

July 3, 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.

Pavilion Progress



The trim carpenter installed the finished exterior side of the beam to allow soffits and facia to be installed. Next, paint will be applied on the finished exterior sides of the beams. Then soffits will be installed, followed by gutters and downspouts, scheduled for the week of July 11.



Finished trim around the columns is expected to be delivered the week of July 19. Then they will finish the trim for the rest of the beams, all the columns, and braces. Painting and trim out electrical will follow. **The end of July is the current projected date for completion!**

SURE: Exciting News!

Last Wednesday, June 29, 2022, pastors from **SURE** and members and pastors from Manatee's **STREAM** (Stronger Together Reaching Equality Across Manatee) organization met with State Attorney Brodsky and Assistant State Attorney Schaefer at Bethlehem Bible Church.

State Attorney Brodsky told us that **the Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion program (adult civil citation program) has a start date of July 1.** Deputies and officers have been trained and are ready to go. This is a major accomplishment!

Brodsky also shared a process for waiving fees for people who are deemed indigent, including the fees for Crime Stoppers. Again, the State Attorney heard our concerns and positively responded! We will be continuing to monitor this program and work to get it established with **STREAM** in Manatee County as well.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir!

We are very grateful to Steven Phillips, Director of Music, and the Chancel Choir for leading us in worship through their beautiful music each Sunday. Today is the last Sunday for the choir to sing before taking a well-deserved summer break. During their time off, we can look forward to a variety of vocal and instrumental musicians. Be sure to express your thanks to our choir members!

Cuba Partnership Committee Planning Meeting
July 5, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. on Zoom



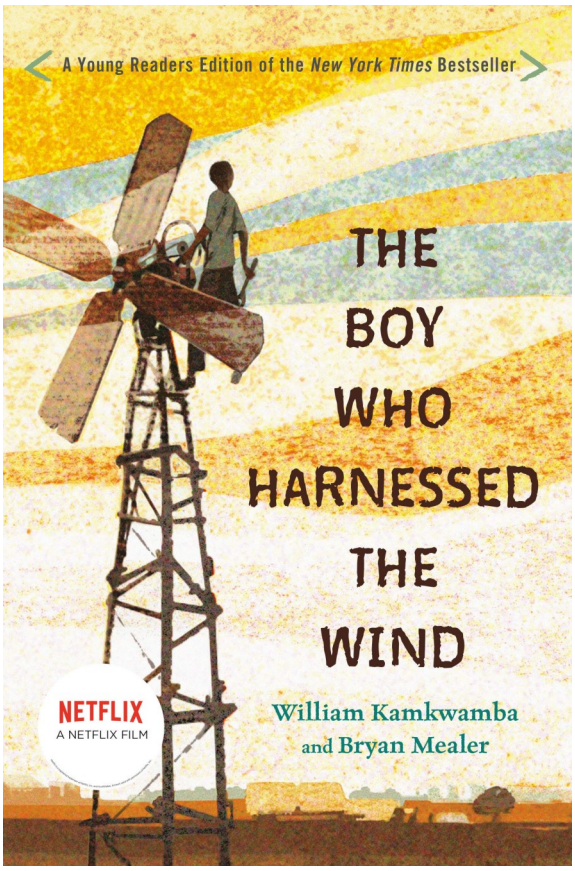
A meeting to begin planning a trip to Cuba in February 2023 is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 5 at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.** The trip will include visiting the Juan G Hall church to learn about each other and worship together. It will also include going to Mantanzas and some time in Havana. Anyone who is interested in our partnership with Juan G Hall Church and going to Cuba is invited to this meeting. We hope to create a core group to make specific plans and publicize the trip. If you are planning to attend the July 5 meeting, please email **Dave Householder,** dphouse47@gmail.com to receive materials related to the meeting and the trip.

Use the button in *News@First or u*se the link below to **attend the July 5 Zoom meeting:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87930736709?pwd=OFovVW9tcUlYMnoxQzcwbEUzZXlldz09

College/Continuing Education/ Technical School Scholarships

Scholarship money is available for the upcoming school year. Interested students and families should go to the website www.firstpressarasota.org, go to "Grow" tab and select "Young Adult" and print application. The application and transcripts must be received by ***Wednesday, August 31.*** Transcripts, including those from the spring 2022 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to have their transcript sent and update their contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply. Please send applications to the church, attention: SCHOLARSHIPS.

