May 21, 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.

Today we welcome **Joseph Murrey**, Thornwell Mission Advancement Officer for Florida, Joseph will be available between the services and after the 11:00 a.m. service if you would like more information about Thornwell Home For Children.

Cuba Mission Partnership

Sue Hargis Spigel and **Carol Papa** are in Cuba for four days as part of a 15-member team representing the Peace River Presbytery. They left on Friday, May 19, and will return Tuesday May 23. The primary purpose of this trip is to renew the Cuba Mission Partnership between the Peace River Presbytery and the Matanzas Presbytery, as well as the partnerships between sister churches. The sister church partnerships represented are:

First Presbyterian Church of Naples and Central Matanzas Presbyterian Church
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church of Naples and Perico Presbyterian Church
Covenant Presbyterian Church Fort Myers and El Fuerte Presbyterian Church
Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers and El Redentor Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota and Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church.

In addition to renewing our church partnership with Juan G. Hall, Sue and Carol will be taking much needed car parts for Pastor Alison's car, some personal care products, and craft supplies to support the handmade craft ministry of Juan G. Hall, which provides income to local artisans.

Please keep Sue, Carol, and the other fellow travelers in your prayers.

Traveling Day Camp

Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp is Back!
June 12– 16
See News @ First to Register

We need volunteers!

There will be a Volunteer Rally on **Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m.** We will do a quick orientation, final set-up, and host a welcome meal with our Cedarkirk Counselors for the week.

Scan the QR Code to sign up to volunteer.

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Pentecost is May 28

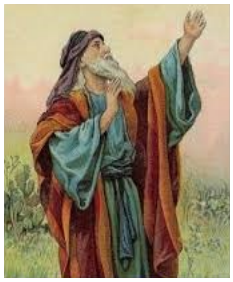
A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Remember to wear red on May 28, we will be taking the Pentecost Offering on May 28.

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 **Saturday, July 1.** Transcripts, including those from the spring 2023 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to have transcript sent and update their contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.

New Adult education Class



The Prophets Still Speak Tuesdays 11:30 June 13 -July 25 (no class July 4th) via ZOOM

Old Testament prophets were concerned with many of the same issues as Christians today: issues of righteousness, obedience, social justice, and visions of hope for the future. This study explores how what the prophets proclaimed to the people of their time still has urgency and importance for our time, as well. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com.

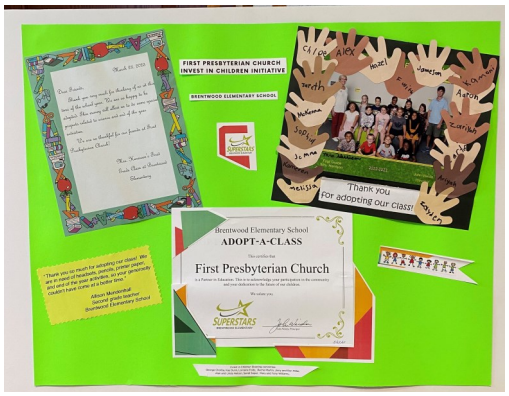
June 13 - Prophetic Calls
June 20 - Amos and Micah: Calling for Social Justice
June 27- Isaiah of Jerusalem: Calling for Righteous Leaders
July 11 - Hosea and Jeremiah: Calling for Single-minded Devotion
July 18 - Ezekiel and "Second" Isaiah: Calling for Chastened Hope
July 25 - "Third" Isaiah and Jonah: Calling Forth a Broader Vision

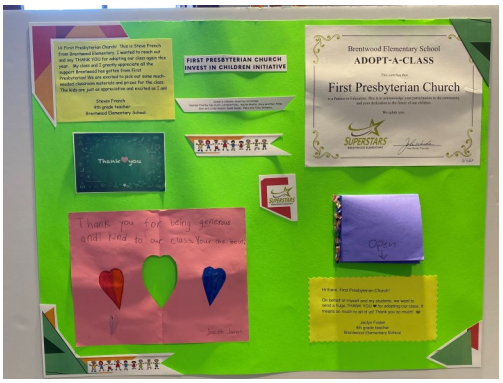
Invest In Children Another thank you from Brentwood . . .

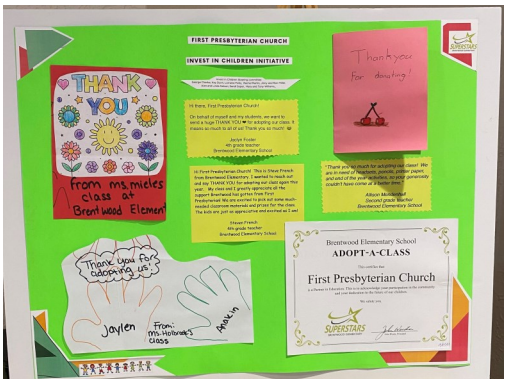
Hi there!
On behalf of myself and my students, we want to send a huge THANK YOU for adopting our class. It means so much to all of us! Thank you so much!

Jaclyn Foster, 4th grade teacher

Please check out the posters for notes from this class and other Brentwood classes!







Stephen Ministry

We like to think of ourselves as being self-reliant and we pride ourselves on being able to take care of our own needs, but sometimes life surprises and humbles us. We simply may not be able to deal with a problem all on our own. A sudden change in life, a loss, unwelcome news, and yes, a bad healthcare diagnosis can create a crisis that may become overwhelming. Possibly,you are too close to a person or involved in a situation to be able to offer help. At times like this, it may be important to have someone listen, care, and walk with those who are hurting. That is the wonderful service that Stephen Ministry provides. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide emotional and spiritual support for people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time.

If you or someone you know needs a Stephen Ministry, please call the church office (941-955-8119) to speak with Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse or Timothy Boggess, pastor.