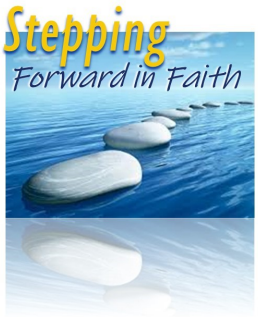
November 6, 2022 Announcements

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 Update

Sunday, October 23, 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 hosted creative I**ntergenerational rock painting activities.** The rocks have been painted and labeled with our church logo and a QR code. They are 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 - Pumpkin Decorating

It was fun to gather for this festive fellowship to decorate and/or carve pumpkins under the attractive new pavilion in the courtyard by the Fellowship Hall October 30.



Inquirers' Class - NEXT Sunday

The Inquirers' Class **next Sunday, November 13**, will begin at 10:00 a.m., and include attending 11:00 a.m. worship, followed by further conversation over lunch (12:00 - 1:00 p.m.) 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 8, at 11:30 a.m., through November 22;** email sign-up: ewbarnet@me.com

Presbyterian Women - Thank Offering

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. **Envelopes are in your bulletins today** for this special offering.

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 presbyterian women.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.

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.





Invest in Children - The Blessing Trees are Coming!



On November 20, watch for the **Blessing Trees** to appear! These are special trees, filled with gold stars that offer opportunities to provide gift cards for some of the Brentwood Elementary School students and their families who are in need of support this Christmas. Hurricane Ian has added to their needs, so watch for the trees and be a blessing to these BES families. Thank you in advance!

SURE Community Problems Assembly

Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee

TOMORROW, Monday, November 7, 6:00 p.m., SURE network members from all 22 congregations will gather 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.

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

A Rare Musical Experience - Thursday, November 17, 6:00 PM



The Hermitage Artist Retreat and Oak Street Stage team up to present pianist and composer Conrad Tao in concert and conversation. At age 25 Tao is a rising star, having performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and now anticipating his Carnegie Hall debut. His music is alternately explosive and contemplative, and is delivered with flawless mastery. The event gives us a chance to hear a virtuoso pianist and composer's inner thoughts in dialogue with his music. Because of generous donors, this evening is presented free of charge. Registration is requested at hermitageartistretreat.org. The usual $5.00 registration fee is waved for all FPC members and friends using the promo code: OakSt.

Mark Your Calendar - Take "Stop the Bleed" Training Class January 17 or 20

Health and Wholeness Ministry will be hosting *Stop the Bleed* trainers **Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** and **Friday, January 20, 12:00-1:30 p.m.** *Stop the Bleed* is a grassroots national awareness campaign and call-to-action. *Stop the Bleed* encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. You never know when YOU will be the one needing to help a loved one or someone else.

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.