



April 24, 2022 Announcements

*We're glad you joined us today!
We hope that you experience the love of God
and of this congregation
as we worship, celebrate, and serve together.*



***Kids Against Hunger
Food Packing Event: TODAY - Sunday, April 24
to benefit Ukrainian Residents and Refugees
1:00-4:00 p.m. - 50 Volunteers Needed***

TODAY, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we hope to package 20,000 meals to be transported into Poland and Ukraine. Volunteers will package highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified soy-rice casseroles, which require only water and heat for preparation.

This is a great event for people of all ages and all abilities. The volunteer response has been fabulous, but we would love to have you join us!



***All Ears Mobile Hearing Services
THIS Sunday, April 24***

All Ears will be at First Presbyterian from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. providing **hearing evaluations at no charge for those who have made an appointment**. Please contact **Cheryl Track**, Faith Community Nurse, for questions (941) 320-3828. All Ears Mobile is a full service mobile office featuring the latest state-of-the-art technology.

Recommendations for Officer Candidates

It is our privilege and responsibility as Presbyterians to elect our own leaders, and the Nominating Committee is organizing for the work of the coming year. They would like to know names of members whom you believe to be gifted for service as elders, deacons, or members of next year's Nominating Committee. Position descriptions and nominating forms are available in the entryway (along with a box for you to submit completed forms). **The due date for submissions is Sunday, May 8.** Please be in prayer for the committee as they undertake this work of discernment.



***Volunteer Day Trip to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee***

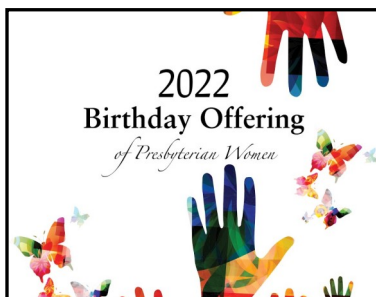
***THIS Wednesday, April 27
Work at Beth-El: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon***

Be a part of the group from First Presbyterian, Sarasota, that gathers at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma to volunteer sorting food or related activities on the last Wednesday of each month. 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.



Presbyterian Women

The 2022-2023 PW *Horizons* Bible study guide, ***Celebrating the Sabbath***, by Carol M. Bechtel is now available to order. If you would like one ordered for you and are not already on the list, please contact Flossie Paul at way2goflo@gmail.com. Copies cost \$10. Large print costs \$15.



One way that we are hands and feet of Christ in the world is through the **Annual Birthday Offering received each spring**. This year the Birthday Offering observes a century of generous giving totaling almost \$37 million to-date. It is an annual tradition for givers and receivers around the world.

Each year, the Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. This offering supports domestic and international ministries, focusing on areas such as

agricultural development
childcare
community organization
criminal justice

drug counseling
economic justice
elderly care
employment training

homelessness
literacy
violence
women's concerns

Donations for this year's Birthday Offering can be sent to the church office. Checks should be made out to *Presbyterian Women with Birthday Offering* in the memo line. **On May 8, special envelopes will be in your church bulletin, and a collection table set up at the church entrances to receive your donation.** For more information, go to presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.



SURE Social Justice Corner

SURE network members invite you to the **Annual SURE Celebration to be held at our church on Monday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m.** All SURE congregations will be a part of this event. **We are looking for volunteers for the Celebration to greet and serve**, please contact Dorothy Murphy by emailing her: jamesmurphy@comcast.net.



Happening Soon at FPC Sarasota!

MAY 1 - ONE SERVICE - 10 AM

Youth Sunday

MAY 8 - Two services - 9 & 11 AM

PW Birthday Offering, Mother's Day

MAY 15 - Two services - 9 & 11 AM

MAY 22 - ONE SERVICE - 10 AM

Margaret's last Sunday, communion

Farewell reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

MAY 29 - Two services - 9 & 11 AM

Guest preacher: Rev. Carlos Emilio Ham from Cuba

JUNE 5 - Two services - 9 & 11 AM

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Join friends for a night under the stars complete with bay breezes,
bites and drinks while supporting the Preschool at First Roots'



COLOR BALL

The Sarasota Yacht Club
Featuring DJ Cory Barron
Open Bar & Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Corn Hole Tournament & Wine Pull
Silent & Live Auction
\$100 Per Person
Thursday, April 28 • 6:30 – 9:30 PM
Colorful Cocktail Attire



COLOR US STRONG. PURCHASE TICKETS NOW!

Recognition of Graduates

Parents, grandparents, and students, please email **Molly Horner** mhorner@firstpressarasota.org), Children and Youth Coordinator, with the name of your graduate, school graduating from, type of degree obtained, and a brief description of future plans (i.e., entering [name of college] in the fall, **by Sunday, May 8**. We would welcome news of impending graduations from high school, college, technical training programs or graduate schools. There is so much to celebrate!



NEW Adult Education Zoom Class: "Only By God's Grace" **Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., May 17 – June 21**

As Christians, our worship, theology and way of life all emerge in response to the grace of God. The Church proclaims the grace of God; and as members of the body of Christ, we endeavor to share God's grace with others: by word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In this class we will explore what it means to live out the grace of God and perceive God's amazing grace around us. This class will be led by **Elaine Barnett** via Zoom and held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. beginning May 17. Please register through the weblink in the *New@First* e-newsletter.

Lesson titles are:

May 17 - The Bible Teaches about God's Grace
May 24 - Grace through Christian History
May 31 - Reformed Understanding of Grace

June 7 - Gracious Lives of Others
June 14 - Practicing God's Grace
June 21 - God's Amazing Grace

Considering Church Membership?

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please speak to Margaret or let the church office know of your desire (941) 955-8119. Whether or not you choose an official affiliation, we are delighted that you are here!

Ring Sarasota Showing: Stage and Screen **TODAY - Sunday, April 24, 6:00 pm - Church of the Palms**

From TV favorites to classic westerns, and songs where audiences can hum along from a diverse repertoire, the ringers have selected a few original pieces to show off the amazing music composed specifically for handbells. Website for ticket purchase is in *News@First*.



The 2022 Giving Challenge

From noon THIS Tuesday, April 26 to noon THIS Wednesday, April 27

Sponsored by The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, **The Giving Challenge** is an exciting 24-hour online giving event that connects 700+ nonprofit organizations with passionate donors and community members to support diverse causes and create enduring impact in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.

Through The Giving Challenge, you can donate to many of our mission partners, including Family Promise, All Faiths Food Bank, Resurrection House, and S.U.R.E. Anyone with a credit card and access to the internet can donate. You can also visit www.GivingChallenge.org on your mobile device. Donations of \$25 or more are accepted and are 100% tax-deductible.

[The Patterson Foundation](#) will provide a 1:1 match for all unique donations, up to \$100 per donor, per organization made online with a credit or debit card. There is no limit to the number of nonprofit organizations a donor can give to and still get matched. (Weblink in *News@First*.)

Our next blood drive at First Presbyterian is Sunday, June 12
8:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Current COVID Guidelines On-Campus

Due the significant decline in COVID rates in our area, masks are optional for worship and while in any buildings on campus for those who are fully vaccinated.



FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Offering baskets will be available as you exit. Your gifts make a great difference during this transitional season.



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: Are you interested in the convenience of contributing by text message? Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.

Mail In: All mail, including contribution checks, securely arrives to 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!