

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida



ACTS

choose

love



choose

kindness

choose joy

CONNECTIONS



“I am the true vine and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes to make it bear more fruit...I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:1-2, 5)

The Presbyterian Church (USA) strives to be a connectional church. From Member to Congregation to Session to Presbytery to Synod to General Assembly our philosophy is to work together to proclaim the Kingdom of God locally, regionally, and globally. We also adhere to the motto, ***“Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei,”*** that is, *“The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God” in the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Book of Order F-2.02)

In order to grow and produce fruit, the branches of the vine must always be changing in response to our Lord who is a living God and continues to act in the world. In the structures of the church, this growth begins at the “bottom” and works its way “up.” We, who are the branches of the local congregation, are the first point of contact with fellow Christians and with those who have yet to come to Christ.

On January 25, 2020 I finished my term as Moderator of the Presbytery of Florida. It has been a wonderful experience and I appreciate the support I have received from you that allowed me to serve in that position. One thing it reinforced in me is the connectional nature between the local congregation and the Presbytery. Sometimes that connection is difficult to detect, but our Presbytery is making great strides to offer more support and encouragement to individual congregations and our regional body as a whole. There are meaningful places to serve at the Presbytery level to help strengthen the connections and I urge each of you to consider participating in the ministry of Jesus Christ on that level.

As I think about First Presbyterian Church I am amazed at the width and depth of our connections. You will see in the Annual Report to be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 2 about the ministry of the members and committees. Each time we participate in an event or activity of the church, we are connecting with one another and those beyond our walls. Again, I pray that each one of you will consider how you might contribute to the health of our ministry here in FWB.

I am proud of the work we do and the faithful living we model in our community. Could we do more? Of course! But our worship, Bible study, outreach, service, and fellowship keep us connected to the Lord Jesus Christ as we abide in him day after day.

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.

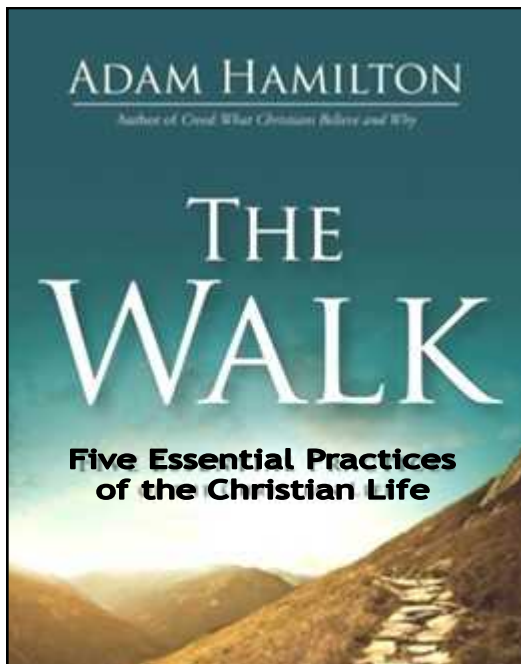




Souper Bowl of Caring February 2nd

Donations to food banks drop significantly in January & February, the coldest months of the year when many families are forced to choose between food and heat. Your participation in Souper Bowl of Caring can help “change the game” for local hunger programs.

Plan to come to the Soup & Sandwich lunch in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the congregation Sunday, February 2nd. Donations will be accepted to help “tackle hunger” because we care!



NEW BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 2:00 PM
MARCH 4TH — APRIL 8TH

You want to follow in Jesus' footsteps — but what exactly should that look like in every-day life? In this compelling study, Pastor Hamilton highlights five essential practices modeled in Christ's own walk with God and reinforced throughout the New Testament. Discover the transformational power of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to your faith

ASH WEDNESDAY *worship*

FEBRUARY 26, 11:00 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
(Light lunch following)

Pray for our church officers as they serve God as leaders in this church; that God will guide and bless them

CLASS OF 2020

STEVE CAHOON PHYLLIS MARCH
FRED PRYOR CHRIS ROLLINS

CLASS OF 2021

MARK BURSON SUSAN COOK
JOHN DRAIN MAYRELIZBETH PRYOR

CLASS OF 2022

JIM MARCH MARLENE NAYLOR
NANCY NICKS PAULA REGISTER

A heartfelt thank you to the elders who have served faithfully and joyfully for the last 3 years.

