

The Kairos*

*Kairos is a Greek word meaning "God's time"

Meet Our New Partner in Education School... *The Galloway Elementary Tigers!*

After consulting with the JPS Partners in Education office, the leaders of our school adoption ministry have selected Galloway as our new partner and what a partnership it will be! Galloway (located on Idlewild St. just south of the Jackson Medical Mall) is a dynamic school with an even more dynamic staff.



Built in 1998, the school houses pre-K through 5th grade and enrolls more than 470 students. The other P.I.E adopters are Wells United Methodist Church, 100 Black Men of Jackson, and the Jackson Medical Mall. These active adopters have several ongoing projects so our first task was seeing where Fondren will fit into the Galloway community and help meet their needs. At the end of September, Jan Taylor, Carolyn White, and Rob met with the school's P.I.E. coordinator to hammer out details of our first year covenant.

Each adopter is asked to commit to both ongoing activities and monthly activities in support of the students and staff. Some of our ongoing projects will be a continuation of the work we were doing with George Elementary last year. Those activities include:

- Field Trips– including the Jackson Zoo, New Stage Theater,
- Reading Tutors– formerly Book Buddies, we will now be working with the school through a new program called "Arise-2-Read"

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*Living into our
shared calling,
Fondren
Presbyterian
Church welcomes
and nurtures all
children of God...*

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Kirkin' of the Tartans

Reformation Day, October 31, celebrates the day 501 years ago when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg and kicked the Protestant Reformation into high gear. Within a century, Protestantism has spread from the Germanic principalities to the Highlands of Scotland.

As part of this year's Reformation Sunday celebration at Fondren Presbyterian, we will celebrate the Scottish roots of Presbyterianism. A distinct branch of the Reformed tradition, Presbyterians have had an outsized influence on politics, philosophy, and theology. We are much more than Scots today, but the roots of the church are found in the church John Knox helped to shape in Edinburgh and beyond.

So put on your favorite tartan and join us on October 28 as we celebrate our Reformed heritage and our Presbyterian roots.

"I don't wish, I pray. Because I have God and not a genie." -Anonymous

All Saints' Day

November 4 is the day we celebrate All Saints' Day with the remembrance of loved ones who have joined the Church Eternal. During worship we will read the names of those who have died since last All Saints' Day and light candles in memory of each. The light recalls the light of Christ and the promise of God's eternal kingdom.

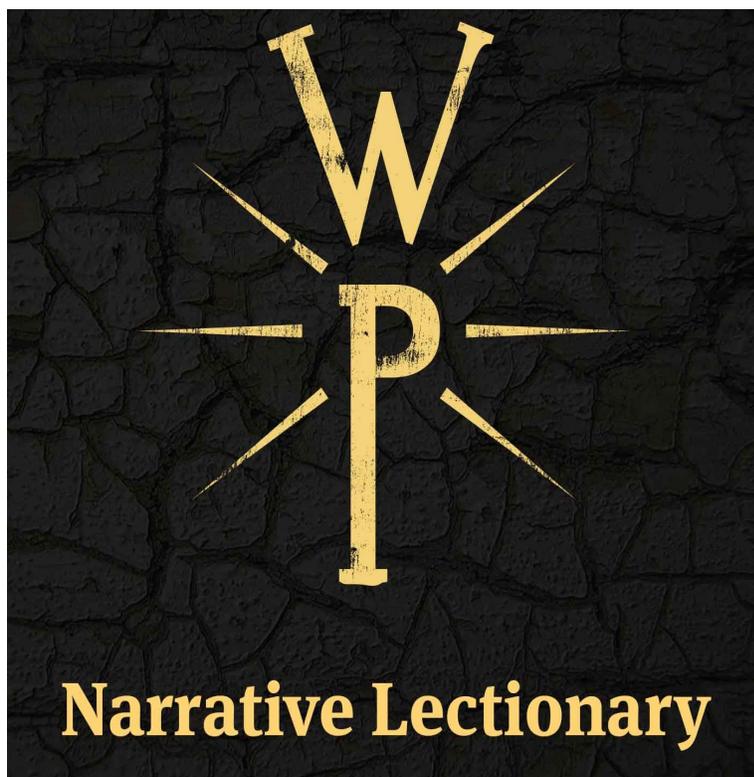
If you would like to include a name on the Roll Call of Saints, please let Audie know by October 30.

Sclater Concert Series "Fall Musicale" Oct. 14

As part of the ongoing Sclater Concert Series, Fondren Pres presents a "Fall Musicale" at 3 PM Sunday, October 14. Guest musicians are mezzo-soprano Viola Dacus and soprano Mandy Spivak, accompanied by Tyler Kemp at the piano.

