



First Presbyterian Church

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Just these lines....to welcome fall (kinda/sorta) and encourage everyone to “fall in” to one of our church’s many opportunities to worship, grow up in, and serve our Lord in sweet fellowship with one another! Call me if you have questions about any of our small groups for all ages or if you’d like to explore beginning a new one!

When I was prayerfully working on the recent sermon of Jesus’ parable of the soils, I came across the following which gives us a lot about which to think and pray —

Gardening God’s Way

author unknown

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and Cultivate with love.
There is abundance in your garden....because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer

It’s an exciting time to be a faithful, receptive and generous member of our extra special church family, filled and running over with faith, hope and love; and to invite others to check us out if they’re looking for a new church home. Join Donna and me in expressing appreciation and Godspeed to Connie on her retirement.

Until the Whole World Hears About Jesus,

Raymond

(850-765-3659)

EXCITING NEWS AT PRESS TIME: OUR PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA HAS VOTED TO ESTABLISH A NEW PCUSA CHURCH BETWEEN PANAMA CITY BEACH AND DESTIN ON 30A IN SEASIDE!!!

PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

What is predestination?

Predestination and election are often used as synonymous terms to describe God's gracious initiation of the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

The New Testament fully affirms that God "predestines" persons to salvation (Rom. 8:29-30) and that the "elect" of God receive salvation (Mark 13:27; Rom. 8:33; 2 Tim. 2:10). God "chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph. 1:4; Col 3:12).

Presbyterians have emphasized election and predestination as a way of affirming that our salvation is totally due to the grace of God. We do not deserve to be saved; we cannot earn salvation. We are chosen by God to be God's people, and this is God's free act. We receive our election as a gift, graciously bestowed by God on us.

We need this electing action of God because of our sin. Presbyterians know the reality of the biblical picture of humans, who are "dead through....trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1, 5) and are unable to turn to God or respond to God's word by ourselves. We are sinners by nature, enslaved to sin's power, which affects every dimension of our lives. Our wills are captive to sin's control, making us effectively cut off from God and from all that is good.

Sin is so pervasive that it is impossible for us, on our own, to repent of our sin or seek the relationship of love and trust that God desires. In such a "hopeless" situation, we experience God's grace — God's reaching out to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves: saving us.

God saves us by grace, or we can say God chooses us, predestines us, elects us — by grace. This is the source of praise. Our salvation is due totally to the action of God in transforming our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, giving us the faith in Jesus Christ, and electing us by God's free mercy. Faith is not a human achievement, it is the "gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). We receive God's gift of election with deepest gratitude and joy. Right now we experience that of which the saints of God sing: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10).

Donald K. McKim

PLEASE JOIN US

On Sunday, September 18, Connie Butts, our Office Manager will be joining us for the morning worship service in order that all of us may give her a proper going away message.

There will be a reception immediately after the service in the fellowship hall so that each of us will have a chance to share what she has meant to us.

Connie has been with us through ups and many downs; Hurricane Michael, Covid 19, losing our Pastor, working with our Interim Pastor, and yet she has encouraged as well as helped to carry us toward our goal of unity for our congregation.

So, come join us Sunday, September 18th!

A NOTE FROM CONNIE

It is with great sorrow that I have tendered my resignation as your Office Manager. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for you...with you. You are beautiful people and have come through many difficult situations. I have peace knowing that I am in God's will making this decision, but I also am going to miss the work and mostly all of you. Thank you for giving me the privilege of working for you...with you!

Connie Lea Butts

AUGUST SESSION NOTES

1. Opened (Donna Moore) and closed (Bill Stevens) the meeting with prayer.
2. Gave thanks for Connie Butts' multiple ministries in our church family as our Office Manager for the past five years upon her plans to retire.
3. Heard reports from all committees and received 2023 budget proposals from our Mission and Outreach Committee and Worship Committee.
4. Voted to invite the Rev. Dr. Roy Martin, Executive of our Presbytery of Florida to preach/share our extended mission with our presbytery in our church in October.
5. Gave thanks for our first Rally Day breakfast since 2019 (Covid), new Sunday school classes and a good number of new Sunday school participants today (8/21).
6. Discussed and planned for a team to assess our campus needs and bring recommendations and an action plan to the Session by October.
7. Reviewed the church membership per the Book of Order.
8. Gave thanks for a number of new folks who are worshipping with us, positive finances through July, new/more mission beyond our church, the growing ministry of Sewing With Love, two infants and two more on the way; and a "sweet sweet spirit" in God's family here!

PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA

DISCIPLEFEST 2022

Saturday, September 17th

***Rooted and built up in Christ
(Colossians 2:7)***

Disciplefest 2022 will feature 10 workshops, plus prayer trail walks, worship and fellowship, all amid the beauty of God's creation at Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp, Vernon, Florida.

Find workshop descriptions and workshop leader biographies and register at:

<http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbytery-committees/educational-resources/disciplefest/>

\$20 per person, includes lunch

Registration deadline: Friday, September 9

Event schedule:

9 am CT/10am ET—Regis./Refreshments

9:30 am CT/10:30 am ET—Morning worship

10:00 am CT/11:00 am ET—Workshop A

12 pm CT/1 pm ET—Lunch

1 pm CT/2 pm ET—Workshop B

2:30 pm CT/3:30 pm ET—Closing celebration

On-site child care will be available.

Stay at Dogwood Acres Friday night!

Contact Dogwood Acres Program Director Eric Hearn for information and reservations (eric@dogwoodacres.org) or call him at 770-378-7829.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Spanish Trail Playhouse
In Chipley

Fridays and Saturdays (September 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 7 p.m.)

Sunday, September 25 at 2 p.m. (Do we have a group that would like to have lunch and attend together? Contact Pastor Raymond.)

Straight from the first book of the Bible, this popular musical details the life of Joseph, by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.

Call 850-638-9113 or go to the webpage for ticket information.

FALL 2022 OPPORTUNITIES
FOR FPC CHILDREN/YOUTH
AND THEIR FRIENDS!

The children's Wild Wonderful Wednesday has begun with their after school program at church on Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m.

Children's Choir begins on 9/7 at 4:30 p.m.

SQUAD (5th-8th graders) meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Senior High (9th-12th graders) also meets at 5:30 p.m.

SUMMER YOUTH
MINISTRY

Thanks Barry, Jennifer and
Jared!

Our appreciation is kindly expressed to the Staffords and Jared Roberts for facilitating our Summer 2022 events with rising 5th—12th graders!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September 4—Kara Payne

September 11 — Aggie
Schack

September 18 — Jared and
Sarah Roberts

We currently have no one signed up for the last Sunday in September or any of the following months.

The sign-up sheet is on the front pew in the sanctuary. Please sign up to help with our little ones in the nursery.

Kathy Roberts (850-209-4085) is our coordinator for nursery volunteers.

NEWS

AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

Dr. Harrison Fuqua Is

Practicing Medicine in Marianna!

It was wonderful reading in [The Jackson County Times](#) that Harrison, a son of our church, is now in practice at Panhandle Family Care on Kelson.

NEW ARRIVALS!

Congratulations to Lauren and Justin Lyons (and Hudson and Collier, too) on the birth of Palmer Avery Lyons on August 13 in Dothan. Albert and Kathy Milton are the blessed maternal grandparents; and Palmer has quite an extended family in our church — aunts, uncles, great aunt, and lots and lots of cousins!

Congratulations to Amy Norville on the recent birth of her granddaughter, Serephina Norville-Conely, in the Orlando area!

BOB COWAN ARTICLE IN JACKSON COUNTY TIMES

If you missed the full page article in the Jackson County Times in early August, written by Pastor R, call the church office and we'll send it to you!

SEWING/CRAFT GROUP

SEWING WITH LOVE continues meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church office. The group is now making bags for folks to use with walkers or wheelchairs with compartments for cell phones. Gifts of cotton cloth, thread, ribbons and other sewing notions are always appreciated. If you'd like to get involved in one of our church's new small groups for fun and mission, call Donna at 850-765-3659 for information. Want to just sew at home and bring in your creations? We can make that happen!

CONGRATULATIONS

JAN HOWELL!

Jan is retiring at the end of this month from the Jackson County School District. She began as a substitute teacher and has spent most of her service in the finance department as our neighbor across the street. All total, she has served for thirty faithful years!

2022 Nominating Committee

Seeks Suggestions for Spiritual Leaders for our Church

Elders — Class of 2025

Each fall, our church's Nominating Committee (elected by the congregation in January) prayerfully discerns the Holy Spirit's direction in nominating for election four faithful members of our congregation to serve a three-year term on our session as well as on our permanent committees.

G-2.03 RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25) but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office. (Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order)

As spiritual and pastoral leaders, potential elders are expected to currently be very faithful in weekly worship, (in person, Facebook or radio) currently involved in some educational or service aspect of our church; and faithful in sharing a portion of their time, spiritual gifts and financial resources for our church's growing ministry and mission. Please recommend members whom you would like for this year's Nominating Committee to prayerfully consider by printing and placing this form in an envelope and putting it in an offering plate or mailing it to the church by Sunday, September 18. Earmark — 2022 Nominating Committee.

