	August 28	2 Timothy 4:1-22
Friday	August 25	2 Timothy 1:1-18	Tuesday	August 29	1 Timothy 4:1-16