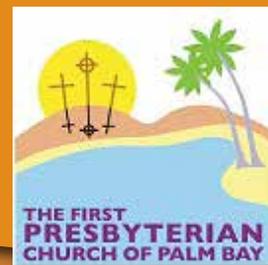


# The CHIMES Newsletter



## Welcome FALL!

### Pastor's Note

#### Worship Changes due to COVID

**W**hile we do have population immunity in the sanctuary (the number of those who have been immunized or otherwise have antibodies is over 90% in the sanctuary for the entire month of August), the county is reporting approximately 650 new cases per day. We are taking it seriously and seek to plan our activities in responsible ways. This will affect practices at First Presbyterian in the following ways:

**Worship:** Worshipers are asked to seat themselves where they feel comfortable, and a socially distanced area has been reintroduced in the sanctuary. We will be stepping back on worship elements that involve passing items through the congregation, such as attendance pads, offering plates, and communion trays. For offering and communion, we will ask worshipers to come forward individually to allow

for full participation with reduced interaction.

**Fellowship:** Coffee hour remains in place, but we will be asking worshipers to refrain from serving themselves. Having one or two kitchen helpers distributing fellowship items reduces contact spread and will be in place for the near future. Fellowship events are being penciled in on the calendar beginning in October, with accommodations that would reduce risk being incorporated into the plans. At this time, we have decided to hold off on any large celebration for the church's 40th anniversary until 2022.

**Bible Study and Sunday School:** The Wednesday Bible study will still be meeting in the Library, as the group that meets does have population immunity and the ability to distance seating. At this time, we have put plans for a Sunday School class for children on hold.



#### SERVICE INFORMATION

Our Sunday service is at **10:00 a.m. with no limit on the number of people in the sanctuary.**

As we have been able to confirm that we have greater than 70% immunity for those gathering in the sanctuary, we are lifting remaining restrictions on worship. All who attend are welcome to worship without wearing a mask (if you wish to continue wearing a mask, you are welcome to do so).

Coffee fellowship has resumed.

For those who wish to continue worshipping with us on-line, services will continue to be streamed on Facebook and a copy placed on YouTube. Contact the church office to request an emailed copy of the bulletin prior to service.

# PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

## *Please pray for the following*

- † Continued prayers for: Cubby (Robin Watson's son, nerve damage), Pam (Barbara Horn's sister, cancer), Vanessa (Robin Watson's friend, cancer), Fran Phillips (back), Robin Watson (resources), Fredricka Hopkins (health), Rosa Doig (knee), Neil Carlon (spot on lung), Scotty (Terry Twardzik's son-in-law, cancer), Kirsten (Karola Deluca's granddaughter, brain lesion)
- † Please pray for Rosa Doig and her family as they grieve the loss of her son, Keith.
- † Please pray for Judy Rutter's family as they mourn the loss of her nephew, Alan.
- † MaryLynn Yust asks for prayers for her friend, Kathryn, who is struggling with confusion issues, as well as for the family of her neighbor, Bob, who passed away recently.
- † Cheryl Evans asks for prayers for her mother to do well at her new assisted living facility, and her son Neil, for guidance and protection
- † Mark Cather's sister Cathy who is battling a resurgence of cancer.
- † Judy Irvine asks for prayers for her son, James, who is recovering from surgery, as well as Daryl, who is going through treatment for stomach cancer and Scott, a friend with cancer.
- † Please pray for Bob and Joanne Ritter as they prepare to move.
- † Kathleen Kemp is home from rehab. She is doing better but still has pain in her right shoulder and legs.
- † Please pray for Woody Niemeyer, Raye's son, as doctors work on what's next for a recent diagnosis.
- † Please pray for Nancy Cox of Greenwood, SC (Chris' grandmother), for effective rehab and recovery from a recent fall as well as other underlying health concerns.
- † Please be in prayer for the Knapp family, as well as Donna Wolford as they grieve the loss of Paul, Ken's and Donna's brother, and Libby's husband. Cards may be mailed to Libby Knapp at PO Box 64, Eleanor, West Virginia 25070.
- † Donna Wolford is also in need of prayer as her health has been fragile over the last few months.



