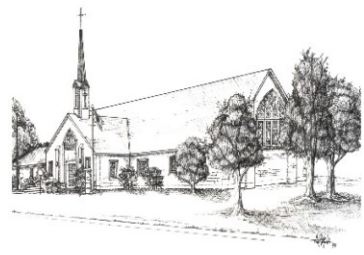




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From the Pastor's Desk



The Pumpkin Patch

A pumpkin patch brings to my mind fond memories of fall days spent admiring the fall colors of God's rainbow displayed by pumpkins on the field or sold by the roadside. Several of the churches I have served raised funds for mission projects by selling pumpkins in a churchyard patch. Fundraisers tend to be seasonal in the sense of being trendy. As a by-product of years served in ministry, I have wide experience with pumpkin patches, baked potato dinners, local talent shows, craft fairs, et al, that have evolved and devolved in popularity and form over time.

The congregation of PFC, Belton recently met over lunch to share results of a mission survey (still available if you want to complete one) and (Continued on pg. 3)



COMMUNITY TALK (Taking Action Lovingly ([K]now)

**Review and regroup
SUNDAY OCTOBER 24**

**Mac Hickerson and his granddaughter,
Riley Ross, compare A&M rings**



A Stated Meeting of the Session was held on Sept. 20, 2021. Highlights include:

Clerk of Session--Penny presented the Treasurer's report, which continues to be positive for year-to date. The Session approved creating a fund to collect donations for new chimes. The ones we are using are on loan from Grace Presbyterian Church and have been used for years. Please consider donating to the Chime Fund.

Worship & Welcome--Kay reported that attendance continues to be 30-40 each week, including those joining us on Zoom. Planning is ongoing for Polka Sunday, with music followed by a German/Czech style lunch. All Saints Day will be held on October 31st.

Buildings & Grounds--Terry Coyne is having a "clean up" day for the church on Oct. 30, which will primarily focus on the building rather than the grounds. We need to spruce up the interior to prepare for Advent and Christmas.

Mission and Community Care--Erin is planning a series of movie nights to be held outdoors. She hopes to begin on Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm. The community will be invited and snacks will be provided. The first movie offered will be "The Chosen".

Other Items--Daylight Saving Time ends on November 7th, so everyone needs to reset their clocks and fall back. The First Sunday of Advent will be November 28. Also note on your calendar that the Christmas Eve Service this year will be on a Friday, Dec. 24th, and will begin at 6:00 pm.

Monthly Town Hall Meetings will continue on Sunday, October 24, as we move to the next phase of our mission redefinition and planning for the future at FPC Belton. The results of the first table talk will be presented with a view to producing a task list and a vision board, leading to the creation of a strategy and specific details for moving forward in our mission. The discussion will again be held immediately after worship with lunch provided. We might even take some time to celebrate the birthday of our church!



The Arts and Crafts Group will meet at the church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 am.

FINANCIAL DATA YTD - OCT 3

Total Income	\$75,328.74
Total Expense	\$42,869.94
Net Income	\$32,458.80



Watch for a Community Outdoor Movie Night Starting October 26 at 6pm With snacks!
(if all arrangements can be made and weather cooperates)

Pastor's Desk (cont.)

dream together about possible ministry enhancements. Maybe a pumpkin patch is outmoded (beautiful pumpkins are sold everywhere today) and we have moved on to relevant usages suggested of this building and grounds and our corporate resources for 2022 and beyond. Great inspirations came out of the table discussions and plenary sharing of those conversations.

The conversation about how God is asking us to use this church meeting at 2500 Church Street, Belton, Texas continues with the next lunch and mission evolution talks on October 24 after worship. I enjoyed the energy in the room and your enthusiasm for planning a future for this congregation for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel and helping others, and look forward to hearing further future concepts.

Please pray for God's wisdom and inspiration and continue to dream those dreams and see those visions spoken of by the prophet so long ago: "Then after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." Joel 2:28.

Walking the Way with you, Rev. Kathy Vineyard, H.R.

CHIME IN! For Our Fund Raiser



OUR GOAL

The Session has approved a fund to purchase new chimes that will be ours.

Please consider contributing to our fund so that we can make beautiful music for worship. Our ultimate goal is \$5,000, which will purchase a full 4-octave set of chimes.

JOIN THE



CHORAL OR CHIME OR BOTH

OCTOBER 30 9:00 AM

CHURCH CLEANING DAY





To the ladies who collected items to fill baskets for the Body of Christ Banquet Silent Auction and who put the baskets together: Erin Sims, Kay Atwood, Robin Schilling, Kathy Vineyard, and Susan Jones.
We had 3 Baskets Full!

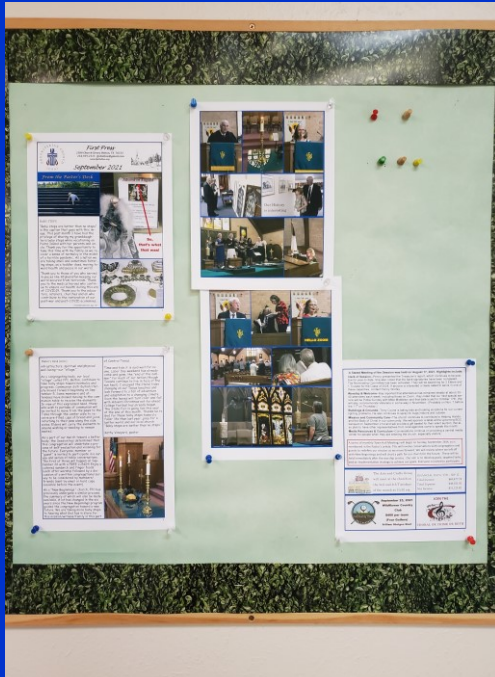
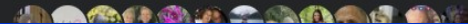
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FPCBelton Church Family

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 - VIDEO ON TV
- WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TO REACH OUT?