Name(s) _____

Current church involvement _____

Nominating committee members do not typically nominate either themselves or a member of their immediate family; and members of families do not generally serve on the session together. Nominees are to be committed to the peace and unity of our local congregation, the Presbyterian Church USA and to the church universal.

We give thanks to God for the exceptionally strong pastoral and lay leadership of which FPC, Marianna, has been blessed for 187 years and know that this leadership will continue in our bright future in Christ.

Members of the 2022 Nominating Committee who were elected at our congregational meeting in January are: Tom Stadsklev, Lee Shook, LuAnne Law, Donna Moore and Mel Lundgren.

FPC Hopes to Begin Support For PC(USA) CAMPUS MINISTRY IN TALLAHASSEE In 2023!

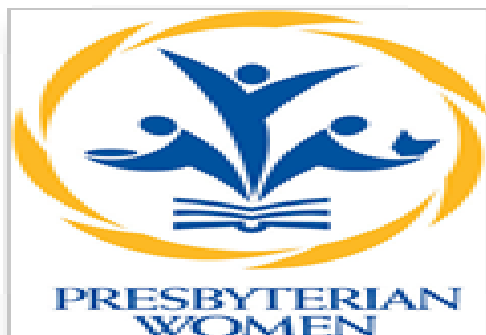
UKirk Tallahassee is our PC(USA) campus ministry for students in the Tallahassee Area. We serve students at Florida State University (FSU), Tallahassee Community College (TCC), and Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU). We seek to foster a loving community of welcome and inclusion as we strive to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We gather weekly for a free community dinner and worship with communion. We offer regular opportunities for study and reflection that seek to nourish the spiritual lives of students. We also operate a non-profit coffee shop, Calvin's Coffee House, located in our building, which is a space of hospitality and welcome where students can relax, study and gather. Calvin's is student-run, allowing students to identify and develop various leadership skills. We also offer affordable housing where students can live in an international community. The ministry of UKirk is supported by congregations of the Presbytery of Florida, the Presbytery of Florida and individual donors. We would love for more individuals and churches in the Presbytery of Florida to support the ongoing ministry at UKirk financially. Donations can be made by check (mailed to 548 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301), online through our website (<http://www.ukirktallahassee.com/support.html>), by Venmo (@UKirk Tallahassee).

The Support tab on our website will also have information about other ways to support UKirk throughout the year. If you have questions, please email (matt@ukirktallahassee.com) or call (850-222-6320) Matt Frease, Campus Minister. You can also email the office at (office@ukirktallahassee.com).

Historic FPC Organ Restoration Scheduled to be Completed This Week!

Watch for an announcement of an Organ Rededication Sunday filled with music very soon!





OUR CHURCH STAFF

Raymond Guterman	Interim Pastor 352-817-8700
Kenneth Kelley	Choir Director 850-557-1198
Christine Yoshikawa	Organist
Connie Butts	Office Manager
Melissa Forehand	Food Pantry Coordinator
LeAnn Heineman	Custodian

VERBATIM

"Be generous and understanding. Let no one come to you without feeling better and happier when they leave. Be the living expression of God's kindness: with kindness on your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

Mother Teresa

Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton
(850-718-7591)

Meets 1st Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Oct. thru May in the fellowship hall

In Sept. we meet on the 2nd Monday

Circle 2: Chair is Dot Carpenter
(850-718-7524)

Meets 1st Monday at 12:30 p.m.

Oct. thru May in the fellowship hall

In Sept. we meet on the 2nd Monday

Circle 3: The Lunch Bunch
Chair is Peggy Peacock
(850-209-0280)

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets year round on the 3rd Monday

11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall

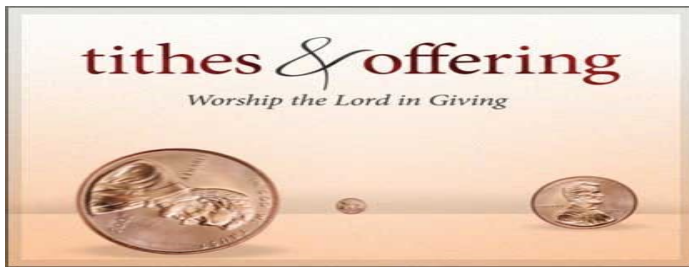
Circle 4: The Wildflowers
Chair is LuAnne Law
(850-557-7425)

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets year round on the 1st Wednesday