## RESOURCES FOR YOU

We are providing several resources for you at this time.

- **Facebook:** We are also live-streaming Sunday worship services and occasionally have special videos.
- **YouTube:** Copies of our Sunday services are loaded onto Youtube in case you missed them on Facebook.
- **Website:** We have launched a new version of our website that includes commonly-requested forms, links to worship services and information about our ministries and programs.



## CHECK OUT OUR TABLETS!

The church has 3 tablets that are available to be checked out in order to watch videos of worship and other events without needing a computer. Call today to ask for one!

## WORD FROM THE HERD

Help us share news through the congregation of what we are all up to! Send us updates on trips and life events for us to share with others in the congregation - pictures are welcome too!



## FAMILY PROMISE

FPC has signed up for a week of Meal Hosting with Family Promise of Brevard from September 12th through the 19th. Meal hosts can sign up in the sanctuary or by contacting Barbara Musgrave to provide dinner to families enrolled in Family Promise's shelter program. No experience is necessary, and if you are not a home cook, options for purchasing a meal for the families are available, whether it be ordering delivery or dropping off some take out!



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is taking nominations for three deacons and three elders. To help you discern who you might recommend for these positions, here are some questions to ask yourself: as you think of the church community here at First Presbyterian, who stands out to you as person of faith, dedication and humility? If they are also a person of compassion, prayer and service—this person would be a wonderful deacon. If they are a person of thoughtful consideration, responsibility, yet open to trying new ideas, they would be a wonderful elder.

Please pray over who you might nominate, and contact a member of the committee: Marylynn Yust, Barbara Musgrave and Brian Clark.

## SHOE MISSION UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Shoe mission for the special offering in August. We will be using these donations to purchase gift cards to distribute to the children who will be signed up for the program by their families.

The next phase of the Shoe Mission will begin soon, when we contact guidance counselors and begin identifying program participants. Stay tuned for more updates!

## OPERATION HOPE



First Presbyterian Church's donation to Operation Hope's Back to School event. Thank you to all who donated to help the children with much needed school supplies!



## CE SURVEY

The CE Committee is working on plans for an adult Sunday School class and needs your help! Please use the survey in upcoming bulletins or contact the office (321-725-8484 or [office@palmbaypres.org](mailto:office@palmbaypres.org)) to answer the following questions:

- † Would you be interested in attending a Sunday School class?
- † Which of the following options sounds best to you: meeting before service, after service, or holding a virtual / Zoom class?
- † What topics would you be interested in learning about?
- † Would you be willing to help teach a class?

Men's Breakfast will resume beginning September 5th. Please join us at Dottie's Restaurant at 8:00 A.M.





The Senior Luncheon for August was a wonderful gathering and much fun was had by all.

September's gathering will be held at El Mezcalito Mexican Grill, 4651 Babcock Street NE, #1, Palm Bay on Thursday, September 30th at 11:30 A.M.

Please call Marsha Carter at 321-917-2760 or email her at macarter1950@yahoo.com to sign up no later than September 27th.



Church office will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021. Have a Blessed Holiday!

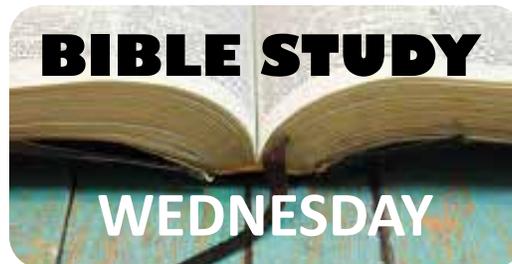
## FPC's End of Summer Potluck Picnic Sunday, October 3rd from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

After church on October 3rd, we will begin gathering at the Picnic Pavilion at Turkey Creek Sanctuary to share in some fellowship and food! The church will supply main dishes and drinks, we're asking that attendees bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you arrive early, feel free to explore some of the paths and boardwalk of Turkey Creek Sanctuary until all is ready. To sign up, take a flyer from the sanctuary and fill out the tear-away portion – a map of Turkey Creek Sanctuary is on the back!



