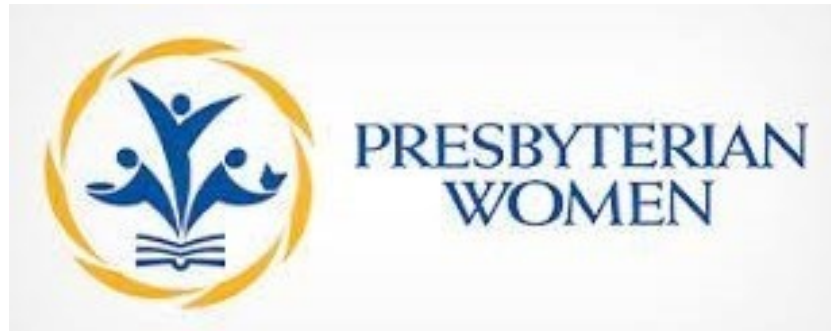




**WORSHIP SERVICE,
FEBRUARY 13, 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us (and bring a friend!) for our next worship on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. (the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany). Our Scripture readings are: Jeremiah 17:5-10; and 1 Corinthians 15:12-20. The title of the sermon is "In the Light of the Resurrection," and a copy of the Bulletin for this service can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-2-13-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>.



PW MONTHLY MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of the Mary and Martha Circle and the Adele Carsner Young Circle are reminded to bring items for their Salvation Army Mission Project to their February meetings. Items requested by the Salvation Army include:

Black men's shower shoes (99¢ flip flops) in sizes 9-10 and 10-11
Individually wrapped snacks
Toothbrushes
Small tubes of toothpaste (not travel size)

The Mary and Martha Circle meets at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor on Monday, February 14.



**DO YOU REMEMBER OUR
“ANGEL TREE” PROJECT
FOR CHRISTMAS 2021?**

During the 2021 Advent Season, the generous members and friends of our church participated in an Angel Tree Christmas project to benefit children in the Kinship Program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Led by Frances Miller, we provided Christmas presents for over 20 children in that Program.

Recently, we received a letter from the administrators of the Kinship Program thanking our congregation for our participation in the program, participation that brightened the Christmas Season for many underprivileged children and in some cases their relatives. Below, we have inserted a copy of that letter. As you read the letter, let us all thank God for the many blessings we have received so that we may share them with others less fortunate than ourselves. This letter from the Kinship Program reminds of how Christian generosity can lighten the burdens and brighten the lives of so many.



Commissioner
Jaime Masters

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

February 1, 2022

To the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, TX:

On behalf of the Kinship Program of CPS we want to thank you all so much for all the time, money, coordination, and effort it took for some of our children (and some of their relatives) to have a better Christmas!

The holidays can be very hard for our children in care, and words alone cannot express the sincerest THANK YOU from them and us!

Hope you all had wonderful holidays and a prosperous New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaye Shook".

Kaye Shook
Kinship Specialist IV

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashleigh Baumgarten".

Ashleigh Baumgarten
Kinship Specialist IV



CURRENT STATISTICAL REPORT FROM THE VICTORIA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Given the generous support of time and donations that the members of FPC provide to VCAM, your pastor has set out below the most recent update that we have received regarding the services VCAM provides to the underserved and the underprivileged in our community. VCAM is truly a “loaves and fishes” operation that depends on the Christian values of love and charity to survive and to serve.

Hopefully, this report will inspire you to continue (and perhaps increase) your support of this fine organization.

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry Monthly Update January 2022 (November/December 2021 Services)

November

Total Households Served –	1096
Total Number in Households –	2983
Food Boxes –	847
Basic Needs -	2432
Home Delivery -	25
Financial Assistance –	26
# Homeless Served –	89
# Homeless Visits -	460
*1st time VCAM Clients Served –	56

December

Total Households Served –	938
Total Number in Households –	2464
Food Boxes –	828
Basic Needs -	3232
Home Delivery -	26
Financial Assistance –	10
# Homeless Served –	84
# Homeless Visits -	327
<i>*1st time VCAM Clients Served –</i>	36

May God continue to bless the selfless volunteers at VCAM and the dear souls whom they serve.



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR SESSION

Although taken last year, the picture above shows the Session of your church at what has now become an annual event, a Session retreat at the beginning of each year when returning Elders and newly elected Elders gather to plan and pray for the future of our beloved church which is now entering its 181st year of serving Christ in the Victoria community.

Please be in prayer for our Session as we once again hold our retreat this weekend (on Saturday, February 12th) at the Broadax Ranch close to Tivoli, Texas. Moreover, prior to our gathering, each Session member would like to hear from you concerning your hopes and dreams about the future of the church. Please don't be bashful; let us know what's on your mind!

This is *our* church, and so we want to hear your observations, suggestions, and comments. Any criticisms will be received without attribution and as constructive in spirit; *all* suggestions will be considered with a spirit of open-mindedness. In the Presbyterian tradition, the Session is the representative body of the congregation. Please help us as, together, we build God's kingdom on earth; please share your ideas with us as we prepare for our retreat.



Peace, grace, and mercy,
Pastor Jim

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