CORPORATION OFFICERS

STEVE CAHOON, PRESIDENT
JIM MARCH, SECRETARY
FRED PRYOR, TREASURER

TRUSTEES OF HOLBROOK ENDOWMENT

PHYLLIS MARCH, FRED PRYOR,
JIM WEATHERBEE



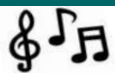
Westward Road

Sunday

March 15

10:00 am

Dynamic family trio spreading the love of God.



Notes from Jackie Hails

On January 2, I began my 21st year on staff at First Presbyterian Church. Thanks to each of you who had a part in the reception and love offering in my honor on December 8th after Christmas Music Sunday worship service. The love you've shown me has made me feel very much appreciated!

I could not have been employed at one church for 20 years without the support of the Pastors and staff. Dr. Jack Walchenbach, Rev. Durl Odom (interim), Rev. Lindsay Moffett (interim), Rev. Rob Bohnsack, and Rev. Sharon Schuler have trusted me to choose appropriate music for preludes, offertories, postludes, choir and handbell anthems. The office administrators, Cindy Potts and Pam Haynes, have been most helpful and efficient.

Most importantly, I am thankful for the dedicated musicians who enhance our worship experiences. The weekly rehearsals are so much fun due to their positive attitudes and willingness to work hard. (And there's always an empty chair for new members!)

A new year brings renewal and an opportunity for us as individuals and a church to do more in our service to the Lord. I pray that in 2020 we will each make a new commitment to the Lord and to the mission of FPC.

Happy New Year!





Sales Exchange for Refugee Rehabilitation and Vocation

For the 19th year PW Joy Circle is sponsoring a SERRV fairly traded craft market for our church and community.

Every year we order more unique products and the excitement builds. We have some old favorites to add to the new items. Visiting the market can be like visiting a craft museum with its displays of crafts from around the world. Marvel at the craftsmanship and skill of the artisans who created these items. We hope the artisans will be able to support their families using the traditional craft skills passed down for generations.

For over 60 years, SERRV has provided opportunities to people who are working to improve their lives. By purchasing products you can be assured that you are bringing hope and practical support to women and men throughout the developing world. In recent years terrible natural disasters have devastated countries around the world where SERRV has ongoing relationships with craftspeople. In Haiti after the recent flooding, SERRV immediately provided food, tents and tools to assist artisans to rebuild and get back to work.

We will have new products that you have never seen before! With every purchase you help artisans around the world dream of a better future for their families.

Invite friends to come to church and then shop at the market. Pick up printed hand-outs in the Narthex or from the church office and distribute to friends and places you frequent.

If you need more information or would like to have the market open at a special time for a group — call Lila Mendel, 651-0649

Invite your friends!

THE MARKET WILL BE OPEN IN THE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CENTER (ROOM 7)

Saturday, February 8	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, February 9	11 am - 2 pm
Wednesday, February 12	10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, February 15	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, February 16	11 am - 2 pm
Wednesday, February 19	10 am - 2 pm
Saturday, February 22	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, February 23	11 am - 2 pm



Presbyterian Women

PW Dates to Remember

SERRV MARKET
 February 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23
 10:00 am—2:00 pm
 (Sundays 11am—2:00 pm)

PW Birthday Luncheon
 February 18
 11:30 am at Mary's Kitchen

PW Birthday Luncheon
 March 17
 11:30 am at Pepper's Mexican
 (Shalimar)

Winter Friends' Reception
 February 23

LOOK
 at **THIS!**

ATTENTION OFFICERS

OFFICER TRAINING
FOR ALL ELDERS
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

SESSION MEETING
 2:00 PM

Put this on your calendars!



2 Cents-a-Meal

Thanks to you, we exceeded our \$1,000 goal for 2019 with a total of **\$1,310.00**. Two Cents-a-Meal is a component of the Florida Presbytery's hunger action program. Donations through this ministry will greatly **ble**ss those in need.