Vicki & Mark Cather  
September 29

James & Virginia Corton  
October 10



If you occasionally think about joining the Wednesday Bible Study but don't want to start in the middle of a series, now is the time to join! Starting September 1st, we will be starting a new topic on Women in the Bible. How many women's stories in the Bible do you know? Some are nameless faces, some are unable to speak for themselves, but all have stories that teach and inspire. Come on Wednesdays at noon to explore this topic.



Seymour Sailsman  
September 1

Inez Rose  
September 2

Elvie Marshall  
September 8

Eric Keen  
September 9

Margaret Dixon  
September 10

Delsol Etienne  
September 11

Lyneth Marshall  
September 11

Karola DeLuca  
September 14

Clyde Yust  
September 16

Kevin Carter  
September 19

Diane Burden  
September 20

Iris Elliott  
September 25

Clysen Salesman  
September 27

Isabel Loyd  
October 7

Marsha Carter  
October 10

Won Park  
October 13

## SESSIONS SUMMARY

The Session met on Tuesday, August 17th. Topics discussed and voted upon include:

- † The session upheld the examination Judy Rutter for installation to the Deacon Board. Judy had been previously ordained as a deacon.
- † Discussed the Treasurer's report and its implications on budgeting for future years.
- † Approved Clyde Yust as elder commissioner to September's Presbytery meeting.
- † Amended and approved a motion from July's meeting approving additional counters so that there can be alternates as needed.
- † Discussed requests from Lifeline Academy related to the length of the lease and special/outreach events they wish to hold.
- † Discussed website update and how to better utilize the electronic sign along with the website and social media for outreach.



# Special Offerings

The special offering in September 5th is for the Hunger Project, and organization that seeks to address child hunger by sending food kits home with vulnerable students for each weekend. Many children in the area rely on breakfasts and lunches provided by schools for their nourishment, but go without on weekends and school holidays when classes are not in session. The Hunger Project puts together weekend meal kits that can easily be placed into backpacks and do not require any kind of tools, refrigeration, or warming methods to be safe to eat.



- New user-friendly interface.
- Home page links to Worship services, Chimes Newsletter and Calendar (pdf downloads).
- YouTube and Facebook links.
- On-line donation link.
- Communications – all church forms (Assistance Application, Emergency Plans form, Facility Use Policy & Form, Final Wishes Arrangement form.
- Membership application form, Memorial Garden Policy/Application.
- Wedding Policy and Application form.
- Ministries/Ministry Partners listing.
- Missions (local and international).
- Visitors Page with Worship time, Office hours and directions to the church with a map.
- Contact form with contact information, address, phone number and social media links.

**Take a look and let us know what you think!**

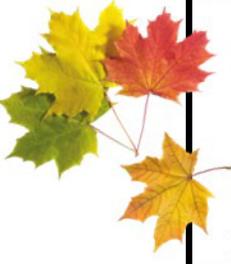
**Thank You to those who blessed all of us in worship in August:**

**Elder of Month:** David Collins

**Ushers:** Marylynn Yust, Judy Rutter, Judy Irvine, Inez Rose, Danny Paul, Ron Shane, Barbara Musgrave and Elvie Marshall

**Flowers Donated By:** Donna Aguilera, Jack & Ronnie Dayton, Tom Glew, & Karola DeLuca

# September 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP COMMUNION HUNGER PROJECT</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>12:00 AL-ANON LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30 DAILY BREAD 11:30 CHOIR PRAC-TICE 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 CE MEETING 7:00 BAND</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:15 NA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 MEN'S BREAKFAST</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>12:00 AL-ANON</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 CHOIR PRAC-TICE 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 BIBLE STUDY 6:00 ADMIN 7:00 BAND</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15 NA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00 LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP 11:30..DEACONS</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>12:00 AL-ANON CHIMES DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30 CHOIR PRAC-TICE 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BOY SCOUTS 7:00..SESSIONS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF FALL 12:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 BAND</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>6:15 NA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:00 LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:00 WORSHIP 5¢ PER MEAL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 AL-ANON</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 CHOIR PRAC-TICE 6:00 CUB SCOUTS 7:00 BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 BAND</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:30 SENIOR LUNCH 6:15 NA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:00 LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>2</p>

