



July 10, 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.*



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)**

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 in News@First.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BAEAC29A1FC1-mothers>

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, scheduled for mid-July.



Finished trim around the columns is expected to be delivered soon. Then they will finish the trim for the rest of the beams, all the columns, and braces. Painting and trim out electrical will follow. **The end of July is the current projected date for completion!**

SURE: Exciting News!

June 29, 2022, pastors from **SURE** and members and pastors from Manatee's **STREAM** (Stronger Together Reaching Equality Across Manatee) organization met with State Attorney Brodsky and Assistant State Attorney Schaefer at Bethlehem Bible Church.



Brodsky projected a July 1 start date for the **Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion program (adult civil citation program)**. Deputies and officers have been trained and are ready to go. This is a major accomplishment!

Brodsky also shared a process for waiving fees for indigent people, including the fees for Crime Stoppers. Again, the State Attorney heard our concerns and positively responded!

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.

One Book One Community Continuing the Conversation



There are a handful of hard copies of the book for all ages available to borrow from the church library. We will culminate this month-long "conversation" with a viewing of the Netflix film of the same name. The *One Book* concept was created in 1996 in Seattle, Washington to help foster the expression of ideas within the community through the shared love of reading. Sarasota County first introduced the *One Book One Community* program in 2003 with the book *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith. The Sarasota selection for 2022 was *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* and was celebrated through the past fall and winter, including a visit from the author, William Kamkwamba. You can view video clips from his visit and learn more about this community program at this website: <https://www.scgov.net/government/libraries/one-book-sarasota#ad-image-16>

The Education and Formation Committee would like to continue the community conversation surrounding this book throughout the month of July by encouraging our congregation to read this book (picture book version available for young children) and take the opportunity to talk about it during the fellowship hour between Sunday service. After years of being separated,

this is an opportunity for us to share an experience and connect with members you may or may not know very well.

Discussion questions, reading guides, and activities will be available in print and online throughout the month. You can check out a copy of the book from your local library, find a digital copy, or purchase a copy online. There will also be a discussion at the end of July (date and time TBD). Please join us and "continue the conversation!"

Contact **Carrie Mills, Emily Weitekamp, or Molly Horner** with any questions you may have.

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



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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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, July 14 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.



COVID Update: On July 7, the CDC assessed Sarasota County's COVID risk level to continue to be "high." In keeping with our session policy, masks are required of all worshipers. (Worship leaders may choose to lead without masks, since being maskless makes it easier for those persons to be understood.) Thank you for doing what we can to slow the spread of the virus. When we return to a "medium" or "low" risk assessment in the county, masks again will be optional for those who are fully immunized.

Church Office Volunteers Needed

Do you like offering a friendly face to greet people, directing phone calls, and handling basic office tasks? We have several positions open for weekly half-day volunteers to assist our FPC administrative support staff.

- Monday: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. OR 1:00—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 1:00—4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. OR 1:00—4:00 p.m.

We'd love to have you join our office team! We are grateful for our current volunteers, Jeff Bartell, Susan Beach Carter, Pat Feeney, and George Chorba. To find out more, call Rachel Martin, Operations Manager, at (941) 955-8119. RMartin@FirstPresSarasota.org or text to (941) 266-4450.

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!