- Cuba Partnership Trip: Feb. 8-14
  Cuba trip participants will be commissioned on Feb. 2
- Jazz & Brunch: Feb. 19; 1 service 10 am; potluck to follow.
  75th anniversary of preschool celebration
- Ash Wednesday Service: Feb. 22; 6:00 p.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting:
  Feb. 26; 1 service, 10 am
- Installation of Pastor Tim Boggess: Mar. 19; 4 pm

January 29, 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 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

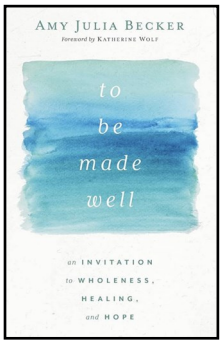
Grateful for Supplies!!!! More are needed for the February Trip to Cuba



The FPC group traveling to Cárdenas, Cuba, to visit our partner church, Juan G. Hall, in February, is grateful for the many donations of goods. **Please note that we do not need more suitcases.** Below is a list of specific ministry, congregational, and OTC needs that you can contribute to. The requested items are unavailable or scarce in Cuba. Thank you! You are truly part of the partnership with Juan G. Hall.

Office supplies and Sunday school: Printing paper 8½ x11, transparent laminating sheets 8½ x 11, colored paper, felt, plastic-head thumb tacks, ballpoint pens, whiteboard markers and permanent markers
For hosting guests: Single-bed sheets, towels, cutlery sets, plates, spoons, forks, knives, teaspoons (need 20 sets), milk strainers
For the kitchen and children's snacks: Oil, dish detergent, flour (wheat), cookies, peanut butter and/or Nutella, seasonings
Personal hygiene items: soaps, deodorant, shampoo, women's sanitary pads
OTC items: Aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, anti-diarrhea medications, anti-nausea pills, antihistamines and allergy medications (Benadryl, Claritin), antibiotic creams and ointments, cough syrup, cough drops, sensitive skin care (e.g., Cetaphil), oral antiseptics, antacids (e.g., Tums), vitamins, iron supplements.

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), Becker holds a bi-vocational license with the Evangelical Covenant Church.
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 beginning in February for anyone unable to access one via email at home.



Are you bored?

Do you have an hour each week to reach out to some cool children? As Pastor Tim said last Sunday, there's an opportunity for you! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at our mission partner Brentwood Elementary School, 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 escape your boredom!

Join us for Sunday school from 10 to 10:50am!

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!

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, *Relic* by Robert Olen Butler is available in class, at the office, or through a link in Friday's *News@First* e-newsletter. Come for a stimulating discussion!



Salt Shakers

Sign up for the next Salt Shakers. Groups of 6-8 (couples or singles) will meet once a month from February through April or May for food and fellowship. Sign up information is in the sanctuary narthex and the Fellowship Hall foyer. **Please return forms today Jan. 29.** Questions? Call Diane Bittner (941) 755 2268 or Marcia Schaper (941) 922 5245

Choral Festival Concert TODAY January 29, 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to a city-wide choral festival. The 100-voice festival choir, made up of singers from many Sarasota congregations, including our own, is sponsored by the American Guild of Organists Sarasota-Manatee Chapter, held at St. Boniface Episcopal Church, located at 5615 Midnight Pass Road on Siesta Key. Admission is by voluntary donation.

Our Preschool: Registration to open 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

Health and Wholeness - Join the Conversation

Baycare offers online conversations related to grief, Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. All led by area hospital chaplains. To register: mpmbereavement.org or (727) 462-7995.

February 16: Coping with Grief / March 16: Spiritual Dimensions of Grief

FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Offering baskets will be available near the entrance. 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.