July 24, 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.

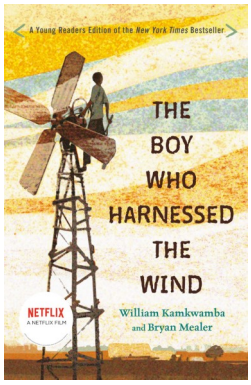


One Book One Community

Sundays, July 24 & 31
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

Netflix Film Showing of *"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind"*

Sunday, August 7, 6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall - Pizza provided!



Sarasota County introduced the *One Book* program in 2003. The Sarasota selection for 2022 was *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.* **Our Education and Formation Committee** has encouraged our congregation to read this book and **talk about it during the fellowship hour between Sunday services during the month of July.** Discussion activities are available in print and online. Contact **Carrie Mills, Emily Weitekamp,** or **Molly Horner** with any questions. During the **film showing on August 7** there will be programming for younger kids as well, including reading the children's book version, doing an activity/craft, and having time to play on the playground. Check out this weblink that offers a description and film rating: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/the-boy-who-harnessed-the-wind

Fellowship Hour – Sundays Between Services



Are you hungry or thirsty, and looking for conversation between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services? **The Membership and Fellowship Committee** invites all church members and friends to **come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Enjoy hot and cold drinks along with a multitude of baked goods, fruit, crackers, and cheese. This is a good time to **reconnect with people you haven't seen for a long time and to meet new people.** Also, you can join the conversation about the summer book *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.*

If you would like to help the team on occasion with setup, cleanup, or bringing snacks, speak to anyone you see setting up or clearing up, or contact **Joanne Simons,** SimonsJC1@gmail.com, or **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com.

FPC'S Weekly All Faiths Food Distribution



We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a $3,000 Capacity Expansion Grant from All Faiths Food Bank that will help us more effectively run our weekly food pantry. We have expanded our food offering and **are now averaging over 100 families per week!**

Thanks to the funds from the *Imagine the Future* capital campaign, and the generous donation of time from our FPC volunteers we will continue to run our drive-through pantry. **Join us on Thursday mornings to volunteer.** We start packing food at 8:30 a.m. and serve from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Invest in Children
BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Collection of School Supplies
for Brentwood Students





JULY 10 - 31, 2022

Drop off your donations in the designated boxes as you enter worship services on Sunday, or in the church office Monday - Friday

MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

Expo dry erase markers • Sharpie markers • Crayola markers
3M Post-its • tissues • composition books • spiral notebooks
eraser packs • colored pencils

Cash donations welcome or checks made out to First Presbyterian Church, "School Supplies" on memo line.

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Invest in Children—Volunteers Needed



Our ***Invest in Children*** initiative is looking for volunteers to reach out in mission to the children of ***Brentwood Elementary School.*** YOU can be one of those volunteers who serve at least one hour a week in a variety of ways such as . . .

- Reading buddy
- Small group assistant
- Art room and art projects helper
- Science Lab supporter
- Computer supporter (helping students log in and stay focused)
- Clerical helper (filing, cutting, copying etc.)
- Lunch buddy
- Media center helper
- One-on-one mentor, . . . and more!

Share your interest or questions with **Jinny and Ron Miller** by calling them at (941) 371-2750 (ext. 554) or email jinnyron@gmail.com.

The children need YOU!

Sarasota County

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

For Sarasota County renters unable to pay rent and utilities. Applicants must be financially impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic (March 13, 2020-present), experiencing housing instability, and meet certain income requirements.

Eligible households may receive up to 18 months of assistance as long as funding remains available.

Stay up to date at scgov.net/rent

- Applications.
- Eligibility and documentation requirements.
- Helpful videos.
- Ambassador locations.

Need more help?

- 941-861-RENT (7368)
  Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award ERA0304 and ERAE0143, Emergency Rental Assistance Program awarded to Sarasota County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Sarasota County prohibits discrimination in all services, programs or activities. View the complete policy at scgov.net (keywords ADA compliance).

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Inter-Generational Activity

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church's Membership and Fellowship Committee at

Mothers Helping Mothers



MONDAY
AUGUST 1

MOTHERS HELPING MOTHERS

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 basic necessities, such as clothing and baby items to families in Sarasota and surrounding counties. They are a ***valued partner with Family Promise.*** We are going to help on **Monday, August 1.** Join our FPC group of volunteers (all ages welcome) 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 Mothers Helping Mothers, or use the link in *News@First.***

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BAEAC29A1FC1-mothers

Join the FPC Mission Trip to Our Partner Church in Cárdenas, Cuba February 9 – 15, 2023



Interested individuals and families may now sign up for the planned trip to Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, Cuba, in the province of Matanzas. Some members of our congregation visited in two previous trips, and **Pastor Alison Infante Zamora** spoke here in 2017. COVID delayed us from building on the relationship that we had started—but we are ready to begin anew.

The purpose of this trip is to meet and continue to develop our personal relationships with members of Juan G. Hall and to learn about their culture, trials, and achievements while sharing our own. A detailed itinerary is on a link in *News@First* and in August *Cross Connections*. We anticipate the cost of this trip to be about $1,500 (US dollars). Financial assistance from the **Mission and Justice Committee** will be available.

For specific information about the area and what it's like, contact **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com or (941) 735-8786, or **Graham Hart,** 2grahamhart@gmail.com,for information about their experiences in Cuba. For details about the Cuba Partnership go to https://www.cubapartnersnetwork.info/. To get a feel for Juan G. Hall go to their Facebook page: **https://www.facebook.com/Iglesia-Presbiteriana-Reformada-Juan-G-Hall-en-C%C3%A1rdenas-1096173980413073/?ref=br_rs**

A planning group **(Dave Householder, Rachel Martin, Jay Swick, Sue Hargis Spigel, Karen Olson, and Graham Hart)** is working out the details. Talk to any of these folks to learn more. We will need both "senders" (folks to pray, help get things ready, and provide transportation to and from the airport, etc.) and "goers" to make the trip possible. To sign up, send a note to Dphouse47@gmail.com with what you would like to do.



Backpack Blessing - Sunday, August 7

Children and youth! Be sure to bring your backpacks for a special blessing as the new school year begins.



Pavilion Construction Progress

Progress has been slow in recent weeks because the gutters and the TREX wrap delivery has been delayed. We are working closely with the contractor to finish the pavilion as soon as we can. We look forward to be using our new pavilion very soon.



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 ***Wednesday, August 31.*** Transcripts, including those from the spring 2022 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to have their transcript sent and update their contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply. Please send applications to the church, attention: SCHOLARSHIPS.

SUNCOAST BLOOD CENTERS

Mark your calendar for our next blood drive **Sunday, September 18.**

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.

If you are not currently receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, ***News@First,*** and would like to, please call the church office at (941) 955-8119 or email info@firstpressarasota.org to sign up!