



July 17, 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.*

Beth-El
Farmworker Ministry, Inc.



Volunteer Day Trips to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

**Sponsored by the
Mission and Justice Committee**



Work at Beth-El

**Last Wednesday of Month
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Resuming August 31**

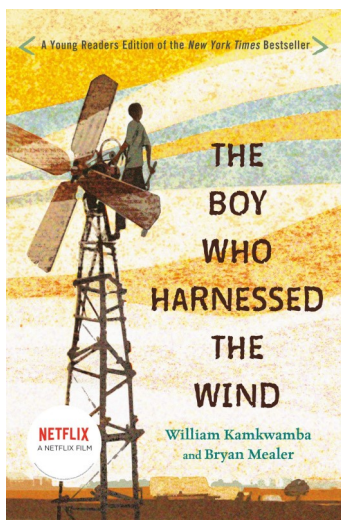
Be a part of the group from FPC that gathers at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma to sort food and related activities.

This mission partner distributes food to help 600-900 folks each week. To sign up or for more information, contact **Dave Householder** at dphouse47@gmail.com; call or text (724) 462-4235

FPC'S WEEKLY ALL FAITHS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$3,000 Capacity Expansion Grant from All Faiths Food Bank to help us purchase shelving units for storage and carts that will help us efficiently run our weekly food pantry. When we opened our drive-through pantry in 2021, we served an average of 40 families per week. Since that time, we have expanded our food offering to include bakery, dry goods, produce, and frozen meat (when available), and **we are now averaging over 100 families per week!**

Thanks to the funds from the *Imagine the Future* capital campaign, and the generous donation of time from our FPC volunteers we will continue to run our drive-through pantry. **If you are interested in volunteering, please come on Thursday mornings.** We start packing food at 8:30 a.m. and serve from 10:00-11:30 a.m.



One Book One Community - Join the Conversation!

The *One Book* concept began in 1996 in Seattle, Washington to help foster the expression of ideas within the community through the shared love of reading. Sarasota County introduced the program in 2003. The Sarasota selection for 2022 was *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. **The Education and Formation Committee** encourages our congregation to read this book (picture book version available for young children) and to **talk about it during the fellowship hour between Sunday services.**

Discussion activities are available in print and online throughout the month. You can check out a copy of the book from our church or local library, find a digital copy, or purchase a copy online. At the end of July, we will view the Netflix film by the same name. Please join us and "continue the conversation!" Contact **Carrie Mills, Emily Weitekamp, or Molly Horner** with any questions.

Invest in Children BACK TO SCHOOL



Collection of School Supplies
for Brentwood Students



JULY 10 - 31, 2022

Drop off your donations in the designated boxes as you enter worship services on Sunday, or in the church office Monday - Friday

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 welcome or checks made out to First Presbyterian Church,
"School Supplies" on memo line.*



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Pavilion Progress

Soon the paint will be applied on the finished exterior sides of the beams. Then soffits will be installed, followed by gutters and downspouts.



Next, the trim will be installed for the rest of the beams, all the columns, and braces. Painting and trim out electrical will follow. **The end of July is the projected date for completion!**

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 **Wednesday, August 31**. Transcripts, including those from the spring 2022 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to have their transcript sent and update their contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply. Please send applications to the church, attention: SCHOLARSHIPS.



Mark your calendar for our next blood drive **Sunday, September 18**.

Inter-Generational Activity

Sponsored by
First Presbyterian Church's
Membership and Fellowship
Committee at

Mothers Helping Mothers



**5933 North Washington Blvd. Sarasota
(2/10 of a mile south of University Blvd)**

**MONDAY
AUGUST 1
9 am - 12 noon**



Mothers Helping Mothers is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization providing basic necessities, such as clothing and baby items (cribs, car seats, strollers, formula), free of charge to families in Sarasota, Manatee, and surrounding counties. They are a **valued partner with Family Promise**.

Mothers Helping Mothers needs our help! We are going to help on **Monday, August 1**. Join our FPC inter-generational group of volunteers from **9:00 a.m. to noon** as we sort donations, stock the shelves, and work to improve their store. **All ages of volunteers are welcome**. There will be tasks appropriate for youth and adults. For more information contact Joanne Simons SimonsJC1@gmail.com or (703) 798-7330.

Use this link to sign up to help Mothers Helping Mothers, or use the link in News@First.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60BOE4BAEAC29A1FC1-mothers>





Florida CarFit Virtual Workshop
Wednesday, July 27
 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 via Zoom
 Register at
fdot.tips/CarFitFL

Join us for a FREE virtual workshop! Discover how to improve your fit in your personal vehicle and how this may keep you and others safer on the road.

For more information, visit Car-Fit.org

A note from the **Safe Mobility for Life Coalition** Florida Department of Transportation

Safe Mobility for Life Coalition will be hosting a **FREE one-hour Statewide CarFit Virtual Workshop on Wednesday, July 27 at 11:00 a.m.**

This is an opportunity for you and the older drivers in your community to learn about the key aspects involved in getting a proper "fit" in your vehicle and how this can keep you and others safer on the road. Plus, information will be provided on the free resources available to you in Florida.

Help spread the word!



If you have an adult family member or loved one living with mental illness, you are not alone. Join us for **NAMI's peer-led Family Support Group**.

In-person, **NAMI meets at First Presbyterian Church every third Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, in the forum, **July 21** being the next group. In-person groups also meet in Venice and Lakewood Ranch. See NAMI calendar for more details. Namisarasotamanatee.org

An online group meets the second Thursday, August 8, being the next group, Zoom meeting ID: 854-2511-6349 and the fourth Monday, July 25 being the next group, Zoom meeting ID: 411-700-5178.

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!