



February 19, 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.

The flowers today are to the greater glory of God and with thanksgiving for the life of Jim Barnett by his family.

Jazz and Brunch - TODAY

Join us for our pre-lenten "Sunday-Gras" celebration. Music will be led by some of Sarasota's best jazz players, Isaac Mingus, bass; Herb Bruce, trombone; David Pruyn, trumpet; Mark DeRose, drum along with our Chancel Choir and NewSong Band. Pastor Tim will preach on the transfiguration and the service will be followed by a potuck brunch in the Fellowship Hall.



Celebrating 75 Years of Play

Today is Preschool Sunday

We welcome the teachers and staff to worship today. We will hear from Shelley Watson, preschool board member, about their 75th anniversary plans and the exciting things happening in the preschool. After the service check out the educational centers set up outside to learn more about how children learn through play.

Clare Carter -Director
Lydia Chapdelain -
Administrative Director

Almost 3's (2's & 3's):
Janine Taber
Jen Valentino

Candace Ferguson
Jean Ferderber

Small Beginnings & Baby Steps Classes:
Evan Morgan
Elyse Weitkamp

Just 2's:
Beth Horn
Jenn Villaveces

Juniors (3's & 4's):
Nancy Pagano
Larisa Belonozhko
Mariah Martin

Seniors (4's & 5's):
Sue Cole
Chris Gantert
Debbie Cook
Elyse Manzer



Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

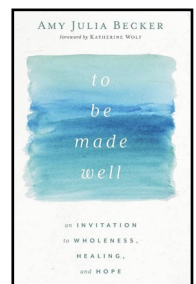
We begin our observance of Lent on this special evening with the words of our faith; "Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life in Jesus Christ." Our service will be led by George Chorba, Patrick Monahan and Steven Phillips, with special music by our wonderful choir and cellist, Isaac Mingus.

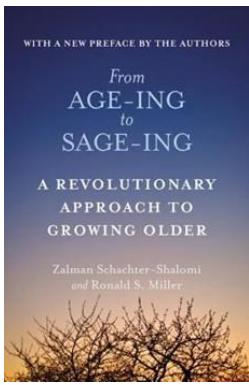
Annual Meeting Next Sunday, February 26

The session has called the annual meeting of the congregation to take place next Sunday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m. (one service only) in the sanctuary. We will receive the reports of all of our hard-working committees and other groups, and give thanks for all the labor and love that goes into the ministry of this community. We also want to be sure that you know the officers of the church's corporation, and our Foundation's board of directors (meetings of the Corporation of FPC and the Foundation will run concurrently with the congregational meeting).

Book Discussion Group Join Leah Cotter and embark on a journey of spiritual and communal wellness with *To Be Made Well* by Amy Julia Becker. Amy Julia Becker is an award-winning writer and speaker on personal, spiritual and social healing. A graduate of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv)

NOTE DATE CHANGE Dates: March 5 - April 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Several copies of the book will be available in the office for purchase or it can be purchased where all books are sold including electronic versions. Beginning March 5 we will cover the introduction as well as Chapters 1 and 2. Reach out to Leah via email at Leah.t.cotter@gmail.com for a copy of the study companion. She will have copies printed and available in the church office for anyone unable to access one via email at home.





A New Class for Adults “From Age-ing to Sage-ing”

A profound new vision of growing older based on the book of the same title.
By Zoom on **Mondays February 20—April 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

Who are you, apart from your occupation? If your job is terminated or you retired, how would you identify yourself?

As an older adult, have you figured out the significance of certain events in your life?
Are you sure you got it right?

Have you really forgiven those who have hurt you in the past? Are you at peace with yourself?

These and other questions will be examined in the new class, “From Age-ing to Sage-ing,” beginning February 20 and continuing via Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Discussion will be led by Janet Olschewsky and Michael Fingerle, based on readings from the book *From Age-ing to Sage-ing*, by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller (available through Amazon).

Sign up in the church office, and try to read the first three chapters of the book prior to the first class.

Temple Sinai and Church of the Palms Present: How and Why Jews and Christians Read Scripture Differently

Friday, February 24 at Temple Sinai (4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road Sarasota, FL 34231)

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a welcome, then 6:00 p.m. join us for Shabbat service, and at 7:00 p.m. Dr. AJ Levine will speak. Dr. Levine is an acclaimed author, public speaker, and expert in Jewish-Christian relations. Or you can attend the her presentation on **Saturday, February 25** at Church of the Palms (Sanctuary) at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to attend the reception following her presentation.



Preschool Corner

Our Almost 3's class is taught by Mrs. Janine Taber and Jen Valentino, they say that the biggest area of growth for their students is social-emotional development. The children are learning to balance emotions, work in a group settings, and explore their world while they build confidence in skills in all areas of development: fine and gross motor, cognitive, problem solving and language and also learning self-help skills.

The class is centered around play; rich, age-appropriate learning experiences that construct the foundation of future learning for our students.

Ways You Can Help with our Confirmation Class Beginning February 26th!

1. Bring a meal! We're in need of volunteers to feed our confirmands and Pastor Tim Sunday evenings.
2. Be an extra set of hands! We're looking for one extra adult for each Sunday evening to help out wherever needed and to support Pastor Tim.
3. Be a mentor! We're looking for congregants interested in partnering with and mentoring our youth throughout their confirmation journeys.

If you're interested in getting involved in any of the above ways, email carriemills@gmail.com for more information.



If you would like to receive Peace River Presbytery's **NEW** “News Letter” register at the link below.

You will not be able to receive it unless you register.

Peace River Presbytery will be sending out an e-newsletter twice a month. Get the latest news from the Presbytery and its churches delivered straight to your inbox.

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