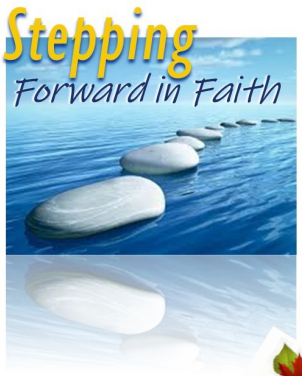


October 30, 2022 Announcements

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.





Stewardship

This past Sunday, we celebrated **Stewardship Commitment Sunday.** Thank you to those who have stepped forward in faith with your 2023 pledge. If you have not made your pledge, it's not too late! All pledges are needed—you can return your pledge card to the church office or pledge online through the church website: www.FirstPresSarasota.org and select member login.



As part of stewardship season, we also hosted a creative project to continue our tradition of welcoming those who seek to grow in God's love and grace. **An intergenerational rock painting activity** was held earlier this month and another one is scheduled for **today during the 10:00 a.m. coffee hour.** Once all the rocks have been painted and labeled with our church logo and a QR code, they will be placed around town, inviting those who find them to discover FPC!

If you haven't seen this year's stewardship video, you may view it by clicking on the link in *News@First.*

Children and Youth at FPC - Pumpkin Carving Party TODAY

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. outside in the courtyard by the Fellowship Hall

Why make the mess at home? Join us for this festive fellowship and gooey, goopy gathering to decorate and/or carve your pumpkin.

Inquirers' Class

An Inquirers' Class is being planning for **Sunday, November 13**. If you are interested in learning more about this dynamic congregation, contact the church office (941) 955-8119. We'd love to get better acquainted with you!

Adult Education Opportunities (class descriptions in *News@First*)

- ***Tyranny and the Founding Fathers,*** **led by Hendrick "Hal" Serrie, Ph.D. Continues TODAY, through Sunday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.** in room 203
- ***Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance,*** **led by Elaine Barnett via Zoom - Continues NEXT Tuesday, November 1, at 11:30 a.m., through** November 22; email sign-up: ewbarnet@me.com



Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, November 20

Please join us on **Sunday, November 20** after the 11:00 a.m. worship service as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. Contact **Frank Frey** at (941) 587-7992 to register for this event.

Presbyterian Women

As Presbyterian Women, we show deep gratitude for God's blessings by giving to ministries and programs that lift up people and communities. Through the annual Thank Offering, PWs gather their funds together and provide meaningful support to programs that provide housing for disadvantaged people, health and nutrition education, life-skills and job training and so much more. To date, nearly $27 million has been granted to more than 1,600 projects. This year's Thank Offering recipients received $279,490 in grants. For details, go to presbyterianwomen.org/thank. Please give as you are blessed as a "thank offering to the Lord." To participate, **checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women with Thank Offering in the memo line** and mailed to, or dropped off in, the church office. Thank you for your continued support of the Thank Offering.

Invest in Children



On this Reformation Sunday, we are reminded that one of the principles of the Reformed Church (*us!*) is being involved in Public Education! Because of this mandate, our Invest in Children Initiative became involved with **Brentwood Elementary School** in 2017.

As part of that involvement, we will again support BES through our annual **Blessing Trees** where golden stars will offer ways to support children from Brentwood families in need with gift cards to brighten their Christmas joy. Hurricane Ian has added to their needs, so watch for the trees and be a blessing to these BES families that are facing challenges! The trees will appear November 20.

SURE Community Problems Assembly

Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee

SURE Network members from all 22 congregations will gather on **Monday, November 7,** 6:00 p.m. at Greater Hurst Chapel AME, 2730 North Links Avenue, Sarasota 34234, to vote to decide the SURE research agenda for 2023.

Congregations have submitted concerns voiced at recent house meetings. This vote by SURE network members will determine what research teams will be established. Our work will then entail what is addressed at the annual Nehemiah Assembly on April 24, 2023. FPC SURE Network Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please contact **Team Leaders Ann Opdycke or Dorothy Murphy** with your attendance affirmation. We always need others "to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

Inter-Generational Activity at Mothers Helping Mothers



Sponsored by FPC's Membership and Fellowship Committee

Monday, November 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to noon

5933 North Washington Blvd., Sarasota (2/10 of a mile south of University Blvd.)

Mothers Helping Mothers is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization providing necessities, such as clothing and baby items free of charge to families in Sarasota, Manatee, and surrounding counties. They are a valued partner with Family Promise. **Mothers Helping Mothers** needs our help on **Monday, November 21.** Join our FPC group as we sort donations, stock the shelves, and work to improve their store. There will be tasks appropriate for youth and adults. For more information contact **Joanne Simons** - SimonsJC1@gmail.com or 703-798-7330. Use this link to sign up to help: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BAEAC29A1FC1-mothers

FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Offering baskets will be available as you exit. Your gifts make a great 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.