



## January 15, 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*

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](mailto:info@firstpressarasota.org) to sign up!

## Updated Supply Needs for February Trip to Cuba Partnership



The FPC group traveling to Cárdenas, Cuba, to visit our partner church, Juan G. Hall, is grateful for donations of OTC items. Along with these, we now have a list of specific ministry and congregational needs that you can meet. The requests are for items that are unavailable or scarce in Cuba. Thank you!

**Office Supplies and Sunday School:** Printing paper (8½ x 11"), transparent laminating sheets (8½ x 11"), colored paper, felt, plastic-head thumb tacks, ballpoint pens, whiteboard markers and permanent markers

**For Hosting Guests:** Single-bed sheets, towels, cutlery sets, plates, spoons, forks, knives, teaspoons (need 20 sets), milk strainers

**For the Kitchen and Snacks for Children:** Oil, dish detergent, flour (wheat), cookies, peanut butter and/or Nutella, seasonings

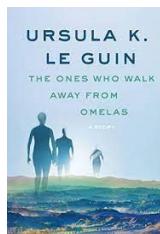
**For the congregation:** Personal hygiene items—soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, women's sanitary pads

**OTC items:** Aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, anti-diarrhea medications, anti-nausea pills, antihistamines and allergy medications (Benadryl, Claritin), antibiotic creams and ointments, cough syrup, cough drops, sensitive skin care (e.g., Cetaphil), oral antiseptics, antacids (e.g., Tums), vitamins, iron supplements, Band-Aids, bandages



### Power outage supplies:

Rechargeable lights—such as solar-charging Luci lights or hand-crank power lights (available on Amazon or other online sites)



## Adult Education Elective Led by Dr. John Parks

The six-week adult class led by John Parks continues today at 10:00 a.m. in room 203. Various timeless themes in literature are being considered. An article or excerpt from a book will be provided each week to read in advance. Today's reading, *The One Who Walks Away from Omelas*, and future readings, are available in class, at the office, or through a link in Friday's **News@First** e-newsletter. Come for a stimulating discussion!

## Campus Clean-up - Saturday, Jan. 28, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Please join us in beautifying the church campus, gardening and mulching the courtyard, and helping weed and re-mulch in in beautifying the preschool playground. Bring gloves and garden tools. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.



## Presbyterian Women

 PW Bible study meets **Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom**. Flossie Paul is leading the fifth lesson in the *Horizons* Bible Study, "Celebrating Sabbath." This lesson is titled *Sabbath and Servitude*. The study guide is not necessary to join and all women are invited! Contact Elaine Barnett at [ewbarnet@me.com](mailto:ewbarnet@me.com) for the Zoom link.

## Our Preschool's Goals



Our preschool works hard to continue to serve our communities through the goals set for the school and staff this year. **One goal set for this year was to implement an enrichment program.** The preschool children learn to play chess, karate, and connect their mind, body and emotions. They also practice self-regulation skills through yoga and learn pre-literacy skills in a Reading Ready class. The enrichment classes are offered most afternoons and run in seven-week cohorts.

## SURE: Notice of Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 5:30 pm.

Location: Sarasota City Hall Commission Chambers, 1565 First Street, Sarasota



The SURE Affordable Housing Team would like you to attend the discussion of an Attainable Housing Initiative within the Downtown Bayfront, Downtown Core, Downtown Edge, and Downtown Neighborhood Edge Zone Districts. The purpose of this public outreach process is to obtain feedback and comments from the public on implementing the City Commission approved Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Affordable Housing is one of the important issues the congregations of SURE are addressing. For us to create a solution, we must combine our thoughts, efforts and prayers. Your attendance is needed.

## Our Condolences

Our dear sister, Jane Bartruff, died Friday, December 30. A graveside service will be at Sarasota National Cemetery (9810 State Road 72, Sarasota) on **Thursday, January 19, 12:30 p.m.** Notes of condolence may be sent to Jane's son, Gregg Bartruff, 4616 Meadow Lake Dr, Apex, NC 27502-9373.

Our dear brother, Ted Beattie, died Friday, January 6. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, January 21. at 10:00 a.m.** Notes of condolence may be sent to Ted's wife, Jill Beattie, 165 Sugar Mill Dr, Osprey, FL 34229-9073.

Our dear brother, Jim Barnett, died Monday, December 26. A memorial service will be **Sunday, February 19, 3:00 p.m.** Notes of condolence may be sent to Jim's wife, Elaine Barnett, 1904 31st Avenue W, Bradenton, FL 34205-8911.

## Health and Wholeness - Join the Conversation



Baycare offers online conversations related to grief, Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. All led by area hospital chaplains. To register: [mpmbereavement.org](http://mpmbereavement.org) or (727) 462-7995.

Jan. 19: Grief and Resilience - Making the Connection

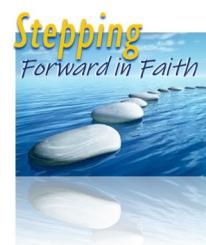
Feb. 16: Coping with Grief - A Creativity Tool for Mourning

Mar. 16: Spiritual Dimensions of Grief - Exploring the Big Questions

## Stewardship Update

Thank you to those who have stepped forward in faith with your 2023 pledge.

**If you have not made your pledge, it's not too late! All pledges are needed**—you can return your pledge card to the church office or pledge online through the church website: [www.FirstPresSarasota.org](http://www.FirstPresSarasota.org) and select member login.



## FPC Sarasota Giving Options



**Offering baskets** will be available near the entrance. Your gifts make a great difference!

**Online:** If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit [FirstPresSarasota.org](http://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.