



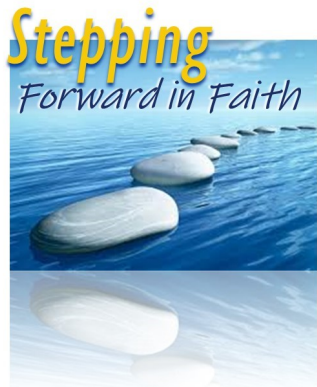
October 16, 2022 Announcements

*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.*



Election of Officers TODAY at 12:00 noon

The session has called a congregational meeting to be held today—October 16, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose is for the **election of elders and deacons** in the class of 2025, and the **church officer nominating committee members** in the class of 2023. The booklet of nominees' biographies is available at worship services or online. All church members who are able are asked to be present to ensure a quorum. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please be in prayer for all of our church leaders.



Stewardship - Commitment Sunday

NEXT Sunday, October 23, we will:

- **Present our 2023 pledges** during both services
- **Present painted and unpainted rocks** to share information about FPC with the community
- **Have a potluck luncheon following the 11:00 a.m. service**
 - Suggestion:
Those with last names A - I: bring fruits and salads of all kinds
Last names J - Q: bring breads muffins, coffee cakes, etc.
Last names R - Z: bring "main dishes" or proteins such as casseroles, quiches, ham, tofu, etc.

Sunday, October 30

Intergenerational rock painting during the 10:00 a.m. coffee hour. As a part of this stewardship season, we can help to continue the tradition of welcoming those who seek to grow in God's love and grace. There will be a rock painting activity October 30 for all ages.

- Paint pens and rocks will be provided.
- All levels of talent welcome!
- Each rock will be labeled with our church logo, QR code, and "All are welcome here!"
- Once painted and labeled, the rocks will be placed around town, inviting those who find them to discover FPC.

Hurricane Ian Relief: Hands-on Ways We Can Help!

Our **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** program is actively working to provide relief to people affected by Hurricane Ian. We support this agency in many ways, especially through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in the season of Lent. We have also given extra support for specific projects—most recently, aid for Ukraine.



PDA is now seeking extra support for Hurricane relief. You may give on line at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-ian> or make your donation through our church by marking your donation as "Ian relief" on your check memo line, or via the church website / online giving; select Prsby.Dis.Asst. with "Ian Relief" in the memo. Please email **Dave Householder** (dphouse47@gmail.com) or call the **church office** (941) 955-8119 to share how you would like to help or if you, or someone you know, has specific needs that have risen from the Hurricane Ian damage.

New Member Class

A New Member Class is being planning for **Sunday, November 13**. If you are interested in learning more about this dynamic congregation, contact the church office (941) 955-8119.

Children and Youth at FPC

Click on the link in *News@First* to read the latest Family Newsletter. Mark Your fall calendar:



Pumpkin Carving Party - Sunday, October 30

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Outside in the courtyard by the Fellowship Hall - ***BYOPumpkin***

Why make the mess at home? Join us for this festive fellowship and gooey, goopy gathering to decorate and/or carve your pumpkin.

Adult Education Opportunities (class descriptions in *News@First*)

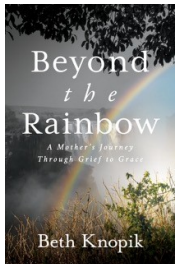
- ***Tyranny and the Founding Fathers***, led by Hendrick "Hal" Serrie, Ph.D.
- Begins TODAY, October 16, through November 20, 10:00 a.m. in room 203
- ***Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance***, led by Elaine Barnett via Zoom - Begins THIS Tuesday, October 18, at 11:30 a.m., through November 8; email sign-up: ewbarnet@me.com
- ***FPC Reads***, led by Leah Cotter - Discussion postponed to January
- Leah will facilitate the discussion in the Fellowship Hall during 10:00 a.m. coffee hour

FamilyPromise Casual Luncheon and Recognition Event

NEXT Saturday, October 22, 2022, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. on grounds of St. Boniface Episcopal Church. No charge. Register by October 8; email Joanne Simons, SimonsJC1@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women Bible study meets Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.

on Zoom. Merle Chorba is leading the second lesson in the *Horizons* Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath*. The study guide is not necessary to join and all women are invited! Contact Elaine Barnett at ewbarnet@me.com for the Zoom link.



Good News!

Long-time member, **Beth Knopik**, has published a memoir, ***Beyond the Rainbow, A Mother's Journey Through Grief to Grace*** being released on Tuesday, October 18. Beth is holding her **first author event on October 20** at Bookstore1, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To buy the book then, register in advance at www.sarasotabooks.com. The story of Beth's book is about the loss of her teenage daughter, Leanna Mae, and Beth's journey through grief.

Rev. Margaret LaMotte Torrence wrote: "Leanna Mae's death forced a reckoning; in its wake the author discovered a deeper connection to her God, her daughter and her community. Beth's account invites readers to discover the life to be found on the other side of loss." Another reviewer wrote: "***Beyond the Rainbow*** is Beth Knopik's . . . story of her journey through heartbreak and hopelessness to true healing. Her tale is a must-read, not only for those finding their way through insurmountable grief, but for anyone seeking profound and valuable lessons in Faith, Hope and Love." Let's support Beth's efforts by buying a book and spreading the word!

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!