6:30 p.m. in homes

**CALL A CIRCLE CHAIR FOR INFO!
ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**



Monthly need for 2022 budget	\$23,835
Received month of August	<u>\$12,387</u>
	(\$11,448)
Year-to-date 2022 budget need	\$190,680
Year-to-date received (8/31/22)	<u>\$161,194</u>
	(\$ 29,486)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS FOR AUGUST

\$2,045.00

SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS YEAR TO DATE

\$19,462.00

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1835 FUND EARNINGS

Summer 2022 Golf & Art Classes for Community Children and FPC Youth Ministries

This summer, some of our 2021 1835 Fund earnings provided for our first ever golf and art classes with community children. (We gave an honorarium to our leaders, Cole Payne and Anna Barber.) Pastor Raymond led several Bible studies with our youth, followed by mystery lunches. The Staffords hosted a pool party cookout; and on July 13, 20 of our youth plus chaperones joined the Gutermans in Tallahassee for several hours at Funstation followed by an amazing dinner/entertainment at Osaka Japanese Restaurant. **(See pictures of this event on the following page.)**

If you have any questions about ways we can support our 1835 Fund, now or in our will/last testament, please call John Milton V. (850-718-6924), Chuck Morgan (850-526-8235) or Pastor Raymond (352-817-8700).

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our family of faith is to worship God; to successfully nurture the spiritual growth of each person in our church family so that we experience loving fellowship, joy, and peace; and to share our love and talents with others in our community and beyond!





Don Morris is in Marianna Rehab
Angela Gibbs Sims
Larry Stevens (Bill Stevens and Kathy Milton's brother)
David Keen (Charlton and Elaine Keen's son)
Ben Powell (Dogwood Acres Director) treatment for cancer
Sherri Standland Johnson (requested by Kathy Roberts)
Christine Boyles (requested by Elaine Keen)
Amy Busby Rehberg (Joe Busby's daughter)
Sallie Harris Mathis (requested by Ginger Green)
Ginny Rose (Carol Maxson's sister)
Lennon Rose (Carol Maxson's new great niece)
Deborah Coronaro (Alex & Joy Lewis' daughter)
Chase Landrum (requested by Dot Carpenter)
Bud Wierman
Joy Lewis
Russell A. Cole, Jr. (requested by Ernie & Fran McNeill)
Roy Turner
Shelby Vlieg (requested by Ellie Lawson)
Alisa Gunter Goldberg (Jake Gunter's daughter)
Theresa Forehand (requested by Kenneth & Leslie Kelley)
Jane Powell
Hedy Williams (Hanni Daffin's sister)
Ruth Hammett (Scott Yant's mother)
Fran and Ernie McNeill
Charlton Keen Jr. and niece, Kathryn Keen
Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)
Joy Gilbert
Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)
Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Lundgren)
Steven Quigley
Our Pastor Nominating Committee
Our missionary — Jim Mc Gill in Niger
Our men and women in the armed services and their families
Our Food Pantry mission
Peace with Russia and Ukraine
Fall 2022 at FPC and all churches
A new school and college year (students, educators, parents)



FPC MISSIONS

EXCITING FPC FOOD PANTRY NEWS AUGUST 2022 REPORT

386 households were served including 886 people. 316 of the homeowners were 60 years or older and 183 were under 18 (children and grandchildren.)

Current Volunteer Needs

1. Weekly (Mondays) unloading of Second Harvest Truck
2. Tuesday bagging (back ups needed)
3. Wednesday distribution (back ups needed)
Call Food Pantry Director, Melissa, (850-693 -1161) for information/to volunteer today!

Donations requested for the month of September are **peanut butter and jelly**. Small bags of dog or cat food are now being accepted also. There is a basket in the hallway between fellowship hall and the sanctuary where we may place our donations or we may place them at the back office entrance on Sundays. Thanks for everyone's support!

September 1st

Joy Lewis
Mary Ann Hutton

September 2nd

Xylpha Schwehm

September 12th

Scott Yant

September 13th

Leslie Kelley

September 24th

Peggy Peacock

September 26th

Matt Fuqua

September 30th

Ethel Pelt

This is a list of the birthdays of which we have been made aware. If your September birthday is not listed, please let the church office know so that we might update our list.



Pray each day for our church's mission agencies and projects as we seek to be faithful to our Lord's great commission!

The Presbytery of Florida
Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Camp
FPC Food Pantry (part time staff & food)
Marianna High Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Thornwell Presbyterian Home for Children in Clinton, S.C.
Innovative Charities of Jackson County
Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County
FPC Sewing With Love (supplies)
Jim & Jodi McGill and children PCUSA Missionaries in Niger and South Sudan