June 4, 2023
Announcements

We're glad we can worship together today!
We hope that you experience the love of God and of this congregation as we worship, celebrate, and serve with one another.



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Please accept these flowers on behalf of Brentwood Elementary School's staff and students. We are touched by your continued generosity and kindness. It is a tremendous honor to have such dedicated volunteers give up their time and talents to our school community. We would not have been able to achieve so much without your support. Thank you again to all of you for your continued dedication.

Gratefully Yours,
Brentwood's Staff and Students

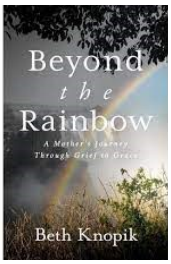
Thank you from Jinny and Ron Miller

Dear Church Family,

As we "retire" from the leadership of **Invest in Children**, we want to offer thanks to all who have supported Brentwood Elementary School (BES) - and us - in the mission ministry we founded and helped grow. To all you supporters - from the Steering Committee to those who gave of their time and treasures - we say "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts! May this FPC/BES partnership continue to flourish as FPC shares the love of Christ with the students and staff at this amazing school!



Blessings and love,
Jinny and Ron Miller



Please Join Us for a Book Event in June!

Our very own, Beth Knopik, has written a memoir entitled, *Beyond the Rainbow,* following the loss of her teenage daughter, Leanna. The book was released in the fall of 2022 and has received 5-star reviews on Amazon and Barnesandnoble.com. On Sunday, June 25, Beth will host a book event in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the NewSong service. Beth will answer questions from 10:00-10:15 a.m., and have books available for purchase for $15 each.

Synopsis of *Beyond the Rainbow*: In June of 2012, vibrant 16-year-old Leanna Mae Knopik was hospitalized with a rare and sudden cardiac infection. In this unflinching account of her final month of life and the searing sorrow that followed, a grieving mother finds a path to true joy through God's grace.

Beyond the Rainbow describes in candid detail the arduous task of piecing a family back together in the wake of tragedy, and the transformative spiritual awakening that emerges. Not just for the bereaved, all readers will benefit from the author's journey through searing pain and her ultimate discovery of God's grace. This memoir offers a model for how family members can move through grief. It presents an honest and complete examination of the coping skills that worked for Beth and her family—and the ones that did not. The goal of *Beyond the Rainbow* is twofold: 1) to ease the path to healing by offering a roadmap through the early stages of grief, and 2) to broaden the reader's perspective on loss; with God's grace, they can and will live a joyful life.



Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp is Back!
June 12– 16
See News @ First to Register

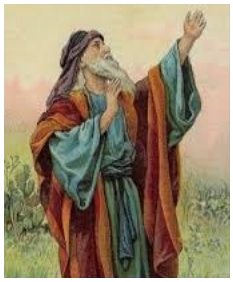
We need volunteers!

There will be a Volunteer Rally on **Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m.** We will do a quick orientation, final set-up, and host a welcome meal with our Cedarkirk counselors for the week.

Scan the QR Code to sign up to volunteer. See News@First to participate in the Meal Train for the Cedarkirk counselors.

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New Adult Education Class



The Prophets Still Speak
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. June 13 -July 25
(no class July 4) via ZOOM

Old Testament prophets were concerned with many of the same issues as Christians today: issues of righteousness, obedience, social justice, and visions of hope for the future. This study explores how what the prophets proclaimed to the people of their time still has urgency and importance for our time, as well. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator.
Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com.

June 13- Prophetic Calls
June 20 - Amos and Micah: Calling for Social Justice
June 27- Isaiah of Jerusalem: Calling for Righteous Leaders
July 11- Hosea and Jeremiah: Calling for Single-minded Devotion
July 18- Ezekiel and "Second" Isaiah: Calling for Chastened Hope
July 25- "Third" Isaiah and Jonah: Calling Forth a Broader Vision

Invest In Children

School Is Out! With those words comes the realization that it is extremely important to watch out for those little ones, especially those on bikes, others chasing runaway dogs or balls, or the dreamers who are watching the clouds instead of the traffic! Love them and enjoy them! Cherish their smiles, hugs, laughter and curiosity and continue to support them in any way you can!





College/Continuing Education/Technical School Scholarships



Scholarship money is available for the upcoming school year. Interested students and families should go to the website www.firstpressarasota.org, go to "Grow" tab and select "Young Adult" and print application. The application and transcripts must be received by **Saturday, July 1.** Transcripts, including those from the spring 2023 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to have transcript sent and update their contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.

Blood Drive
Sunday, June 11 8:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m.

SunCoast Blood Centers

Sign up by contacting Cheryl Track at (941) 320-3828 or email 4tracks@comcast.net OR scan the QR code to Sign up NOW!
Walk-ins are welcome

FPC Sarasota Giving Options Your gifts make a difference!

Online: If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button.
Texting: Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.
Mail In: All mail, including contribution checks, securely arrives at our church office.

If you would like to receive our Friday E-Newsletter, please call the church office, (941)955-8119 or email, info@firstpressarasota.org.