July 2, 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 2	*The Impossible Country*	Genesis 12:1-9
July 9	*The Long Walk*	Exodus 13:17-22
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.

Goodbye Eddie

Come see (and hear) fellow church members Ted Eastmoore and Jimi Camastro play in their band *Goodbye Eddie* on Sunday, July 9, 1:00p.m.—5:00 p.m. at Woody's River Roo, 5717 18th St., Ellenton! A great opportunity to fellowship with your church family.

Chancel Choir Break

Our choir is taking a well-deserved summer break from July 9-30. We look forward to their return on Sunday, August 6. Please give our choir members a big thank you when you see them sitting in the pews. Contact Steven Phillips (SPhillips@firstpressarasota.org) if you are interested in joining the choir in the fall.

Caritas Food Pantry—Volunteers Needed



Caritas Food Pantry located in the First Baptist Church on Main Street in downtown Sarasota is in **immediate** need of volunteers on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00. FPC is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays. This site serves a growing number of homeless in Sarasota, along with families in need. First Presbyterian has been a partner with the Caritas ministry since it was first established in 1980 providing volunteers and financial assistance. Along with First Presbyterian, four other downtown churches support this effort; First Baptist, Church of the Redeemer, St Martha's and First United Methodist, all are expected to provide a team of three volunteers to help with food distribution on their designated day. If you can commit to one Thursday morning a month or would like to learn more about this outreach



The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies for Brentwood Students

SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

JULY 9 – July 30

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

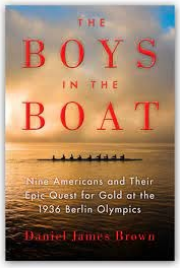
MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

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

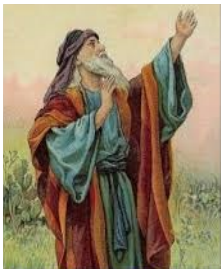


The Education and Formation Committee is sponsoring a series of family events inviting people of all ages to "Follow Me and Step Into the Boat" by reading, watching and even actually deciding to step into a boat for an adventure. The learning and fun begins in July as together we read The Boys in the 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
(no class July 4) 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 11 - Isaiah of Jerusalem: Calling for Righteous Leaders
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

IN LOVING Memory

Please keep the Marsh family in your prayers with the death of **Natalie Marsh** on June 26, 2023. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m.** in the chapel.

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.

If you would like to receive our Friday E-Newsletter, please call the church office, (941)955-8119 or email, info@firstpressarasota.org.