According to Dr. Jimmy Sclater, the program will feature some of the most famous songs by the foremost early 20th-century German composers, Richard Strauss and Gustav Mahler. Strauss is beloved for his vocal writing, while Mahler is probably better known as a symphonist whose works often included solo voice and chorus. The Strauss songs are originally for voice and piano; the Mahler songs were originally scored for voice and orchestra. The soloists will also perform a duet from the well-known Bellini opera *Norma*. Jimmy Sclater's duet composition, "Within the Circles," is based on a poem by Wendell Berry. The duet was written for the 100th anniversary program of the Chaminade Club in Jackson in 2003.

Mandy Spivak and Viola Dacus are stalwarts in the Jackson music scene. Both teach at Mississippi College, and both have earned national reputations as solo performers and in opera. A multi-talented musician from Louisville, MS, Tyler Kemp is also on the music faculty at Mississippi College.



Late Fall and Advent Preaching Texts Tell the Stories of God's Provision and Care

The late fall and Advent Narrative Lectionary texts follow the people of Israel from the last days of the kings into the era of the prophets. By the end of Advent, the story of the covenant has begun to unfold and the lingering promise of Messiah comes closer to fruition.

You will notice in this series of texts that God is engaged; with the world, with the people, and even with the unfolding of history. Even when God is not mentioned (the book of Esther is the only book never to specifically mention God), it is clear that what is happening is part of the covenant. So much of who we are as people of faith is defined by covenants. The church is the covenant community as heirs to the promise to Israel. We enter a covenant through the waters of baptism. Christ's covenantal promise to be with us always is recalled every time we gather at the table.

The covenant gives us hope and gives shape to our relationships. It provides a reference point for us in the darkness of the world and reminds us that we are never alone. As we encounter these covenantal texts, listen for ways they speak to you in your life. Where is God providing and caring for you? Where are you being called to share God's provision and care in the world?

Fall-Advent Narrative Lections

October 28

Solomon's Wisdom
1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28
Solomon prays for wisdom;
two women and a child

November 4

Elisha Heals Naaman
2 Kings 5:1-15a Psalm 23
Being made whole/ we all need
at least a little healing

November 11

Micah Prophecies to the
Nation
Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5a, 6:6-8
Covenant with God/ Being
accountable to God/ Being
formed in our living

November 18

Swords into Ploughshares
Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7
then 2:1-4
The mandate to seek peace/
Peaceable kingdom

November 25

Jeremiah's Temple Sermon
Jeremiah 1:4-10, 7:1-11
God is in Christ/ Christ is God
truly with us

December 2

Faith as a Way of Life
Habbakuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4, 3:3b-6,
17-19
We are called to rejoice in the
Lord and delight in God's grace

December 9

For Such a Time as This
Esther 4:1-17
Esther comes to the aide of the
people

December 16

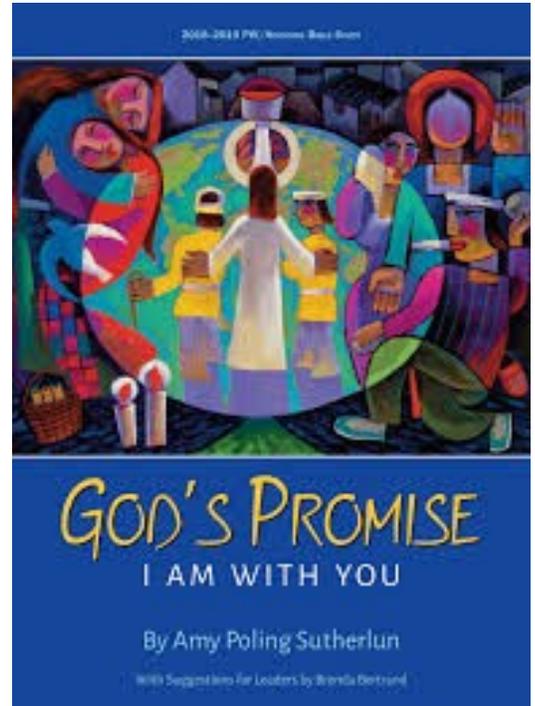
A light to the nations
Isaiah 42:1-9
Christ is foretold

PW Installs Officers and Presents Lifetime Membership

PW held its annual kick-off luncheon on August 19 with a presentation on the 2018-2019 PW Bible Study titled "God's Promise: I Am with You." The bible study is an annual PW tradition and is frequently used beyond PW because of the high caliber of scholarship and writing.

