



ACTS

First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida



Abundant



Blessings



DON'T STOP NOW!

“As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For God says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!”
(2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

I have mentioned several times about how much I love and depend on my Presbyterian Planning Calendar. I look forward to receiving a new one in May, fresh, clean, and ready for the blocks of each day to be filled with exciting opportunities to serve God together.

This year, for some unknown reason, the calendars will not be available until August. What was I to do for the months in-between? Maybe this was God's way of telling me to take time now to listen and pray about what comes next.

As I thumb through the pages of the “old” calendar for July and August, I see many squares open with nothing specific written down to do. Maybe that's okay. The summer months seem as little slower as the heat, and quite frankly our ages, rise!

I wonder if we could take advantage of this “free” time to come closer together as the body of Christ. I wonder if we could use this time

now to reflect, to look ahead, to try to figure out where God is leading us.

Your elders and I are open and ready to listen and pray with you; to answer questions about next steps for First Presbyterian Church; to share the deep sense of grace that we have received; to find ways to continue to do God's work here in this place, at this time, in ways we can manage; to truly live our vision and mission statements now in the best way we can.

As long as God is alive and doing new things every day – and God is absolutely doing that! – then there is no excuse for us, as God's people to do any less. We're getting older, but so is God! And I don't see any evidence of God stopping the love and grace and re-creation that leads us to new places in life. God is not finished with us yet!

Blessings and Peace,
Sharon

VISION STATEMENT:

*To be the hands, feet, and heart
of Jesus in the world.*

MISSION STATEMENT:

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, to grow
as disciples of Jesus and
share the love of God with all.*



Overflow the shopping cart

This time of year food supplies at Sharing & Caring are running low. During the month of JULY, we can give a little extra help by expanding our monthly collection to the WHOLE month! The shopping cart will be out every Sunday in July to collect non-perishable food items and small toiletries. Please come prepared to donate EVERY Sunday. Your donations are a blessing to families in need **so let's overflow the shopping cart!**

Thank you, Witness and Outreach Committee

CAR WASH

Saturday, July 6
9:00am – 1:00pm

All proceeds will be donated to
Sharing & Caring.





Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women held its annual Mother-Daughter Gathering on May 15, 2019, in the church Fellowship Hall. There were 47 in attendance for the event which was catered by the Corner Cafe.

Program Chair Rosanna McCurry planned the Gathering, assisted by Phyllis March, Program assistant. The theme was *"Butterflies at the Beach."* Pastel colors and butterflies were used in the lovely decorations and all young girls were given a large gossamer pastel butterfly to wear as wings.

PW Moderator Barbara Blackburn (who also wore butterfly angel wings!) presided over the meeting and introduced Jennifer Brown as the new PW Moderator-Elect for the coming year. Sue Pedersen gave the PW Birthday Offering Dedication message and \$852 was collected for this long-time PW mission program (which included a \$200 donation from Joy Circle from its SERRV Market proceeds). Barbara presented a butterfly pin from PW to Rosanna McCurry in appreciation for all her outstanding work as our Program Chair.

PW birthdays for April and May were recognized and honorees received cards and gifts from PW: Theresa Nicks, Jennifer Brown, Trinity Nicks, Paula Register, Pastor Sharon, Brady Genz, and Halle Sanders.

There were three sets of three-generation families present: (1) Theresa Nicks and Daughters Jennifer Brown and Nancy Nicks, Daughter-in-Law Elizabeth Nicks, and Granddaughters Trinity and Abigail Nicks; (2) Melissa Burson, her mother Ruth Appleby, and Granddaughter Halle Sanders (and her sister Michele Taylor was also present); and (3) Brady Genz with her Daughter Heather Oldnettle and Granddaughters Allison Oldnettle and Hailey Oldnettle.

There were four-generations present! The family of Rosanna McCurry: Daughter, Diane Lambert, Granddaughters Jennifer Weeb and Heather Williams, Great-Granddaughters Felicity Weeb, Stella Weeb, and Hosanna Williams.

Dates to Remember:

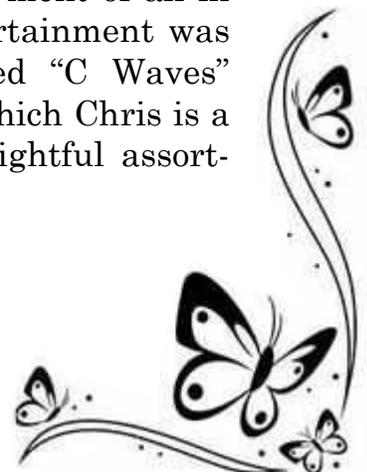
We do have the monthly birthday luncheons even though the circles break for July and August. Be sure and sign up for reservations.

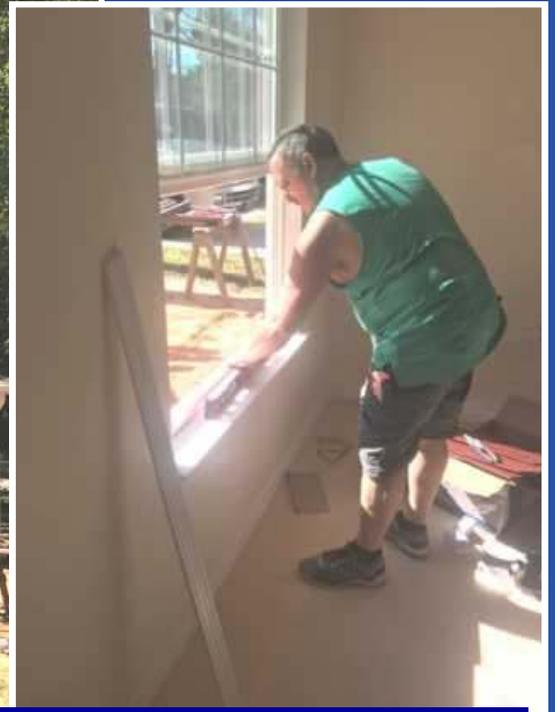
Birthday Luncheon
Tuesday, July 16, 11:30 am
at Rick's Crab Trap

PW Coordinating Team
Tuesday, August 13, 9:30 am

Birthday Luncheon
Tuesday, August 20, 11:30 am
at Twisted Grape (Shalimar)

Playing a guitar, PW member Chris Rollins sang a medley of theme songs and our young girls, with their butterfly wings fluttering, danced along to the great enjoyment of all in attendance. Other special entertainment was a performance by the talented "C Waves" ladies barbershop quartet (of which Chris is a member), who presented a delightful assortment of beautiful songs.





