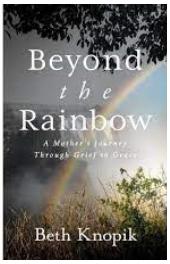
June 25, 2023
Announcements

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.

The flowers today are given today to the glory of God and in memory of John Shelton Allen III



Please Join Us TODAY at 10:00 a.m.

Our very own, Beth Knopik, has written a memoir entitled, *Beyond the Rainbow,* following the loss of her teenage daughter, Leanna. The book was released in the fall of 2022 and has received 5-star reviews on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. TODAY, Beth will host a book event in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., immediately following the NewSong service. Beth will answer questions from 10:00-10:15 a.m. and have books available for purchase for $15 each.

Synopsis of *Beyond the Rainbow*: In June of 2012, vibrant 16-year-old Leanna Mae Knopik was hospitalized with a rare and sudden cardiac infection. In this unflinching account of her final month of life and the searing sorrow that followed, a grieving mother finds a path to true joy through God's grace.

Beyond the Rainbow describes in candid detail the arduous task of piecing a family back together in the wake of tragedy, and the transformative spiritual awakening that emerges. Not just for the bereaved, all readers will benefit from the author's journey through searing pain and her ultimate discovery of God's grace. This memoir offers a model for how family members can move through grief. It presents an honest and complete examination of the coping skills that worked for Beth and her family—and the ones that did not. The goal of *Beyond the Rainbow* is twofold: 1) to ease the path to healing by offering a roadmap through the early stages of grief, and 2) to broaden the reader's perspective on loss; with God's grace, they can and will live a joyful life.

Caritas Food Pantry—Volunteers Needed



Caritas Food Pantry located in the First Baptist Church on Main Street in downtown Sarasota is in **immediate** need of volunteers on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00. FPC is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays. This site serves a growing number of homeless in Sarasota, along with families in need. First Presbyterian has been a partner with the Caritas ministry since it was first established in 1980 providing volunteers and financial assistance. Along with First Presbyterian, four other downtown churches support this effort, First Baptist, Church of the Redeemer, St Martha's and First United Methodist, all are expected to provide a team of three volunteers to help with food distribution on their designated day. If you can commit to one Thursday morning a month or would like to learn more about this outreach ministry, please call Susan Sanderson at (507)-581-0310.

Volunteer Day Trip to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Sponsored by the Mission and Justice Committee for the last Wednesday of the month 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. ***Wednesday, June 28,*** 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 Barbara Chase (941) 210-2497



IN LOVING Memory

The memorial service for **John Allen** will be held on Monday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.



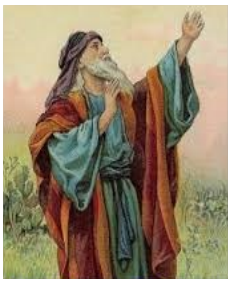
Summer Sermon Series – by Rev. timothy Boggess

This summer, while many of you find yourselves traveling from one place to the other, we are going to explore some of the Bible's greatest road trips. The title of the series is *Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move*. Each Sunday, the sermon title will come from the title of a great travel story.

See News @ First for the complete series.

June 25	*The Narrow Road to the Deep North*	Genesis 11:27-32
July 2	*The Impossible Country*	Genesis 12:1-9

New Adult Education Class



The Prophets Still Speak Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. through August 1
(no class July 4) via ZOOM

Old Testament prophets were concerned with many of the same issues as Christians today: issues of righteousness, obedience, social justice, and visions of hope for the future. This study explores what the prophets proclaimed to the people of their time still has urgency and importance for our time, as well. This class will be led by Elaine Barnett, a member of FPC, an Elder and Certified Christian Educator. Register by emailing Elaine at ewbarnet@me.com.

June 27 - Amos and Micah: Calling for Social Justice
July 11 - Isaiah of Jerusalem: Calling for Righteous Leaders
July 18 - Hosea and Jeremiah: Calling for Single-minded Devotion
July 25 - Ezekiel and "Second" Isaiah: Calling for Chastened Hope
August 1 - "Third" Isaiah and Jonah: Calling Forth a Broader Vision

FAMILY PROMISE of SARASOTA/MANATEE - FRANCIS HOUSE



YOU ARE INVITED!
OPEN HOUSE....JUNE 28th.....11:00 – 2:00
6114 Crestwood Avenue, Sarasota

Preparations for the new Francis House are complete! The house is located on the campus of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church. Many hands have been at work to make Francis House a warm, inviting, and safe home for expectant mothers. *Come, join us as we celebrate the blessings bestowed on Family Promise and the new Francis House!* Our church contacts are Joanne Simons and Pam Mathes.



Women's Ministry Visionary Gathering on Zoom

Please join us for a PW Visionary time on Zoom on **Wednesday June 28 at 10:30 a.m**. The goal is to look for bright ideas to lead us into the future. Don't miss your chance to put in your two cents as we envision ways of continuing the mission of PW and women's ministry into the future. All women are invited to attend. See the link in News @ First
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88342115352?pwd=OGp5VENLSlJhTWVRSTB2OFFOZ3pPZz09

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 **Saturday, July 1**. Transcripts, including those from the spring 2023 semester, should be included or forwarded as soon as available. Returning applicants need only to have transcript sent and update their contact information. All college and technical school students are encouraged to apply.

If you would like to receive our Friday E-Newsletter, please call the church office, (941)955-8119 or email, info@firstpressarasota.org.