August 19 also saw the installation of the PW leadership for the coming year. The new PC(USA) Book of Common Worship includes a commissioning service for roles beyond those of Elder and Deacon. The new officers made their vows and were celebrated by the congregation for their commitment to PW and the work of the church.

The highlight of the morning came with the presentation of a Lifetime Membership to Jamie Pitts. The Lifetime Membership is how PW honors those in the church whose service to both Presbyterian Women and the church at large goes above and beyond. Jamie's family were in worship to celebrate this much deserved honor.



Rob leads the installation of the 2018-2019 Presbyterian Women leadership for Fondren .

A few minutes later Jamie Pitts would be surprised with the PW Lifetime Membership honor.

“I Was Thirsty and You Gave Me Water”

Water in Jackson is often a running joke. Between the geysers created by broken water lines and the occasional boil water notices, Jackson residents are occasionally inconvenienced by our water supply. Inconvenienced but never insecure. Water insecurity (defined as lacking ready access to potable water) is a daily reality for people across the globe. It impacts old and young, urban and rural.

In partnership with Living Waters for the World, Fondren Pres will reconnect with our mission partners in Haiti for a fall 2019 mission trip to install a new well to provide fresh drinking water. There are several steps as we lead up to this trip and there is a role for every member of the church.

If you are interested in going on the trip or attending the “Clean Water University” training course at Camp Hopewell, contact Sheldon Alston, chair of the Mission Committee. If you are unable to travel with the group, there will be opportunities to help raise awareness in the church and community, to support our mission team financially and with materials, and most importantly to pray for our team, our partners, and all of God’s children who struggle with this very real issue day after day.

Whatever Happened to the Community Garden?

During the visioning summit with Ministry Architects last summer a strategic goal to create a community garden supported by the church was set as a 2022 goal. The first step in achieving that goal was a small garden here on the church property. So what ever happened with it?

Last spring a group of Boy Scouts built our garden beds as part of an Eagle Scout project. Because of the rain (8 Saturdays in a row!) it was late in the spring before the beds were built and we were into the heat of the summer before we could get a first crop planted. On the advice of other community gardeners, we left the garden boxes alone for the summer adding organic material periodically to supplement the soil. Rob has been working with the PC(USA) community garden group in New Orleans called Okra Abbey to learn how they have moved their ministry forward.

In early March a group from the University of Tennessee PC(USA) campus ministry will be here for an alternative spring break experience. As part of their trip, they will work with willing Fondren volunteers to plant our first spring garden. Be on the lookout for opportunities to connect with this new ministry.

Kits, Buckets, Food Boxes, and Such

As our ministries continue to expand and our ongoing partnerships develop, there are several opportunities for you to contribute tangibly to the work of our mission in the world.

Fondren is a collection point for Church World Service Hygiene Kits and Clean-up Buckets. We collect nonperishables for Stewpot as well.

A new ministry this year is collecting supplies for the Partners in Education store at the JPS central office. The P.I.E. Store is a resource for teachers.

One of the growing pains of these expanding ministries is finding storage for the items we collect. As we work to create a permanent space for collection, please bring donations to the following places being careful not to block the walkways:

Stewpot– donation basket near the entrance door

PIE Store Supplies– Under the stairs next to the Coke machine.

Church World Service– Under the stairs next to the Coke machine.

Stewardship 2019 Building God's House for the Future

Ezra 6:16

*"...they celebrated the
dedication of this house of
God with joy."*

The theme of our fall stewardship campaign is rooted in the celebration of the people at the building of the second temple in Jerusalem. The new temple represented a fresh start for the people and a new chapter in their life together.

While we are not building a new building, we are entering an exciting new time in the life of our church. New opportunities for mission, new partnerships in the city and beyond, sharing the Fondren Presbyterian story, and expanding our offerings in both worship and spiritual formation are just a few of the things we have to celebrate in God's house.

In the coming weeks, you will receive information about the 2019 budget and an invitation to give prayerful consideration to how you may join others in the Fondren Presbyterian community bring those ministries to life.

Welcome Our New Staff Members

Organist Jeff Hardy

A native Jacksonian, Jeff began playing the piano and organ at the age of 12 at Paul Truitt Memorial Baptist Church. While a student at Mississippi College, he was accompanist for the MC Singers before graduating with a Bachelor of Church Music degree, vocal emphasis.

Jeff then taught piano in the preparatory program at Clarke College for seven years until he started teaching elementary school music. His current such position with the Newton Municipal School District began in 2000.