# IN THE WORD

## First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay Weekly Devotional

<p><i>September 1</i> <b>Read Song of Solomon 2:10</b> Have you ever been so eager to spend time with someone that the moment they call, you are ready to go, no matter how inconvenient? Have you ever felt like God was calling you to spend time with him?</p>	<p><i>September 2</i> <b>Read Song of Solomon 2:11</b> The reunion of the lovers in this passage is compared to the coming of spring after winter. How have times of reunion with loved ones affected your outlook and demeanor? Why are they so powerful?</p>	<p><i>September 3</i> <b>Read Song of Solomon 2:12</b> There are signs of life and love all around – flowers are in bloom, turtledoves coo. How do positive experiences help you to see beauty around you that you miss otherwise? How can we see it now?</p>
<p><i>September 4</i> <b>Read Song of Solomon 2:13</b> In this time of life and love, the fig tree bears fruit. When we are in survival mode, we hoard time, energy, and resources for our own needs. In times of joy and contentment, it is easier to share.</p>	<p><i>September 5 - Sunday</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:1-2</b> Proverbs is a book filled with good advice, but it can be overwhelming to keep track of so much advice in one sitting. What are the ways you remember good advice? How do you hold onto the best parts?</p>	<p><i>September 6</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:1</b> In today's culture, having a "good name" is something that seems to come and go easily. Why is it so important? What is needed to keep a "good name" and make it a firm foundation?</p>
<p><i>September 7</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:2</b> All too often, the rich and the poor seem to be subject to different sets of rules. Why do people play favorites, and divide themselves into groups of "us" and "them"? How do you think God feels about it?</p>	<p><i>September 8</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:8</b> How do you perceive justice to be present or absent in this world? Does the thought of eternal judgment bring you comfort or fear? Why is it important to have consequences to our actions?</p>	<p><i>September 9</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:9</b> Do you think that generosity stems from being blessed, or being blessed stems from generosity? What effect does giving back to others have on you? When has it been most powerful in your life?</p>
<p><i>September 10</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:22</b> Have you ever known someone who looked down on or hurt others to make themselves feel important or powerful? How did such actions affect the way you thought of them? How are we to view the weak?</p>	<p><i>September 11</i> <b>Read Proverbs 22:23</b> The Lord watches over those who are helpless, acting on their behalf and holding accountable those who would harm them. Why is it so important to have an advocate when you are vulnerable?</p>	<p><i>September 12 - Sunday</i> <b>Read Proverbs 1:20-22</b> What does wisdom look like to you? How do you identify wise advice from poor? How do you determine whether a speaker has wisdom or simply opinions? Wisdom speaks to a deaf crowd – how can you hear?</p>
<p><i>September 13</i> <b>Read Proverbs 1:22</b> Why do we hold onto our opinions so tightly? It is much easier to be frustrated with others' intractability than to be troubled by our own. What is it we hope for and fear when challenged to think a new way?</p>	<p><i>September 14</i> <b>Read Proverbs 1:23</b> The first step in changing is admitting we need help. The first step in learning something new is admitting we don't have all the answers. Wisdom cannot come to us unless we are open to receiving it.</p>	<p><i>September 15</i> <b>Read Proverbs 1:24-26</b> When someone ignores good advice and falls on their face, do you ever fall prey to the thought of "I told you so?" Where is the line between letting nature take its course and being voyeurs of catastrophe?</p>

*Prayer* is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.

