July 16, 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.



Summer Sermon Series – by Rev. Timothy Boggess

This summer, while many of you find yourselves traveling from one place to the other, we are going to explore some of the Bible's greatest road trips. The title of the series is ***Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move***. Each Sunday, the sermon title will come from the title of a great travel story.

July 16	*The Fearful Void*	Exodus 14:1-15
July 23	*The Innocents Abroad*	Exodus 16:1-5, 13-15
July 30	*In Trouble Again*	Exodus 17:1-13
August 6	*Undaunted Courage*	Numbers 13-14, selected
August 13	*In a Sunburned Country*	1 Kings 19:1-16
August 20	*The Worst Journey in the World*	Jonah, selected
August 27	*Lost in My Own Backyard*	Acts 9:1-22
September 3	*A Voyage Long and Strange*	Acts 18-20, selected

I hope that you will join us either in-person or online. It's going to be a journey to remember!

Mark Your Calendar:



August 6 Backpack Blessing Get ready to go back to school with a special tag for your backpack.

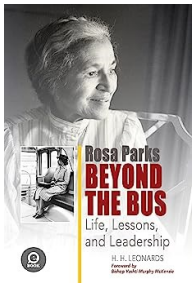
August 20 Rally Day. Meet new Sunday School teachers and kick off a new year of Sunday School classes.



Fall Salt Shakers Coming Soon

Joining Salt Shakers is a wonderful way for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to get to know each other. Groups of 6-8 people (singles or couples) meet once a month from September through November/December. Each group decides whether they want to have a potluck at a member's home, dine at a restaurant or have a picnic or brunch. Sign up forms are in the foyer of Fellowship Hall and the narthex of the Sanctuary. Questions? Call Diane Bittner (941) 755-2268 or Marcia Schaper (941)922-5245. Last day to sign up is Sunday, August 27.

A Free Program on Rosa Parks Sunday, July 16, 3:00 p.m.



First Congregational UCC is hosting H.H. Leonards speaking on the life and legacy of Rosa Parks. Ms. Leonards cared for Mrs. Parks during the last years of her life. Ms. Leonards has written a book on the life of Rosa Parks. *Rosa Parks Beyond the Bus* is a personal look into Mrs. Parks' life, her thoughts, her beliefs, and her immense wisdom that moved people. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn more about history and share with each other. Ms. Leonards will have books for sale afterwards and refreshments will be provide. First Congregational UCC 1031 South Euclid Ave.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies for Brentwood Students



JULY 9 – July 30

SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Drop off your donations in the designated boxes in the narthex on Sundays or in the church office.

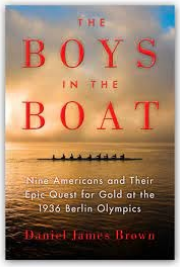
MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

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

Cash donations or checks are welcomed. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "School Supplies" on memo line.

Back-to-school tax holiday is July 24 – August 6, 2023.

Follow Me and Step Into the Boat



The Education and Formation Committee is sponsoring a series of family events inviting people of all ages to "Follow Me and Step Into the Boat" by reading, watching and even actually deciding to step into a boat for an adventure. The learning and fun begins in July as together we read The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown or The Boys in the Boat Young Reader Edition also by Daniel James Brown. Tim introduced us to this book in his sermon on Sunday, May 7. To refresh your memory you could see that sermon on our FPC Sarasota YouTube channel. See more information in the *News @ First*.

Adult Education Class Continues

The Prophets Still Speak Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. through August 1 via ZOOM



Old Testament prophets were concerned with many of the same issues as Christians today: issues of righteousness, obedience, social justice, and visions of hope for the future. This study explores what the prophets proclaimed to the people of their time still has urgency and importance for our time, as well. This class is led by Elaine Barnett, member of FPC, Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com.

July 18 - Hosea and Jeremiah: Calling for Single-minded Devotion
July 25 - Ezekiel and "Second" Isaiah: Calling for Chastened Hope
August 1 - "Third" Isaiah and Jonah: Calling Forth a Broader Vision

First Presbyterian Preschool



Rare Summer Openings for Fall 2023 Enrollment
First Presbyterian Preschool has a couple of openings for this upcoming school year. Please contact the preschool office to learn more about our community and play based programming.
firstprespreschoolsarasota.org or (941) 366-2000

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