July 23, 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 23	*The Innocents Abroad*	Exodus 16:1-5, 11-15
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.



Join the 2023-2024 Sunday School Team!



Are you interested in connecting with the FPC children and youth beyond what you hear during the children's moment? The Education and Formation Committee is searching for congregation members who want to build relationships and share their love for God with our youngest disciples. We need teachers for all three classes: Pre-K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-12th.

Please contact Emily Weitekamp at emily.weitekamp@gmail.com if you're interested.

**If you are interested but cannot commit to a full year, we still encourage you to reach out. Subs are always needed!

Fall Salt Shakers Coming Soon



Joining Salt Shakers is a wonderful way for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to get to know each other. Groups of 6-8 people (singles or couples) meet once a month from September through November/December. Each group decides whether they want to have a potluck at a member's home, dine at a restaurant or have a picnic or brunch. Sign up forms are in the foyer of Fellowship Hall and the narthex of the Sanctuary. Questions? Call Diane Bittner (941) 755-2268 or Marcia Schaper (941)922-5245. Last day to sign up is Sunday, August 27.

Pastoral Care Team Update

Weekly the care team, comprised of Pastor Tim Boggess, retired pastor, Doug Decelle, faith community nurse, Cheryl Track, and new to the team, Pat Higgins, and Michael Fingerle, meet via Zoom to review the medical needs of the congregation. From this meeting, care is shared with hospital, facility, home visits and phone calls. We are blessed to have Pat and Michael join the team in caring for the congregation. Feel free to reach out to them when you see them if you have a health need and to welcome them to the ministry!

BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies for Brentwood Students



JULY 9 – July 30

SUPERSTARS
BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

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

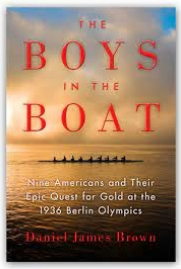
MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES

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*.



Fellowship Fun Please join us for the 10:00 a.m. fellowship hour. We serve coffee, tea, lemonade, and ice water and a selection of fruit, cheese and crackers, bagged chips, and baked goodies, some of them home-baked. Enjoy the opportunity to converse with people from the church service you normally don't attend. We have a vibrant congregation; here is a chance to talk and find out what other people are doing and thinking.

First Presbyterian Preschool



Rare Summer Openings for Fall 2023 Enrollment

First Presbyterian Preschool has a couple of openings for this upcoming school year. Please contact the preschool office to learn more about our community and play based programming.

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