August 28, 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.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!

This Sunday we share in a special service of worship with our guest preacher as the candidate for the pastoral position at First Presbyterian Church. **Following the one worship service at 10:00 a.m.,** there will be a **congregational meeting** to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and to vote on the call to the new pastor / head of staff and to approve the terms of call.

As mentioned previously, the worship service is being live-streamed, but **in order to vote for the candidate you must be present in the sanctuary this morning. The congregational meeting will not be live-streamed or available on social media.** The service of worship will not be available to view once it is over.

We are seeking to preserve confidentiality, as the pastor will need to inform her/his congregation of the impending transition, and it is right that the congregation learn the news from the pastor, not from any one of us. Information about the candidate is available as you enter the service today, but not before. Given the concern for confidentiality, we are also asking that, after the service and meeting today, you not share the pastor's information with others outside the congregation until at least the middle of the week. We appreciate your understanding.

We are very excited today—for the worship service, the congregational meeting, and the new pastor, as it is the next step in the journey of First Presbyterian Church. We also look forward to gathering together for a **reception to follow in the fellowship hall to meet the new pastor and spouse.**



Pavilion Dedication
Sunday, September 4, 10:00 a.m.

This pavilion greatly increases the space available for education programs, fellowship time, receptions, preschool activities, and more. It creates a much needed covered area on our beautiful campus.

Join us as we celebrate this new space!

The Education and Formation Committee Wants to Hear from You!

Planning is underway for the upcoming year of opportunities for our entire congregation to learn about and grow closer to God. The Education and Formation Committee seeks information and ideas from you to help shape this vision. Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey using the link or QR code below to contribute your opinion. The survey will remain active until the end of September, although we will begin reviewing responses as they are received. Please reach out to **Emily Weitekamp** or **Carrie Mills** with your questions

Here's the link and a QR code to the survey:

https://forms.office.com/r/bKaM28M9WD

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

NEXT TRIP: This Wednesday
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

Join the FPC Mission Trip to Our Partner Church in Cárdenas, Cuba February 9 – 15, 2023



Interested individuals and families may now sign up for the trip to Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, Cuba, in the province of Matanzas. Some members of our congregation visited in two previous trips, and **Pastor Alison Infante Zamora** spoke here in 2017.

On this trip we plan to develop relationships with members of Juan G. Hall Church and learn about their culture, trials, and achievements while sharing our own. A detailed itinerary is on a link in *News@First* and in this month's *Cross Connections*. We anticipate the cost of this trip to be about $1,500 (US dollars). Financial assistance from the **Mission and Justice Committee** will be available.

For specific information about the area and what it's like, contact **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com or (941) 735-8786, or **Graham Hart,** 2grahamhart@gmail.com, for information about their experiences in Cuba. For details about the Cuba Partnership go to https://www.cubapartnersnetwork.info/. To get a feel for Juan G. Hall go to their Facebook page: **https://www.facebook.com/Iglesia-Presbiteriana-Reformada-Juan-G-Hall-en-C%C3%A1rdenas-1096173980413073/?ref=br_rs**

Talk to any on the planning group **(Dave Householder, Rachel Martin, Jay Swick, Sue Hargis Spigel, Karen Olson, and Graham Hart)** to learn more. We will need both "senders" and "goers" to make the trip possible. To sign up, send a note to Dphouse47@gmail.com with what you would like to do.

Choir Rehearsals Have Resumed



We are happy to welcome our chancel choir members back from their summer break. The choir adds so much to our worship experience. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, which includes Wednesday night rehearsals, please contact **Steven Phillips,** Director of Music and Congregational Care. To learn more, email: sphillips@firstpressarasota.com

Be sure to express your gratitude to those who share their gift of music in our worship services.

Invest in Children—Volunteers Needed



Our ***Invest in Children*** initiative is looking for volunteers to reach out in mission to the children of ***Brentwood Elementary School.*** YOU can be one of those volunteers who serve at least one hour a week in a variety of ways such as . . .

- Reading buddy
- Small group assistant
- Art room and art projects helper
- Science Lab supporter
- Computer supporter (helping students log in and stay focused)
- Clerical helper (filing, cutting, copying etc.)
- Lunch buddy
- Media center helper
- One-on-one mentor, . . . and more!

Share your interest or questions with **Jinny and Ron Miller** by calling them at (941) 371-2750 (ext. 554) or email jinnyron@gmail.com.

The children need YOU!

FPC'S Weekly All Faiths Food Distribution



With gratitude to All Faiths Food Bank for a generous $3,000 Capacity Expansion Grant, we have expanded our food offering and **are now averaging over 100 families per week!**

Thanks for the generous donation of time from our FPC volunteers who help make it possible for us to continue to run our drive-through pantry. More volunteers are needed. Please consider **joining us on Thursday mornings to volunteer.** We start packing food at 8:30 a.m. and serve from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

UPcoming EVENTS

HEALTH and WHOLENESS

NEXT FPC Blood Drive: *Sunday, September 18*

Anyone who donates twice from June through September will receive a $20 Amazon gift card! Please contact **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse to register, (941) 320-3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

Donate Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

Look for the Lions Club box located in church office to donate eyeglasses and hearing aids you no longer use. Contact Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse, for more information, (941) 320-3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

Mental Health First Aid Refresher Class

If you took the Mental Health First Aid class April 2019 at First Presbyterian and would like to renew your certification, FPC will be hosting the class **Friday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** There will be no charge to attend the class without receiving certification; $30 for certification. Tracy Daniels, BayCare Behavioral Health Educator, will be the instructor. Please contact Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse to **register by Monday, September 19,** (941) 320--3828, 4tracks@comcast.net

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Pastoral Care

When you or a loved one is hospitalized, it is important that you contact the church or one of the pastors to inform us directly **and** inform the hospital that you are a member of our congregation and would welcome a visit by one of our pastors. ***Hospitals will not contact the church.*** We have also discovered that some will no longer even list a patient as our church member on their internal records unless the patient is careful to note their relationship with our congregation. Thank you for your assistance.

We're Here for You!

The FPC care team, Stephen Ministers, deacons, elders and church staff continue to be available for you. Please feel free to reach out to **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse (941) 320-3828 or call the church office (941) 955-8119 if we can be of support to you.

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!