August 7, 2022 Announcements

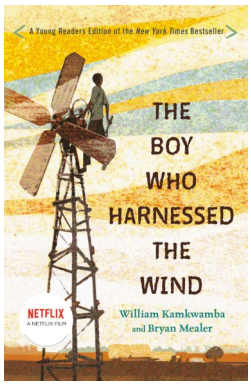
We're glad we can worship together today!
We hope that you experience the love of God
and of this congregation as we worship,
celebrate, and serve with one another.



Netflix Film Showing of *"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind"*

TODAY - Sunday, August 7

5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Pizza provided!



Our Education and Formation Committee has encouraged our congregation to read *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind* and **talk about it during the fellowship hour between Sunday services** during the month of July.

There will be a **film showing of the book TODAY, August 7, at 5:00 p.m.** with programming for younger kids as well, including reading the children's book version, doing an activity/craft, and having time to play on the playground.

Check out this weblink that offers a description and film rating: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/the-boy-who-harnessed-the-wind

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

Fellowship Hour – Sundays Between Services



Are you looking for good conversation between the Sunday worship services? **The Membership and Fellowship Committee** invites all to **come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Enjoy hot and cold drinks along with baked goods, fruit, crackers, and cheese. This is a good time to **reconnect with people you haven't seen for a long time and to meet new people.**

If you would like to help the team on occasion with setup, cleanup, or bringing snacks, speak to anyone you see setting up or clearing up, or contact **Joanne Simons,** SimonsJC1@gmail.com, or **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com.



Backpack Blessing TODAY! Sunday, August 7
at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Children and youth! We look forward to recognizing you in the worship services as a part of the Children's Moment and offering a special blessing for you as the school year begins.

All ages! Join in showing your support, encouragement, and prayers as our children and youth soon begin a new school year.



A Visit from our Mission Partner Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance (IFHA)

- NEXT Sunday, August 14, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Alan Penick, the treasurer of IFHA, will be our guest mission speaker for a Moment for Discipleship in **both services NEXT Sunday, August 14.** Alan is also offering a **Q & A session between services during fellowship hour**.

The town of Immokalee, home to many agricultural workers and their families, was devastated when Hurricane Irma hit Southwest Florida in 2017. The storm also exposed the urgent need for safe and affordable housing for these hardworking people. Already a serious issue before the hurricane, the significant destruction of housing stock left farmworkers and their families with even more expensive and yet substandard, unsafe and overcrowded housing. In many cases, rents tripled and even quadrupled due to unconscionable rent-gouging. Today, COVID has shown just how dangerous the housing situation is in Immokalee. With extreme overcrowding, the virus spread through the population at an alarming rate, creating one of the nation's worst hotspots for cases per capita.

Alan will share with us a short 3-minute video in each service and briefly update us on how IFHA is helping improve the housing situation for these farming families. **Those who would like to talk personally with Alan about IFHA, he will be available between services in the Fellowship Hall.**

Join the FPC Mission Trip to Our Partner Church in Cárdenas, Cuba February 9 – 15, 2023



Interested individuals and families may now sign up for the trip to Juan G. Hall Presbyterian Church in Cárdenas, Cuba, in the province of Matanzas. Some members of our congregation visited in two previous trips, and **Pastor Alison Infante Zamora** spoke here in 2017. COVID delayed us from building on the relationship that we had started—but we are ready to begin anew.

On this trip we plan to meet and continue to develop our personal relationships with members of Juan G. Hall and to learn about their culture, trials, and achievements while sharing our own. A detailed itinerary is on a link in *News@First* and in August *Cross Connections*. We anticipate the cost of this trip to be about $1,500 (US dollars). Financial assistance from the **Mission and Justice Committee** will be available.

For specific information about the area and what it's like, contact **Sue Hargis Spigel,** hargisspigel@yahoo.com or (941) 735-8786, or **Graham Hart,** 2grahamhart@gmail.com,for information about their experiences in Cuba. For details about the Cuba Partnership go to https://www.cubapartnersnetwork.info/. To get a feel for Juan G. Hall go to their Facebook page: **https://www.facebook.com/Iglesia-Presbiteriana-Reformada-Juan-G-Hall-en-C%C3%A1rdenas-1096173980413073/?ref=br_rs**

Talk to any on the planning group **(Dave Householder, Rachel Martin, Jay Swick, Sue Hargis Spigel, Karen Olson, and Graham Hart)** to learn more. We will need both "senders" (folks to pray, help get things ready, and provide transportation to and from the airport, etc.) and "goers" to make the trip possible. To sign up, send a note to Dphouse47@gmail.com with what you would like to do.

Invest in Children—Volunteers Needed



Our ***Invest in Children*** initiative is looking for volunteers to reach out in mission to the children of ***Brentwood Elementary School.*** YOU can be one of those volunteers who serve at least one hour a week in a variety of ways such as . . .

- Reading buddy
- Small group assistant
- Art room and art projects helper
- Science Lab supporter
- Computer supporter (helping students log in and stay focused)
- Clerical helper (filing, cutting, copying etc.)
- Lunch buddy
- Media center helper
- One-on-one mentor, . . . and more!

Share your interest or questions with **Jinny and Ron Miller** by calling them at (941) 371-2750 (ext. 554) or email jinnyron@gmail.com.

The children need YOU!

FPC'S Weekly All Faiths Food Distribution



With gratitude to All Faiths Food Bank for a generous $3,000 Capacity Expansion Grant, we have expanded our food offering and **are now averaging over 100 families per week!**

Thanks for the generous donation of time from our FPC volunteers who help make it possible for us to continue to running our drive-through pantry. More volunteers are needed. Please consider **joining us on Thursday mornings to volunteer.** We start packing food at 8:30 a.m. and serve from 10:00-11:30 a.m.



Pavilion Construction Progress

Progress has been slow in recent weeks because the gutters and the TREX wrap delivery has been delayed. We are working closely with the contractor to finish the pavilion as soon as we can. We look forward to be using our new pavilion very soon.



HEALTH and WHOLENESS

UPcoming EVENTS

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) meets weekly on Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

NAMI Support Group resumes monthly meetings at First Presbyterian on Thursdays.

Dysphagia Support Group is making plans to meet in person again soon.

Blood Drive - Sunday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. SUNCOAST BLOOD CENTERS

CPR Training—for FPC Staff, Congregation and Community on Wednesday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Pastoral Care

When you or a loved one is hospitalized, it is important that you contact the church or one of the pastors to inform us directly **and** inform the hospital that you are a member of our congregation and would welcome a visit by one of our pastors. ***Hospitals will not contact the church.*** We have also discovered that some will no longer even list a patient as our church member on their internal records unless the patient is careful to note their relationship with our congregation. Thank you for your assistance.

We're Here for You!

The FPC care team, Stephen Ministers, deacons, elders and church staff continue to be available for you. Please feel free to reach out to **Cheryl Track,** Faith Community Nurse (941) 320-3828 or call the church office (941) 955-8119 if we can be of support to you.

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.

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!