August 21, 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.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, August 28, following the worship service at 10 a.m. (one service only that day).** The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and to vote on the terms of call for the pastoral candidate. The pastoral candidate will preach at that one service.

The worship service will be live-streamed, but **in order to vote for the candidate you must be present in the sanctuary that morning. The congregational meeting will not be available on the website or social media.** The service of worship will not be available to view once it is over.

We are seeking to preserve confidentiality, as the pastor will need to inform her/his congregation of the impending transition, and it is right that the congregation learn the news from the pastor, not from any one of us. Information about the candidate will be available on August 28, but not before.

We are very excited about this congregational meeting, and the new pastor, as it is the next step in the journey of First Presbyterian Church. We believe there are some good things taking place in the church right now, and we believe the future of the church is very bright.

Please make every effort to be present in the sanctuary on August 28 at 10 a.m.!

Peace,

Craig Miller
Bridge Interim Pastor

Rally Day TODAY

10:00 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Join your church family to preview the new Sunday school curriculum and offer feedback for this year's calendar.

We wanted to share a little bit about what to expect at Rally Day!

We are excited for Rally day! We will be sharing our new curriculum 'Follow Me' from PCUSA. Join us for Fellowship, Crafts, Snacks and a preview of what to expect this new Sunday School Year! We look forward to growing together this new year! This new curriculum offers something for everyone at FPC. We have many intergenerational pieces for everyone in the family. You do not want to miss out! Contact Molly Horner MHorner@firstpressarasota.org with any questions.

Join the FPC Mission Trip to Our Partner Church in Cárdenas, Cuba February 9 – 15, 2023



Interested individuals and families may now sign up for the trip to Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, Cuba, in the province of Matanzas. Some members of our congregation visited in two previous trips, and **Pastor Alison Infante Zamora** spoke here in 2017.

On this trip we plan to meet and continue to develop our personal relationships with members of Juan G. Hall and to learn about their culture, trials, and achievements while sharing our own. A detailed itinerary is on a link in *News@First* and in August *Cross Connections*. We anticipate the cost of this trip to be about $1,500 (US dollars). Financial assistance from the **Mission and Justice Committee** will be available.

For specific information about the area and what it's like, contact **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com or (941) 735-8786, or **Graham Hart,** 2grahamhart@gmail.com**,** for information about their experiences in Cuba. For details about the Cuba Partnership go to https://www.cubapartnersnetwork.info/. To get a feel for Juan G. Hall go to their Facebook page: **https://www.facebook.com/Iglesia-Presbiteriana-Reformada-Juan-G-Hall-en-C%C3%A1rdenas-1096173980413073/?ref=br_rs**

Talk to any on the planning group **(Dave Householder, Rachel Martin, Jay Swick, Sue Hargis Spigel, Karen Olson, and Graham Hart)** to learn more. We will need both "senders" and "goers" to make the trip possible. To sign up, send a note to Dphouse47@gmail.com with what you would like to do.

Choir Rehearsals Have Resumed



We are happy to welcome our chancel choir members back from their summer break. The choir adds so much to our worship experience.
If you are interested in being a part of the choir, which includes Wednesday night rehearsals, please contact **Steven Phillips,** Director of Music and Congregational Care. To learn more, email: sphillips@firstpressarasota.com

Be sure to express your gratitude to those who share their gift of music in our worship services.

Invest in Children—Volunteers Needed



Our ***Invest in Children*** initiative is looking for volunteers to reach out in mission to the children of ***Brentwood Elementary School.*** YOU can be one of those volunteers who serve at least one hour a week in a variety of ways such as . . .

- Reading buddy
- Small group assistant
- Art room and art projects helper
- Science Lab supporter
- Computer supporter (helping students log in and stay focused)
- Clerical helper (filing, cutting, copying etc.)
- Lunch buddy
- Media center helper
- One-on-one mentor, . . . and more!

Share your interest or questions with **Jinny and Ron Miller** by calling them at (941) 371-2750 (ext. 554) or email jinnyron@gmail.com.

The children need YOU!

FPC'S Weekly All Faiths Food Distribution



With gratitude to All Faiths Food Bank for a generous $3,000 Capacity Expansion Grant, we have expanded our food offering and **are now averaging over 100 families per week!**

Thanks for the generous donation of time from our FPC volunteers who help make it possible for us to continue to running our drive-through pantry. More volunteers are needed. Please consider **joining us on Thursday mornings to volunteer.** We start packing food at 8:30 a.m. and serve from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

UPcoming EVENTS

HEALTH and WHOLENESS

NEXT FPC Blood Drive: Sunday, September 18

Anyone who donates twice from June through September will receive a $20 Amazon gift card! Please contact **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse to register, (941) 320-3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

Donate Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

Look for the Lions Club box located in church office to donate eyeglasses and hearing aids you no longer use. The box will remain in the church office. Contact Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse for more information, (941) 320-3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

Mental Health First Aid Refresher Class

If you took the Mental Health First Aid class April 2019 at First Presbyterian and would like to renew your certification, First Presbyterian will be hosting the class **Friday, September 30, 9:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** There will be no charge if you would like to attend the class without certification. $30 for certification. Tracy Daniels, BayCare Behavioral Health Educator, will be the instructor. Please contact Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse to **register by Monday, September 19, (**941) 320--3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

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Fellowship Hour – Sundays Between Services

Are you looking for good conversation between the Sunday worship services? **The Membership and Fellowship Committee** invites all to **come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Enjoy hot and cold drinks along with baked goods, fruit, crackers, and cheese. This is a good time to **reconnect with people you haven't seen for a long time and to meet new people.**

If you would like to help the team on occasion with setup, cleanup, or bringing snacks, speak to anyone you see setting up or clearing up, or contact **Joanne Simons,** SimonsJC1@gmail.com or **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com.

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!