One Book One Community Continuing the Conversation



The *One Book* concept was created in 1996 in Seattle, Washington to help foster the expression of ideas within the community through the shared love of reading. Sarasota County first introduced the *One Book One Community* program in 2003 with the book *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith. The Sarasota selection for 2022 was *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* and was celebrated through the past fall and winter, including a visit from the author, William Kamkwamba. You can view video clips from his visit and learn more about this community program at this website: https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/one-book-sarasota#ad-image-16

The Education and Formation Committee would like to continue the community conversation surrounding this book throughout the month of July by encouraging our congregation to read this book (picture book version available for young children) and take the opportunity to talk about it during the fellowship hour between Sunday service. After years of being separated, this is an opportunity for us to share an experience and connect with members you may or may not know very well.

Discussion questions, reading guides, and activities will be available in print and online throughout the month. You can check out a copy of the book from your local library, find a digital copy, or purchase a copy online. There will also be a handful of hard copies of the book for all ages available to borrow from the church library. We will culminate this month-long "conversation" with a viewing of the Netflix film of the same name at the end of July (date and time TBD). Please join us and "continue the conversation!"

Contact **Carrie Mills, Emily Weitekamp,** or **Molly Horner** with any questions you may have.

SUNCOAST BLOOD CENTERS

Mark your calendar for our next blood drive **Sunday, September 18.**

Invest in Children

BACK TO SCHOOL

SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Collection of School Supplies
for Brentwood Students



JULY 10 - 31, 2022

Drop off your donations in the designated boxes as you enter worship services on Sunday, or in the church office Monday - Friday

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 welcome or checks made out to First Presbyterian Church, "School Supplies" on memo line.

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Inter-Generational Activity

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church's Membership and Fellowship Committee at

Mothers Helping Mothers



5933 North Washington Blvd. Sarasota
(2/10 of a mile south of University Blvd)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Mothers Helping Mothers is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization providing basic necessities, such as clothing and baby items (cribs, car seats, strollers, formula), 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! We are going to help on **Monday, August 1.** Join our FPC inter-generational group of volunteers from **9:00 a.m. to noon** as we sort donations, stock the shelves, and work to improve their store. All ages of volunteers are welcome. 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 Mothers Helping Mothers, or in *News@First.*

Get Easy Access to Church Member Information



Church Life is an app that is available to church members with iPhones or Androids. You can search for members, view phone and address information, photos, and family members. You can send a text of call with a simple tap on the phone number. You can even send an email. Here are two simple steps:

1. **Download ACS Church Life** from your App Store using either iPhone or Android (Blackberry and other devices can enter www.churchlife.mobi from any mobile browner).

2. **Log in.** Use the same username/email and password you use for your member login on the church's website.

You can **bring your phone into the church office** and Lisa Garcia, Finance Manager, would be happy to help you navigate getting Church Life on your phone. Please call (941) 955-8119 to set up a time.

Church Office Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy offering a friendly face to greet people, directing phone calls, and handling basic office tasks? We still have several positions open for weekly half-day volunteers to assist our FPC administrative support staff.

Mondays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 - 4:00pm
Wednesdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We'd love to have you join our office team! Thank you to our current volunteers, Jeff Bartell, Susan Beach Carter, Pat Feeney and George Chorba. To find out more, call or email Rachel Martin, Operations Manager, at (941) 955-8119 RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org or text to (941)-266-4450.

Our Condolences

Our dear sister, **Velma Allen,** died Saturday, June 25, 2022. Her memorial service will be at **Toale Brothers Funeral Home (40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota 34236) on Tuesday, July 5, 6:00 p.m.** Please remember the Allen family in your prayers. Notes may be sent to Velma's daughters:

Becky Allen
1821 E. Leewynn Drive
Sarasota, FL 34240-9636

Debbie Williams
3353 Spring Mill Circle
Sarasota, FL 34239-6719

Our dear brother, **Joseph (Joe) Dogoli** died Monday, June 13, 2022. A memorial service will be held at a later time. Please pray for Joe's wife, Jo, in this time of loss. Notes may be sent to Jo at:

Jo A. Dogoli
514 Pennyroyal Place
Venice, FL 34293

Please also keep in your prayers our dear sister, Jean Luker, and her family. Jean's mother, **Mary Knarr** of Sarasota, died Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Notes may be sent to Jean at:

Jean Luker
412 Highway 87 N
Pittsboro, NC 27312-7229

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.

If you are not currently receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, ***News@First,*** and would like to, please call the church office at (941) 955-8119 or email info@firstpressarasota.org to sign up!