



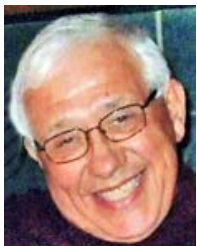
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### Worship at First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church offers four Sunday worship services: Traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:05 a.m., and Contemporary worship in Westminster Hall at 10:45 a.m.

### Childcare at First Presbyterian

Reserve by contacting Carrie Jowers at 210.226.0215, ext. 220, or [carriej@fpcsat.org](mailto:carriej@fpcsat.org) no later than two days prior to the event. Drop ins cannot be accommodated.



# What are you looking for?

## *Pastor's ponderings*

BY THE REV. JIM CAPPS  
INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

No matter what arena of life you might find yourself in, the question, "What are you looking for?" is a pensive one. When searching for a restaurant or an entrée on a menu, what are you looking for? When house hunting, what are you looking for? When doing research and then applying for a college or university, what are you looking for? When throwing your hat into the ring for a job, what are you looking for? When dating a person with whom you will share the rest of your life, what are you looking for? When asking the existential question, what is the ultimate source of meaning in your life, what are you looking for?

The last Sunday of January 2010, FPC elected a diverse and talented group of nine people to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have been working diligently over these past months to find the

candidate whom they will nominate to become the next senior pastor of this great church. At the beginning of their process, they went to all kinds of groups and individuals asking the question, "What should we be looking for?" With the information they received, with God's help and direction, they put together a profile to aid them in searching for the person who will be your next pastor here.

I hope you join me in praying for them on a daily basis. They have a daunting task, which they are carrying out with joy and faithfulness. I praise God for the hundreds of hours each one of them has conscientiously expended on your behalf. In God's time, when they present their candidate to the congregation, the question "what are you looking for?" will be asked more than ever. First Presbyterian Church is comprised of a very sophisticated, talented group of people who make your life together as the family of faith at FPC

very rich and at the same time very challenging. You will approach that candidate with many spoken and unspoken expectations. I am certain, regardless of who that person is and what experiences that the candidate has had, all of your expectations will not be met.

What are you looking for? Some might answer that question in a quantitative way with numbers that give the age or years of experience. Others will talk about family situations which take into consideration spouse and children. Others may be most concerned about that person's political/theological bend on the spectrum between liberal (progressive) and conservative. Still others are hoping that the person nominated will have a certain kind of personality or ministry style like someone you knew in another setting or another era.

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## PNC spring 2011 update



For this update, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) wants to quote The Rev. Jim Capps from one of his recent Pastor's Ponderings columns: "When God wills it, our Pastor Nominating Committee will present you with a candidate to become your next senior pastor." This one sentence says it perfectly.

Each member of the PNC received a bookmark several months ago with phrases of encouragement listed on them. Two of those phrases are particularly appropriate for where we are in this process: TRUST in His timing, WAIT for His answers.

We hope you will agree with these statements and be diligent in continuing your prayers for us. It is a blessing to know that, in doing this, you truly are our partners.

# FPC's Frank Lynn to hang up chef's hat April 17

**PRESBY PROFILES: Building our Church Community**  
By Kay Kutchins

Call him the Man of a Million Meals. Call him the Chef of the Best Enchiladas Verdes in the Alamo City. Call him the subject of an April 2006 San Antonio Express-News article about church cooks.



Call him Frank. Native Texan (born in Austin, reared in San Antonio). Navy veteran. Proud Korean-Congress veteran. Father. Grandfather. Great-Grandfather. Chef. Friend.

Meet Frank Lynn, FPC's chef until Sunday, April 17, to be precise, when he retires after 22 years in the kitchen at FPC. Among other tasks, Frank has to oversee:

- Lunches for the Children's Center five days a week
- Lunches for KEYS
- Dinners for church officers
- Dinners for Intersection
- Meals for Presbyterian Women and other various church committees
- Sponsored functions
- Ordering food and supplies
- Planning menus ... and a host of unexpected challenges!

It's a challenge that he's met with a big heart and a big grin. And, as he approaches his retirement date, he acknowledges that he'll just be "a telephone call away in case you need my help."

### **So, how did this odyssey to FPC begin?**

"In the rat race of hotels," he laughs. "I've been in the kitchens of San Antonio hotels — the Gunter, the Hilton, the St. Anthony, the La Mansion del Norte, the Sheraton Seven Oaks." His voice trails off. "And I opened a Big Tex steakhouse in Lubbock —

you know, that place that offers a free 72-ounce steak meal FREE if a person can eat it all at one sitting — and hotel restaurants in Austin and Houston and the kitchen at Tapatio Springs." Obviously, Frank and his family moved around Texas during those years and "it was a pressure-cooker environment. There were tight budgets, high turnover, time deadlines and, as I got older, it got to be more and more demanding."