Krishna Brister, Jim March, MG Moran, and Dave Noffsinger participated to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity in Crestview in April. Jobs ranged from all levels of experience (from none to expert) and included painting and caulking as well as fan, light, and base-board installation. The new homeowner was helping out as well and was very appreciative of all the efforts. It was a great team effort and a very rewarding experience!



"sweat equity"

Hard work; an investment of labor

Many thanks to all that put a lot of "sweat equity" into the church work-day projects. The results of your hard work is a more beautiful campus - inside and out!





Rummage Sale - August 10

Mark your calendars for the Church Rummage sale on August 10th, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Start cleaning out the clutter and bring unwanted items to the CE building, room 6. Accepting items now, anything except clothes. Proceeds will be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. Please contact Barbara Blackburn, 598-7269, if you would like to help with the sale.

Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing



August 25th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Join us for homemade ice cream and a hymn-sing! We had so much fun at last year's social that we decided to do it again! Get your cranking-arm ready and bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share with all. Invite your friends and neighbors to cool off from the summer heat with a sweet treat and share in some fun and fellowship!

The **Bloodmobile** will also be onsite in conjunction with the Ice Cream social. All it takes is a little of your time, each unit can save up to three lives! Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex.

Summer Bible Studies



Take a look at the summer Bible Study schedule. Each week is an opportunity to engage a different topic. Plan to attend, it will be a blessing to you and to our elders!

July 7, 11:15 am (Sunday)

The Difference I Can Make

Marlene Naylor

July 18, 2:00 pm (Thursday)

Public Education: A Right or a Privilege

Paula Register

July 24, 2:00 pm (Wednesday)

Gratitude As a Spiritual Discipline

Chris Rollins

August 1, 6:00 pm (Thursday)

What Would You Do With a Million Dollars?

Jim March

August 7, 2:00 pm (Wednesday)

Finding God in Times of Tragedy

Susan Cook

August 14, 6:00 pm (Wednesday)

Writing As Prayer

Mark Burson

August 20, 2:00 pm (Tuesday)

Does Science Conflict with Religion

Mayrelizbeth Pryor

August 28, 6:00 pm (Wednesday)

Meet George Washington

Steve Cahoon



Anniversaries

John & Brittany Thompson	July 01
Fred & Mayrelizbeth Pryor	July 10
Fred & Barbara Rhinehardt	July 20
Tom & Ann Sipos	July 31
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Craig & Lorna Dock	August 07
Bill & Lila Mendel	August 30
Tom & Margaret Shealy	August 31

FPC SHIRTS



Now taking orders for FPC shirts. Show your devotion to FPC by wearing a shirt with the Presbyterian logo and First Presbyterian Church on the front. Two choices are available: **Polo shirt with collar and T-Shirt.**

The T-shirts will have the same logo on the front and also a sketch of the church on the back.

Costs: Polo \$16.00 and T-shirts \$13.00
Deadline to order is Sunday, July 14.
Money should be remitted with order.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE



JULY 7th

Serve/Set-up: Theresa Nicks, Nancy Nicks
Serve/Clean: MG Moran, Chris Rollins

AUGUST 4th

Serve/Set-up: Ann Sipos, Krisha Brister
Serve/Clean: Mark & Sherryl Haller

Blessings on your Birthday

JULY

Carol Davis	02
Elijah Nguyen.....	20
Clara Zepernick	21
Garrett Carter	23
Dick Hansen	25
Marlene Naylor.....	25
Rosanna McCurry.....	26
Ann Cahoon	27
Mark Edwards	28
Melissa Pryor.....	29
Mary Christie.....	31

AUGUST

Jeanie Caughman	01
Denise Deason.....	03
Susan Cook.....	07
Sherryl Haller	08
Patti Bohnsack.....	12
Sue Pedersen.....	17
Tom Shealy.....	17
JoAnn Raspberry	19
Susan Sanders	19
Brody Hall	20
Margaret Hannover ..	20
Krisha Brister	22
Beth Crawley.....	24
Anne Haskins.....	29
Susan Porter	30
Jean Clemons.....	31

God Bless You!

Financial Statement

MAY '19 YEAR to DATE

INCOME:		
Offerings.....	\$15,816.99	86,225.75
Other/Misc.....	45.00	564.53
TOTAL INCOME.....	15,861.99	86,790.28
EXPENSES:		
Clergy Compensation.....	\$5,750.57	30,696.75
Worship	420.00	1,804.02
Christian Education	00	744.50
Witness/Outreach.....	441.66	6,208.30
Admin. & Finance	10,424.96	56,405.52
Property	2,253.52	10,543.28
Fellowship	7.50	638.87
Loan Interest Expense.....	342.00	1,747.78
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	19,298.21	107,041.24
Excess Income/Expense	-3,778.22	-21,998.74
Transfer fm Investment Acct.....	00.00	10,000.00

JULY - AUGUST 2019

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