

The Beam July, 2018

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Texas Roadhouse believes in supporting the community in which they do business. They feel that the area churches play a very important role in promoting fellowship within our community, assisting those that need a helping hand and guiding the area youth. So, you are invited to continue the fellowship every Sunday after church and **come and dine at Texas Roadhouse**. Present your church bulletin from that Sunday to your server and 10% of your food bill will be donated back to our church. That's all you need to do! Just show up with your bulletin, enjoy a great meal and 10% comes back to the church! When you go, please tell them thanks for their support! (This is an on-going program).

Everyone is invited to sing on the **last Sunday of July and August in our Summer Choir**. Be ready to practice by **8:45 am** each of those Sundays when we'll learn an easy song for worship (which starts at 9:30 am). All voices, great or small, high or low, are welcome (Kids too!) Be sure to mark July 29 and August 26 on your calendar and come to sing!

Thank you to the Class of 2018 who have completed their terms as Elders and Deacons. They are Mary Anderson, Korrin Black, Rob Phelps and Jeff Todd as Elders; Amanda Burgess, Kevin Ingvalson, Steve Martinson and Helen Roberts as Deacons. Thank you for the time, energy and service that you have given your church.

We welcome our new Class of 2020 Elder and Deacons.

They are Mary Anderson, Deanne "Pudge" Kimbel, Steve Martinson, Andy Schell, Elders; Chad Abbiehl, Marilyn McCann, Sarah Slayton and Maren Thoreson, Deacons. Andy Nordstrom is filling out a 1-year term for the class of 2019 as Deacon. Thank you to these folks for their willingness to serve their church this next term. Please let them know you appreciate them!

Please Note that all the July birthdays are listed on the July calendar on the back of this page. There are no Team Meetings in July and Session will not meet except for an unforeseen occurrence that would necessitate it.

Save the Date Vacation Bible School

**August 21-23 (Tuesday – Thursday)
5:00 Dinner, 5:30 Program**

Our Methodist friends will be joining us at First Presbyterian for three nights in August. Join us for Bible stories, crafts, games, and music. Come early for family dinner! Volunteers needed! Contact the church office if you can help.

The **Creative Sewing** group has finished its work for this school year. The walker bags and fidget quilts (-2) were donated to Colonial Manor. The two additional children's fidget quilts were directed by Darlene Loy to an elementary school in Hudson, WI, and were much appreciated. There are 16 pillowcase dresses that we will probably send to Central America.

Planning for the fall: If you have some gold-colored beads or other gold trim, please gather them together by early September. We will assemble a group at that time to re-make at least some of the Chrismos. More on that coming soon.

Once again, the Deacon School Angel Project is underway! We received the fall shopping list early this year, making it easier to shop sales and use coupon deals! Please help our neighborhood Franklin School provide supplies for those who can't afford them. The list of supplies needed follows below:

- * Underwear (size xs-xl child or 4-10)
 - * Socks (size xs-xl child)
 - * Shoes (size 11-2)
 - * Markers (washable - fat & skinny) - they are very low on these
 - * Composition notebooks
 - * Dry erase markers
 - * Highlighters
 - * Poster board
 - * Construction paper
 - * Erasers
 - * Colored pencils
 - * Glue sticks
- Deodorant and supplies for hygiene closet

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Abbiehl, Klemp-North, Nordstrom, and Spangler families for their help with the Food Pantry. The **June Mini-Mission** was a **HUGE** success! They helped to provide food for over 60 families on the June 19th Pantry and also helped to prepare for the next Pantry in July.