### **Gee, Frank, that's a pretty busy schedule and a LOT of Texas that feasted on your cooking.**

"Not only Texas," he laughs. "The Sheraton Seven Oaks was owned at one time by Leona Helmsley. She decided I was the only person she knew who could make chili the right way, so she took me to New York City to teach hotel staff there how the 'real stuff' is made. I sent them the recipe, but Mrs. Helmsley said it wasn't 'Frank's chili.' So, I sent her two gallons of chili on a regular basis."

Deciding to get out of the "rat race," Frank found himself in the FPC kitchen. His answer to an interview question sealed the opportunity — he promised to make scrambled eggs for the Men's Bible Study Breakfast that would be hot and sunny yellow in color. "Then came the chicken enchiladas. Dr. Z (retired Senior Pastor Louis Zbinden) liked them and said they were the best chicken enchiladas he'd ever had."

### **How do you juggle all of the food requirements at FPC?**

"Teamwork. It doesn't happen if you don't work together," he says. Working with Tracy Hair, Frank begins with a weekly analysis of functions that the food service staff will prepare for. "Most people don't know that our kitchen is capable of preparing 1,000 meals each day," he points out. "And you won't find a better kitchen staff than we have — Maurilio, Junior, Maria Elena, Manuel — we work together, we laugh together, we serve together."

### **What's the biggest challenge?**

"Quantity," he emphasizes. "I have a listing of all menus and meetings for a whole year, so we're able to plan for a variety of preferences. We don't want to have food left over, and we certainly don't want to be caught without enough food to serve all who are here. Sometimes people don't make reservations but come for an event. Sometimes events get cancelled at the last minute after we've already ordered food. We make the best possible estimates and are prepared for almost any situation ... but it sure helps to know what to expect."

### **What's next?**

"Well, my daughter thinks I need to get my recipes into a cookbook, so I may get around to doing that." He pauses, then says "I may try to perfect my skills at poker and maybe get rich. When I was in the Navy, we were at sea for three months at a time and so we played poker a lot. People told me I had a poker face, and I was pretty good at the game. I haven't had time to do that. I like to read fiction and to watch television shows like Law & Order and CSI. And once in a while, I'll watch novellas with my wife." *NOTE TO FPC: When the cookbook comes out, we need to have a book-signing celebration dinner!*

### **And a few words of wisdom from the chef.**

"I've tried to do everything I could to make the FPC kitchen's offerings the best they could be so this church family could be the best it can be ... good food, good programs, good classes and good people go together, and that will continue."

***Bon Appetit, Mon Ami!***

# Children’s Center hosts upcoming events



### Children’s Center Book and Toy Sale

The First Presbyterian Church Children’s Center is in need of gently used children’s books, toys and CDs for their annual Book and Toy Sale. This sale is the kick-off event for the Mini-Fiesta, scheduled May 6. Proceeds from the sale go toward sending Children’s Center teachers to the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s annual conference. This training enables the teachers to stay abreast of the latest research and learn how they can best apply it in an early childhood setting. Please bring donations by the Children’s Center office downstairs or call Sandy Blanco, director of the Children’s Center, at 210.225.0960. Deadline for donations is Monday, April 25.

### General Mills Box Tops for Education

The Children’s Center has enrolled in the Box Tops for Education program and is collecting box tops from participating General Mills products — like Ziploc® storage bags, Welch’s® jelly, Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Hefty® disposable cups, bowls and plates. These box tops are redeemable for cash back for the school. A complete list of products is posted on the bulletin board by the Children’s Center office, with a collection box for the box tops directly underneath it. The Children’s Center appreciates any help and support it receives. For more information or for a list of products, contact Sandy Blanco, director of the Children’s Center, at 210.225.0960.



### Children’s Center Mini-Fiesta Friday, May 6 5:30-7:30 PM

Please make plans to join us for food, games and a silent auction at the FPC Children’s Center Mini-Fiesta. The funds from this event enable us to send our teachers to the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference for training. Bring your young children, family and friends for a fun evening of activities and fellowship.



The Children’s Center is in need of volunteers to help work the booths (students are encouraged to help) and donations for the silent auction. If you would like to help, please call Sandy Blanco, director of the Children’s Center, at 210.225.0960.