# First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay Weekly Devotional

<p><i>September 16</i>  <b>Read Proverbs 1:28</b>                  It is frightening to hear God say that sometimes it is “too little, too late.” How much do we rely on God always being willing to show grace, no matter how many times we reject him and his instruction?</p>	<p><i>September 17</i>  <b>Read Proverbs 1:29-31</b>                  There are many times that God allows us to partake of the consequences of our choices without interference, good or bad. Why do we so often settle for what we can make for ourselves when God’s blessings are so much better?</p>	<p><i>September 18</i>  <b>Read Proverbs 1:32-33</b>                  If you are trying to go it alone in life, you must constantly be on the lookout for the next storm that might take everything away. How does a foundation set in God give comfort even in times of trial?</p>
<p><i>September 19 - Sunday</i>  <b>Read James 3: 13</b>                  James has advice, not just for why it is good to have wisdom, but how to show it to others. Wisdom is best presented in good works marked by gentleness. Even the best ideas, if forced on others, loses its power when presented this way.</p>	<p><i>September 20</i>  <b>Read James 3:14-16</b>                  Our desires impact our intentions, which then influence our actions. If we do good so that others will see, admire, or appreciate us, the good we do becomes a selfish action rather than one of generosity.</p>	<p><i>September 21</i>  <b>Read James 3: 17</b>                  If you were to judge your life and actions through the lens of attributes in this verse, how would you do? Do you stop to consider your intentions, manner, and goals in your interactions with others? How might that help?</p>
<p><i>September 22</i>  <b>Read James 3:18</b>                  We often think of the expression “you reap what you sow” to be about consequences, but it is also very much about intention. What are the things you are trying to build in your life? What are you sowing?</p>	<p><i>September 23</i>  <b>Read James 4:1-2</b>                  I find it much easier to resist temptation when it comes from outside sources. Do you also find it harder to resist temptation when the conflict is inside yourself? Why do these inner conflicts have so much power?</p>	<p><i>September 24</i>  <b>Read James 4:2-3</b>                  Sometimes, having the right question is the most important part of getting the right answer. Rather than ask, “what do / should I want,” try praying to see how God is already at work and how you can enter into what He is already doing.</p>
<p><i>September 25</i>  <b>Read James 4:7-8</b>                  James has some great advice in these verses: if you want to keep evil away, draw near to the one whom evil flees from – God. This is the most powerful tool in freeing ourselves from the influence of evil.</p>	<p><i>September 26 - Sunday</i>  <b>Read Mark 9:38</b>                  The situation seems silly – to stop a man from doing good in Jesus’ name simply because he isn’t part of their group. Where do you see parallels in today’s churches to this event from the time of Jesus?</p>	<p><i>September 27</i>  <b>Read Mark 9:39-40</b>                  Jesus tells his disciples not to interfere with the man. Though he may not be a disciple, he is not their enemy either. Do you think it is possible to consider someone an ally even if they are not a friend?</p>
<p><i>September 28</i>  <b>Read Mark 9:41</b>                  Have you ever met the friend of a friend and not been able to like them? We understand in those moments it is not for us to say who our friend can associate with. Do we try to do this with Jesus?</p>	<p><i>September 29</i>  <b>Read Mark 9:42</b>                  Jesus warns against placing obstacles in front of those who wish to follow him. Where is the boundary between teaching people how to follow faithfully and obstructing the growth of their faith?</p>	<p><i>September 30</i>  <b>Read Mark 9: 43-46</b>                  This is the first half of warnings that say it is better to maim one’s self than to allow the troublesome part to lead us to sin. How do you read these passages as hyperbole and / or instruction?</p>
<p><i>October 1</i>  <b>Read Mark 9:47-48</b>                  What are we willing to give up in order to be holy? What comforts, and even necessities, might we be willing to forego in order to reject sin and stay committed to Christ in all areas of our life?</p>	<p><i>October 2</i>  <b>Read Mark 9:49-50</b>                  If salt can no longer season food, what is it? If a tool can no longer perform its function, what does it become? Living in alignment to the reason we are alive is essential. Who would we be otherwise?</p>	