Full descriptions are in *News@First.*

September 25, 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.

Farewell Reception for Craig and Donna Miller
TODAY, September 25 - 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Today will be our last Sunday with Craig Miller, bridge/interim pastor. There will be a reception for Craig and Donna during the 10:00 coffee hour. Please take time to thank them for their time with us. We are grateful for Craig's leadership for the past four months and congratulate him as he returns to retirement life! There will be a basket at the reception to accept notes of thanks and gratitude.

World Communion Sunday - October 2 - One worship service in the sanctuary

We will welcome back our 2020 bridge pastor, Rev. Dr. Kathleen Wiggins as guest preacher.

Peace and Global Witness Offering Next Sunday, October 2



The Peace and Global Witness Offering supports the efforts of the church at every level and provides witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts to the offering are divided as follows: 25% retained by First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota for support of our own peacemaking ministry; 25% used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50% forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Come Paint a Rock Today!



As part of this stewardship season, we can help to continue the tradition of welcoming those who seek to grow in God's love and grace. There will be an **intergenerational rock painting activity TODAY—Sunday, September 25,** during the fellowship coffee hour **starting at 10:00 a.m.** Paint pens and rocks will be provided, or you can bring your own rock. All levels of talent are welcome! Each rock will be labeled with our church logo, QR code, and "All are welcome here!" Once painted and labeled, the rocks will be placed around town, inviting those who find them to discover FPC.

Adult Education Opportunities (class descriptions in News@First)

- ***Tyranny and the Founding Fathers,*** **led by Hendrick "Hal" Serrie, Ph.D.**
  - Sundays, October 16 – November 20, 2022 - 10:00 a.m. during the Fellowship Hour
- ***Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance,*** **led by Elaine Barnett via Zoom**
  - held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., October 18 - November 8
  - Sign-up by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com

Invest in Children - Brentwood Elementary School - More volunteers needed!

To join the FPC group of volunteers, contact **Jinny or Ron Miller** at church or call them at their Sunnyside home, (941) 371-2750 (ext. 554), or by email at jinnyron@gmail.com.

Family Promise Casual Luncheon and Recognition Event

- Saturday, October 22, 2022, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. on grounds of St. Boniface Episcopal Church. No charge. **Register by October 8; email Joanne Simons,** SimonsJC1@gmail.com

Handbell Workshop - Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Terri Chapman, Associate Conductor of Ring Sarasota and Music Director at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church will conduct a beginning handbell workshop teaching handbell techniques. Let **Karen Olson** know if you would be interested in the workshop: klolso@comcast.net.

Our Condolences

Our brother, Jim Jackson died Sunday, September 18, 2022. He and his wife, Elaine, joined FPC in 1977. They were active in leadership and dearly beloved. A memorial service will be held at Sunnyside Chapel next Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Thank you for keeping the Jackson family in your prayers. Notes of condolence may be sent to Jim's son:

Jim Jackson, Jr.
6214 Doe Circle East, Lakeland, FL 33805

Volunteer Day Trip to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee
***Wednesday, September 28* - Work at Beth-El: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**



Volunteer in Wimauma sorting food or related activities. This mission partner distributes food to help 600-900 folks each week. To sign up or for more information, contact **Dave Householder** at dphouse47@gmail.com; call or text (724) 462-4235.

NAMI Walks Your Way - October 8, Payne Park

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is sponsoring this walk in Payne Park, FPC's neighbor. The event is to promote public awareness of mental health and reduce stigma, raise funds, and build community.

• REGISTRATION: 8:00 a.m. • WALK KICKS OFF: 9:30 a.m. • CLOSING CEREMONY: 11:30 a.m.

The walk features food vendors, raffles, DJ, face painting, fire truck, specialty T-shirts, and community resource tables. Register today!

Go to https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1241

Children and Youth at FPC

The Youth and Children Ministry is off and running! Click on the link in *News@First* to view the upcoming events and find out more about Sunday School, ideas for *Practicing the Practice in Your Home,* and ways that you can volunteer.

Mark Your Fall Calendars for Family Intergenerational Events

- **October 30 - Pumpkin Carving Party**
- **November 27 - Advent Workshop**

We're Here for You!

The FPC care team, Stephen Ministers, deacons, elders and church staff continue to be available for you. Please feel free to reach out to **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse (941) 320-3828 or call the church office (941) 955-8119 if we can be of support to you.

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.

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!