## Moving toward the cross: A message from the Prayer Ministry

During this period of Lent, as we are moving toward the cross, the crucifixion and the resurrection, we should always be mindful of the sacrifices that Jesus, the Lamb of God, made for our salvation. Every day as we read and study our Lenten Reflections, may we walk with Jesus through each event and imagine that we are there in the crowd watching:

- His powerful teachings in the temple and rejection by the Sanhedrin
- The triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday when everyone shouted, “Hosanna to the King”
- The last supper with his disciples where he washed their feet
- His prayers at Gethsemane and the struggle to surrender to the Father’s will, while the disciples fell asleep
- His betrayal by Judas and arrest
- His abuse before the high priest and Sanhedrin
- Peter’s denials, and all the disciples falling away
- His trial before Pilate and Herod
- The crowd shouting to release Barabbas and to crucify Jesus
- The soldiers mocking Jesus and calling him “King of the Jews”
- Carrying the cross to Golgotha
- The crucifixion, driving the nails and the pierced side
- And his last words, “It is finished!”



Jesus, our sins were there with you when you were crucified on the cross. On Easter morning, we will shout to the world, **“THE TOMB IS EMPTY — HE IS ALIVE, HE IS ALIVE, JESUS IS ALIVE.” AMEN**

# PW continue to give in countless ways

BY LYNN THOMPSON  
2010-2011 PRESIDENT



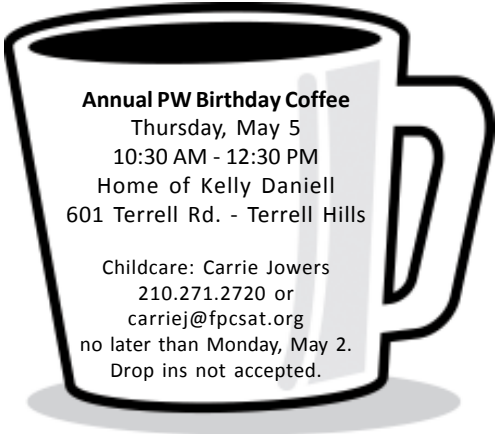
Did you know: The PW Birthday Offering dates back to 1922 and is collected each spring to celebrate blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women? The offering funds up to five projects not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. On the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary PC (U.S.A.), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. A challenge was issued to the members to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to a school in Japan. This tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

FPC Presbyterian Women already give in countless ways throughout the year. For 2011, the national PW Creative Ministries Offering Committee selected three projects.

- Across in Jonglei, South Sudan - Bring Peace Now (a four-pronged approach to education)
- Menaul School in Albuquerque, N.M. - Bringing the World to Menaul (re-establish its residential education program)
- Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Inc., in Anderson, S.C. - Women and Children Succeeding (offers various supports to parents so they can return to school)

For more information, please visit <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/2011-birthday-offering-grant-recipients>.

As always, Presbyterian Women meet in Circles monthly for Bible study and



**Annual PW Birthday Coffee**  
 Thursday, May 5  
 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Home of Kelly Daniell  
 601 Terrell Rd. - Terrell Hills

Childcare: Carrie Jowers  
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 carriej@fpcsat.org  
 no later than Monday, May 2.  
 Drop ins not accepted.

fellowship. April's study covers a difficult section in Revelation 17-18. These chapters cover the fall and judgment of Babylon ... so while reading this, let's remember the good news ... Revelation 19:1 ... "Salvation and glory and power belong to our God."

Just in case you wanted to know how that math translates today: Using 3 percent inflation, 1¢ from 1922 equals \$7.28 in 2011.



## Gordon Hartman to speak at April 19 Men's Breakfast Meeting

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, from 7-8 a.m. at the Quarry Golf Course. Guest speaker will be Gordon Hartman.

Gordon Hartman was born and raised in San Antonio. At the age of 12, while attending a local seminary, he started his own landscaping business and by the age of 19 had earned and saved enough to begin his homebuilding business and build his first house. From his small efficiency apartment, Gordon founded Gordon Hartman Homes in 1983 and began building homes for low-to-moderate income families. Over the next 22 years he managed the growth of his company into the largest locally-owned homebuilding and land development enterprise in San Antonio.

In 2005, Gordon was presented with the opportunity to sell his business and establish *The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation* to which he has donated \$15,000,000 to date to pursue his and his wife's dream of helping children and adults with special needs. Their devotion to this cause is inspired by their daughter Morgan who was born with cognitive and physical special needs.

In the spring of 2010, Gordon realized the birth of another dream with the grand opening of *Morgan's Wonderland*. In 2007, he recognized the tremendous need for accessible outdoor facilities for individuals with special needs. Morgan's Wonderland is the first ultra accessible park of its kind in the world specifically designed for the enjoyment of those with special needs. Families from all over the state, the country and the world are coming to the park to enjoy a variety of activities that before were inaccessible to those with special needs.

