# March 12, 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.*

## *Installing Dr. Timothy T. Boggess*




The way Presbyterians "do church" can be mysterious or confusing. Our new pastor, Tim Boggess has been with us since October as we all know, but he isn't "official" until Peace River Presbytery comes to install him as the 11th pastor of First Presbyterian Church. That is going to happen on **Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m.** in our church, It's a big deal. It really is. The music and singing and pageantry will be memorable. A procession of 20 Elders and robed clergy will lead him in. Dr, Margaret Towner will be here, the very first woman to be ordained as a Presbyterian minister. Former pastors; Dr. John LaMotte our 6th pastor, Dr. Susan DeWyngaert our 9th pastor and ministers coming from nearby congregations - Siesta Key Chapel, Peace Church of Lakewood Ranch, Christ Church of Longboat Key- all of which our church helped establish. As Tim Boggess has said recently: "This will be my LAST installation!" So we all need to be there to make sure it is; the beginning of a promising chapter for our church and Tim's last installation. See you **March 19th at 4:00 p.m**.

## *Lent 2023 ~ 40 Hours Together*

~ Join us on our Lenten journey toward Easter by committing to what matters; each other.

*40 Hours Together* is Cultivate Faith's Lenten initiative for families. It's a chance for us to take on regular spiritual practices together (rather than giving up something for the season). Forty hours together is the goal. The Holy Spirit meets us whenever and however, so every moment is truly sacred. Folding laundry together counts. Brushing teeth together counts. Looking for the teen's lost phone charger together counts. A text thread with ridiculous memes counts.

The 40 Hours Tracker can be printed at home, from the link in *News @ First* or grabbing a copy at church on Sunday. You will find resources in your inbox and at church each week to spark ideas for spending quality time together.

## *SunCoast Blood Mobile Sunday March 19 8:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m.*

SUNCOAST BLOOD CENTERS

Did you know if you are on some blood thinners, you can now donate blood? Be sure to check out the new updates. Please consider donating blood at First Presbyterian Sunday, March 19. You can now donate platelets on the bloodmobile as well by contacting Cheryl Track, faith community nurse, 4tracks@comcast.net

## *Cuba Partnership Trip Report*



On **TODAY Sunday, March 12,** the Cuba team will present our experience with personal reflections, pictures, and future plans regarding our partnership with Juan G. Hall Church in Cárdenas. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 10:10 a.m. to learn about this important relationship. A few team members will offer brief remarks about how this time transformed and touched them, followed by a Q&A time.

Sarasota Music Club

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will be holding its final concert of the regular season on **Friday March 17 at 10:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary. Luca Stine, a two-time winner of the Suncoast Scholarship competition will be performing with his jazz trio "A Morning of Bebop, Ballads and Blues". You have heard Luca perform at the church on previous occasions and this promises to be an equally entertaining program. *All of our concerts are free and open to the public.*

## Stephen Minister

A listening ear, a caring friend, a person to give hope, someone who holds things in confidence, a person who will let you honestly say what your family and other friends do not want to hear. Those are some of the many ways a Stephen Minister can be a help when you are experiencing a crisis, loss, or long-term difficulty. Stephen ministers are trained to give compassionate and confidential care during a difficult time in one's life.

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry. Please call the church office (941-955-8119) to speak with Pastor Tim Boggess, Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse.

## PW Bible

study meets **Wednesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. on zoom**. Barbara Andrews leads the seventh lesson in the Horizons Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath" titled Sabbath and Self-Care and is based on Luke 13:10-21 . Even though self-care is a crucial part of the Christian journey, it's important to remember that Sabbath is not primarily about caring for ourselves. Sabbath is first about honoring God.

The study guide is not necessary to join and all women are invited! Contact Elaine Barnett at ewbarnet@me.com for the zoom link.

## Family Promise Volunteer Training

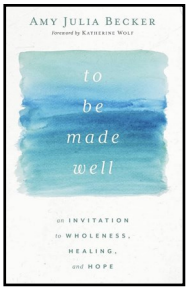
Family Promise will hold training for new and old volunteers right here at FPC. Anyone who would like to learn about Family Promise and how we serve homeless families is invited to attend any one of three sessions: **Thursday March 16** from **10:00 a.m. to noon, or 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,** or Saturday morning, **March 18 (time TBD).** Please contact Joanne Simons (SimonsJC1@gmail.com) for more information.

## Invest In Children Volunteers Still Needed



Ask some of the folks who wear green FPC name tags about their volunteer experience at our mission partner Brentwood Elementary School and you will probably hear stories of joy and love. There is still a need for volunteers to serve once a week as monitors in the computer lab or with a learning center. If you want to feel that joy and love, please contact Jinny or Ron Miller at (941)371-2750, ext 554 or jinnyron@gmail.com.

## Book Discussion Group Week 2 — still room for you to join.




Last week we began our discussion of *To Be Made Well* by introducing ourselves, the author Amy Julia Becker, and talking about the introduction and overarching themes of the book. We would love folks to join us this week for a discussion of Chapters 1-3.

No need to have joined us last week to jump in this week! This study is conducive to anyone jumping in when and where they can!

## Walk to End Summer Hunger

Join All Faiths Food Bank to kick off the 2023 Campaign Against Summer Hunger and celebrate the campaign's 10th anniversary with a walk around Nathan Benderson Park. The walk will mark the start of a six-week-long campaign to raise funds to feed children at risk of hunger over the summer. Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota, FL, 34235 - choose between a 1 mile "fun" walk or a 5K walk - Sunday, March 26, at 7:30 a.m. the site opens and at 8:30 a.m. the walk begins. Adult registration (includes t-shirt and lite breakfast) $25 and child registration - under 18 (Includes t-shirt and lite breakfast) $15.00 visit: https://allfaithsfoodbank.givecloud.co/product/CASHKICKOFF2023/walk-to-end-summer-hunger for more information and to register.

## 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.