**Upcoming Events**

- Jazz & Brunch: February 19; one service 10 a.m.; potluck to follow. 75th anniversary of preschool celebration
- Ash Wednesday Service: February 22; 6 p.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting: February 26; one service, 10 a.m.
- Installation of Pastor Tim Boggess: March. 19; 4 p.m.

# February 5, 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***

## *Thank you Pam Schweizer*




The session reluctantly made the decision to eliminate the Assistant to the Pastors position, due to our church's current financial situation. We are thankful for the many years of faithful service provided by **Pam Schweizer** in the church office and would like to honor her with of a Love Offering. If you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and indicate Love Offering for Pam in the memo line. You may send your gift to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. If you would like to send Pam a note or card her address is: 3707 Kingswood Drive, Sarasota, FL 34232-5824



## *Cuba Partnership Trip: February 8-14*

The commissioning of the FPC group traveling to Cárdenas, Cuba, will take place TODAY. The group of 13 will visit our partner church, Juan G. Hall, which will celebrate its 123rd anniversary. **Tim Boggess, Michael Brown, Victoria Gunther, Jennie Harrod, Graham Hart, Linda Hart, Carol Papa, Ken Papa, Candy Swick, Sue Hargis Spigel, Candy Swick, Jay Swick, Nancy Wellinghoff**
We have packed all the donated supplies in suitcases. We will be taking over 1000 lbs!

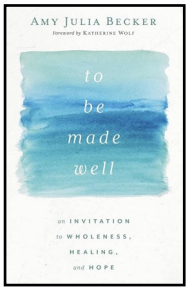
We are so grateful for the amazing support and donations we have received. This is a partnership trip, not a mission trip, we are fortunate to be able to donate so much to a country that suffers shortages and sanctions. Our friends in Cárdenas have faith to move mountains and an enduring love for God, each other, and us. We will be more than blessed by the time we spend with our partner church. Thank you for praying with us as we travel and build relationship with Juan G. Hall Church!

## *Mark Your Calendar: Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 12*

Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with the simple prayer by a Presbyterian seminary intern, with a desire to inspire others on Super Bowl Sunday to donate to those "who are without a bowl of soup to eat." Since then, youth groups have been harnessing the energy of people coming together for football, food, and fun to raise funds to help feed those in need.

Our youth and children will be stationed with soup pots at the door after both services on Sunday, February 12, to receive your gifts of money to help alleviate hunger in our area or abroad. Checks may be made to First Presbyterian Church with "Souper Bowl" in the memo line.

## *Book Discussion Group*



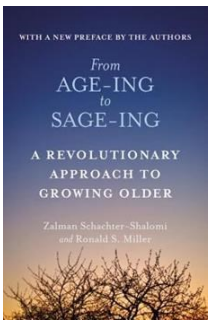

Join Leah Cotter and embark on a journey of spiritual and communal wellness with *To Be Made Well* by Amy Julia Becker. Amy Julia Becker is an award-winning writer and speaker on personal, spiritual and social healing. A graduate of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv)
**Dates: Feburary 26th - April 2nd at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall**
Several copies of the book will be available in the office for purchase or it can be purchased where all books are sold including electronic versions. Beginning February 26th we will cover the introduction as well as Chapters 1 & 2. Reach out to Leah via email at Leah.t.cotter@gmail.com for a copy of the study companion. She will have copies printed and available in the church office for anyone unable to access one via email at home.

## *Invest In Children — Volunteers needed*



**What is it that God wants you to do?** Do you have an hour to reach out to some cool children? Are you a "crafty" person who, once a month, would like to read a book for a class and then help the students with a craft related to the book? Or would you like to help in the art room every other week? If you are interested in volunteering at our mission partner Brentwood Elementary School, please get in touch with Jinny or Ron Miller at jinnyron@gmail.com or 941-371-2765, ext 554. They would be happy to help you respond to God's call!

## *A New Class for Adults "From Age-ing to Sage-ing"*




### A profound new vision of growing older Based on the book of the same title. Zoom Monday February 20-April 3

There are a lot of jokes about growing older, and they cover dread of our "declining" years. This Lenten course will help you discover new meaning and purpose for your life as the years stack up. Through reading and discussion, you will come to terms with lessons from your past and acquire a new vision/version of purpose for the future. You will need to read *From Age-ing to Sage-ing*, by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller (not our Ron Miller), available on Amazon Books and elsewhere. The Zoom class, taught by Stephen Ministry Leaders Michael Fingerle and Janet Olshewsky, begins at 7 PM on Mondays, **February 20 to April 3.** Each session will last 60-90 minutes. Please register in the church office.

## *Adult Education Elective Led by Dr. John Parks*

The six-week class continues today at **10:00 a.m. in room 203.** An article or excerpt from a book is provided each week to read in advance. Today's reading, *The Brown Chest* is available in class. Next week's reading is available at the office, or through a link in Friday's *News@First* e-newsletter. Come for a stimulating discussion!

## *Jazz and Brunch Sunday, February 19*

***Pot Luck Brunch*** *One worship service at 10:00* am features Jazz music followed by fellowship and a shared meal.
Please follow this alphabetic list for suggestion of what to bring:

A thru M – main dishes such as stews, chili, chicken, pasta, tofu
N thru S – vegetables, salads
T thru Z – breads, rolls, desserts

The Membership & Fellowship committee has opportunities for you to serve our church. We are looking for help setting up tables for the Jazz Sunday. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 and work for about a hour. We also need some help in the kitchen on Sunday morning receiving food items before the 10:00 service, arrive at 9:30 a.m. to lend a hand. We will be especially grateful for those who stay around afterward to help clean up. Crowns in heaven and possibly leftovers for that!

## *Join us for Sunday School from 10:00 to 10:50am!*

Follow Me
Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

Room 221 For K-5

Room 222 For middle and high school youth

We are working on finding teachers for our preschool-aged children (if you or someone you know is interested, please contact Emily Weitekamp); in the meantime, we invite parents to spend time in community getting to know one another on the playground, in the Fellowship Hall or in Room 215, the preschool Sunday School room!




## *Our Preschool: Registration to Open Monday, February 6*

First Presbyterian Preschool is excited to begin the registration process for the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration will open for non-current student on February 6th. If you are interested or would like more information on our play-based preschool program, please contact the preschool office. Phone: 941-366-2000 Email: preschool@firstpressarasota.org

## *FPC Sarasota Giving Options*

Your gifts make a 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.