Cost for the meeting is \$10, which is payable at the door, but please RSVP with Melissa Gravelyn at [melissag@fpcsat.org](mailto:melissag@fpcsat.org) or 210.226-0215 no later than Monday, April 18.

# Join us for two special dinners during Holy Week

## Wednesday – April 20

Passover Seder Dinner and Program – 5:30 PM – Westminster Hall

Adults, Youth and Children in Grades 1-5: \$7

(Menu: *Lamb shish kebab, grilled chicken, wild-rice pilaf, steamed broccoli and apple cobbler*)

Children Menu: \$3



A reservation can be secured by sending a check to the FPC receptionist, Melissa Gravelyn, no later than Monday, April 18. Make checks payable to FPC with “Seder dinner” noted on memo line. Childcare, including dinner, will be for those aged 3 through kindergarten in the Assembly Room on the first floor. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers, so please indicate your needs when you RSVP.

## Maundy Thursday – April 21

Dinner – 5:30 PM – Westminster Hall

Menu - \$7: Chicken Parmesan, Angel hair pasta, green beans, salad bar, bread and assorted desserts

A reservation can be secured by sending a check to the FPC receptionist, Melissa Gravelyn, no later than Monday, April 18. Make checks payable to FPC with “Maundy dinner” noted on memo line. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers by contacting Carrie Jowers at [cjowers@fpsat.org](mailto:cjowers@fpsat.org) or 210.271.2720 no later than Friday, April 15.

## Honor loved ones another way this Easter season

During this season of Lent, it is common practice for church members to remember or honor a loved one with an Easter lily ... but how about a book?

In the FPC library next to the sofa, a suggestion list of adult and children books that can be donated to the church library can be found. Christian books or DVDs can also be given, as well. To make a donation as an honorarium or a memorial, please complete the form in the “Wish List Box” (located next to the suggestion list). Once the donation is received, a gift plate identifying the donor and honoree is placed inside the book.

This is a wonderful way to honor someone during this special time of year. Books are gifts to be loved and shared by many — for years to come. Please consider a donation to the FPC library this month.

## Pastor’s ponderings

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What are you looking for? It could be that there is an agenda that you favor or a vision you believe to be crucial. Possibly it could be a giftedness in preaching, teaching, and/or pastoral care. Some of you are hoping for a prophet who will speak the Word of the Lord with passion who will make you feel uneasy, and others hope for a shepherd who will calmly care for the flock at all times in all settings. You may hope for someone with the energy of a 21 year old but the experience of a 60 year old.

I also am certain that no one person is gifted in every area of ministry; therefore, all of us who are called by God into ministry need to have people around us who can fill the gaps in areas for which we are not gifted.

What are you looking for? I pray that, more than anything, you are looking for the person of God’s choosing to love and help lead FPC into what promises to be an exciting chapter in your rich history.

*James A. Capps*

## Literature Circle to meet April 12

The Literature Circle presents the best-selling book, “The Help,” on Tuesday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the McCullough Room. Carlota Dwyer will review the novel about African-American maids working in white households in Jackson, Miss., during the early 1960s. The story explains how life in Jackson revolved around “the help,” yet was always kept at a certain distance because of racial lines. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting. Book lists for the circle’s 2011-2012 year will be available for your summer reading.

## Church register

Marriage: Benjamin Dylan Mathews and Brittney Dawn Feltmann — March 12

Death: John Creighton Webbles — March 13



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## For the JOY of walking

Please join the JOY Ministry for the 7th Annual Walk for Autism on Saturday, April 16, from 8-11 a.m. at the AT&T Center (Sombrilla One AT&T Center, San Antonio, TX 78219). You may register online at [www.walkforautismsa.com](http://www.walkforautismsa.com) or for more information, please contact Assistant Director of Children’s Ministry Carrie Jowers at 210.396.9768.

## Housing needed for interns

Interns are coming! Homes are needed! We are excited to announce we have not only our summer interns arriving in mid-May, but also Session has recently approved three intern positions beginning in mid-to-late summer and staying with us throughout the school year. There will be one intern for each family ministry area — Children, Youth and University Ministries. In anticipation of these interns arriving in July and/or August, we are looking for three families who would be interested to provide free housing to these young adults. Interns will receive a modest stipend for their ministry among us, so we would like to provide housing (and board can be negotiated with the host family). If you have an extra bedroom, a side apartment or casita and would like to participate in this ministry to a young adult leader, please email Ruthie Seiders at [ruthies@fpcsat.org](mailto:ruthies@fpcsat.org) for further information. In addition, summer housing for our summer interns is also being sought for May 21-Aug. 1.

