June 11, 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.

Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp Starts Tomorrow!
We are excited to have our campus full of campers and counselors.

Traveling Day Camp

Fruitful Faith
Cedarkirk Traveling Day Camp 2023

Middle and High School Youth Volunteers Needed!

Calling all middle and high school youth! We are in need of volunteers THIS Sunday, June 11 from 4:00 -6:00 p.m.to help prepare for traveling day camp. If you're volunteering for camp the following week, come and meet the counselors and help us set up! **If you're not volunteering for camp, we can use your help, too!**

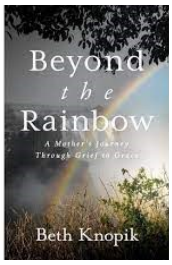
Dinner will be served afterward and we will be having a planning session to get your feedback on what you would like youth group and middle/high school ministry to look like in the coming year!

SunCoast Blood Centers

Blood Drive TODAY
8:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome Sign up by contacting Cheryl Track at (941) 320-3828 or email 4tracks@comcast.net OR scan the QR code.

To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be in good health and must be at least 16 years of age. Most blood banks have no upper age limit. Volunteer donors provide nearly all blood used for transfusion in the United States. The donor's body replenishes the fluid lost from donation in 24 hours.



Please Join Us for a Book Event in June!

Our very own, Beth Knopik, has written a memoir entitled, *Beyond the Rainbow,* following the loss of her teenage daughter, Leanna. The book was released in the fall of 2022 and has received 5-star reviews on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. On **Sunday, June 25,** Beth will host a book event in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the NewSong service. Beth will answer questions from 10:00-10:15 a.m. and have books available for purchase for $15 each.

Synopsis of *Beyond the Rainbow*: In June of 2012, vibrant 16-year-old Leanna Mae Knopik was hospitalized with a rare and sudden cardiac infection. In this unflinching account of her final month of life and the searing sorrow that followed, a grieving mother finds a path to true joy through God's grace.

Beyond the Rainbow describes in candid detail the arduous task of piecing a family back together in the wake of tragedy, and the transformative spiritual awakening that emerges. Not just for the bereaved, all readers will benefit from the author's journey through searing pain and her ultimate discovery of God's grace. This memoir offers a model for how family members can move through grief. It presents an honest and complete examination of the coping skills that worked for Beth and her family—and the ones that did not. The goal of *Beyond the Rainbow* is twofold: 1) to ease the path to healing by offering a roadmap through the early stages of grief, and 2) to broaden the reader's perspective on loss; with God's grace, they can and will live a joyful life.

New Adult Education Class



The Prophets Still Speak
Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. June 13 -July 25
(no class July 4) 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 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

Family Promise is Opening a New Francis House



Family Promise of Sarasota/Manatee is excited to announce the new **Francis House** for expectant mothers! The house is on the campus of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church. The movers will deliver the stored furniture and helpers are set to assemble the beds. **Tuesday, June 13**, is unpack the boxes day, set up the kitchen, and outfit the pantry with non-perishables and cleaning supplies. We have a team ready to make the house a comfortable, safe home.

Please consider supporting this ministry by 1) offering to provide a healthy meal for the mothers, 2) donating non-perishable foods and cleaning supplies, and 3) praying for the expectant mothers. More information for healthy meals, non-perishables and cleaning supplies will be forthcoming. Our church contacts are **Joanne Simons and Pam Mathes.**



Women's Ministry Visionary Gathering on Zoom

Please join us for a PW Visionary time on Zoom on **Wednesday June 28th at 10:30 a.m.** The goal is to look for bright ideas to lead us into the future. Don't miss your chance to put in your two cents as we envision ways of continuing the mission of PW and women's ministry into the future. All women are invited to attend.
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88342115352?pwd=OGp5VENLSlJhTWVRSTB2OFFOZ3pPZz09

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.

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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 would like to receive our Friday E-Newsletter, please call the church office, (941)955-8119 or email, info@firstpressarasota.org.