Jeff served as organist at First Baptist Church, Newton, MS, from 1981-2014, where he also accompanied and directed children's choirs. He has been a volunteer pianist at the Bedford Care Center, a Newton nursing home, for more than 30 years.

He began his career as a gospel pianist when he was sixteen and served as president of the Mississippi State Gospel Singing Convention during 2002 & 2013. Jeff frequently teaches, since 2001, at The Texas Southern Gospel School of Music.

He is a current board member of the Newton Theatre Company where he participates in plays and musicals, and he is a past member and president of the former Newton Music Lovers' Club.

Jeff resides in Newton with Janette, his wife of nearly 30 years.

Interim Director of Spiritual Engagement

Ann Phelps joins the Fondren staff in a newly created role of Interim Director of Spiritual Engagement. She holds the BA in Theology and Arts from Hastings College (NE) and MA from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School. Her thesis, titled "*Voices of Heresy and Visions of Hope: The Artist as Contemporary Prophet*" was awarded Most Effective Colloquium (Thesis) Presentation.

Ann's experience in transformational ministry includes service at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson where she served as Director of Community Engagement and Millsaps College where she served as Director of the Faith and Work Initiative and later Interim Director of Religious Life. Much of Ann's work has focused on the integration of the liturgical, relational, and spiritual work of the church.

A frequent conference speaker and presenter, Ann is active with both the D.L. Dykes Foundation's FaithandReason.com and the Theodicy Jazz Collective.

Ann and her husband Kenneth Townsend live in Belhaven with their son William and daughter Abigail.

Enneagram Class 2: Know Your Number

Do you know your number? Your Enneagram number that is?

Did you miss the first series this fall? Fear not!

Enneagram Class #2 begins at the end of October. This class will meet on Sunday afternoon. The time will be determined by the class participants.

The Enneagram is a way of describing (not *prescribing*) different types of personal spirituality. Numbered 1-9, each spiritual personality type encounters the holy in unique ways. Understanding your number can provide an ah-ha moment and deepen your personal spirituality. Understanding the other numbers opens us to greater understanding of how other's encounter the holy. Perhaps the greatest wisdom of the Enneagram is that it allows for tremendous humility for ourselves and an abundance of grace for others. Both are spiritual gifts for living into faithful discipleship as a disciple of Jesus.

The next Enneagram class begins on October 28 with an information session immediately following worship. The first class session will be November 4 and run through early January (with breaks for the Sundays near the holidays). If you want to learn more, contact Rob or ask someone in the first class!

“Perfection is like an ice sculpture. It lasts only as long as the atmosphere doesn’t change.” -Suzanne Stabile (our Enneagram teacher)

Wednesday Night Fellowship Living a Public Faith Parts 1&2

Our 2nd and 3rd Wednesday night opportunities are a study of the book of Romans and conversations about faith in American politics.

The Romans Study (ongoing now) continues through the end of October. Together we will explore Paul’s last and most comprehensive statement of his theology. At the heart of the book of Romans is the apostle’s call to the Roman Christians to live a public faith. Jesus reminds us that a light under a basket is of no use. Paul calls on us to take that very light of Christ out into the world and let it be both our guide and our foundation.

In November for two Wednesdays following the election, Rob will lead a discussion on two distinct chapters in American history when religion had an outsized impact on politics. Both the ideal of a new world order envisioned by Presbyterian preacher’s son Woodrow Wilson and concerns about John Kennedy’s Catholicism had lasting impacts on how our politics and religion interact.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Schedule

5:30 Choir

5:30 Children’s Fellowship

6:15 Dinner

6:50 Evening Prayer

7:00 Adult Program

7:00 Youth Fellowship

Childcare for up to age 4 provided.

Have News to Share?

Don't forget these important deadlines:

- E-News Mon. noon
- Bulletin Tues. noon
- Website Weekly Update Wed. 2pm
- Facebook 2 days before posting

New Partner School– Galloway Elementary

Because of the size of Galloway, our Angel Tree Christmas tradition will change slightly in 2018. Rather than adopt individual children, we will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves, and coats to benefit the whole school.

An exciting new addition to our relationship is Career Opportunity Presentations. These short conversations with students are coordinated through the school counselor and are designed to expose the children at an early age to different careers.

Other upcoming events include Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23-31), American Education Week (Nov. 12-16), and Christmas “happies” for teachers as the fall term comes to an end. Keep an eye out in the bulletin for news about how you might connect with this exciting ministry and help build a better future for our students and community through JPS.



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