Alternative Giving

The Witness & Outreach Committee is excited to share the results of the recent alternative giving catalog and we thank all who participated \$4,226.50 was given to help others. This is our 23rd year and now our grand total is over **\$115,000.00. That is exciting!**

We have cards that can be used for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions. Recipients appreciate a meaningful gift that makes a difference in the world. The catalog is good through July 2020. Contact Barbara Blackburn, 598-7269, or the church office for more information.

International Programs:

Emergency Life Pack	125.00
Kitchen Kit	75.00
Supplies for Displaced Students.....	30.00
Sewing Machine	150.00
Fishing Net	15.00
Pair of Goats	178.00
Family of Chickens	50.00
Rainwater Catchment System.....	150.00
Water Filter.....	50.00
Deep Rock Well.....	18.00
Educate a Child	50.00
Experimental Faith Formation	100.00
Jerry Cans	25.00
Teacher Training	255.00
Women's Empowerment Project	100.00
Bag of Moringa Tree Seeds.....	160.00
Farming Tools	30.00

Locally Chosen Causes:

Animal Protection League	173.00
A Bed 4 Me.....	835.00
Fresh Start.....	160.00
Meals on Wheels.....	92.00
Sharing & Caring Prescriptions	180.00
Gary Sinne Foundation.....	1,200.00

Overall Total 2019 **\$4,226.50**



Birthdays

Pat Hansen	05
Carole Arrick	12
Mattie Trigg.....	15
Marilyn Ankeney	17
Brittany Cahoon Thompson..	23
Doris Williamson	23
Jim Weatherbee.....	24
Chris Cook	27

*Happy Birthday,
God Bless You!*



Martha Novinger	01
Nancy Toth.....	01
Fran Goodall	03
Ann Sipos	05
Rob Bohnsack	07
Kim Mitchell	12
Jamie Banks	18
Jim March.....	22
Melissa Burson	24
Jeanne Williams	24
Debbie Cahoon.....	26
Jackie Hugli	27
Phyllis Merritt	28
William Mendel	29



February

Mark & Melissa Burson
February 25

March

Terry & Kim Mitchell
March 1

Howard & Jennifer Brown
March 7

John & Diana Drain
March 10

Gene & Dot Daughtry
March 18



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

- Receive 2019 Annual Report
- Elect new Elders for the Class of 2024
- Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call
- Elect Treasurer
- Elect Assistant Treasurer



Communion Schedule

February 2

Serve & Set-up: John Drain, Jim March

Serve & Clean: Mark & Sherryl Haller

March 1

Serve & Set-up: Jim March, John Drain

Serve & Clean: Marlene Naylor,
Beth Crawley

Financial Statement

INCOME:	<u>Dec. 2019</u>	<u>Year 2019</u>
Offerings.....	\$30,596.44	215,594.51
Misc. Income	-36.00	1,416.00
Other Income.....	00	135.03
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$30,560.44	217,145.54
EXPENSES		
Clergy Compensation.....	\$10,638.30	79,197.73
Worship Committee	355.98	4,379.55
Christian Education	29.16	1,729.36
Witness & Outreach.....	-1,541.38	11,972.67
Admin. & Finance	15,075.835	135,651.89
Property Committee.....	3552.59	34,559.61
Fellowship	61.61	1,748.60
Loan Interest Expense.....	326.15	4,049.48
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$28,498.24	273,288.89
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES ..	2,062.20	-56,143.35
Transfer fm Investment Acct.....	00	45,000.00

FEBRUARY MARCH 2020

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“Winter Friends” Reception February 23rd “BIG BAND ERA”

Presbyterian Women will host a reception for our “winter friends” on February 23rd.

Our winter friends, whom we lovingly call “Snowbirds,” become a vital part of our congregation while they are here in Fort Walton Beach. This reception gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation for their contributions to FPC.



Get ready for a special treat! Robert Kemp will perform a “one man” concert with his saxophone. Robert attends FPC regularly and has become of friend of the congregation.

