



The CHIMES Newsletter



Pastor's Note

Kee an eye out on your mailboxes! Early in October, you will receive a letter from the church with our annual stewardship materials. The letter will include information about the church's financial situation in the second year of a pandemic and a commitment card that can be used to indicate plans for giving in 2022.

The church has been affected by the pandemic, and we are seeing a direct correlation between a reduction in worship attendance with a shortfall in the kinds of income that we label as "envelope giving" – gifts made by members and regular attendees that were not pledges – and "loose offering" – donations made by visitors on Sunday mornings.

While we don't want the congregation to be worried that the church is on the brink of collapse (it's not), we are in a place where we will need to plan carefully for 2022 to be sure that we do not run through reserves in order to meet our

obligations and ensure an ongoing future for First Presbyterian Church.

Please, when you receive the letter from the church, read it through carefully. Pray about how you might support the church in 2022. Call and talk with Pastor Debra about questions you may have about the church's plans and finances. And plan on coming to church on October 17th for our Commitment Sunday, where we will receive Estimates of Giving and pray for the next year of our church's ministry.

In the midst of a time of suffering and turmoil, Jeremiah wrote words of hope and confidence in Lamentations (see side bar). When we live in the hope of God's mercies, we understand that even when the future is uncertain, the actions we choose today create tomorrow's legacy. By our actions in the present, we help shape what the future will look like. I pray we would all consider what we can do to shape the future's legacy by our actions now.



*But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have
hope: The steadfast
love of the Lord
never ceases, God's
mercies never come to
an end; they are new
every morning; great
is your faithfulness.*

*"The Lord is my
portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope
in God."*

Lamentations 3:21-24



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)
- † MaryLynn Yust asks for prayers for her friend, Kathryn, who is struggling with confusion issues.
- † 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 having back surgery on October 4th, please pray for the success of the surgery and her recovery.
- † Please pray for Woody Niemeyer, Raye's son, as doctors work on what's next for a recent diagnosis.
- † Please be in prayer for Donna Wolford as her health has been fragile over the last few months.
- † Please pray for healing for Clysen Salesman. She broke her foot jumping away from a snake on Seymour's birthday.
- † Please pray for healing for Elvie Marshall who is struggling with plantar fasciitis.
- † Please pray for our world, and those affected by recent attacks and disasters: the bombing in Afghanistan that killed 13 marines, the unrest in Haiti and subsequent border crisis, those affected by hurricanes.
- † Fumie Kohn asks for prayers for her friend, Dell, who lost her husband to COVID.
- † Please pray for Lifeline Academy staff and students who are grieving the death of one of their teachers.
- † Jamie Woods asks for prayers for those who are grieving the loss of her friend, Brandt.
- † The Clarks ask for prayer for a family friend, Justin, who recently had brain surgery for a mass and is undergoing tests.
- † Please pray for Brian Young, who will be having gallbladder surgery.
- † Please pray for Mike Nardelli as he undergoes tests for potential cancer.

WORD FROM THE HERD

Rosa Doig wrote a note to thank Pastor Debra, Lay Pastor Monia, and members of the church for their love and kindness shown when her son, Keith went home to his maker July 28th.

We received word that Annette Spitz passed away in Kissimmee. A memorial service for her is being held Saturday, October 2nd. Please contact Pastor Debra if you would like to attend.



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!



FAMILY PROMISE

- **Thank you** to all who helped supply and bring food to the family we supported during our week of Family Promise hosting September 12th through the 18th. You made a difference in the lives of each member of the family, caring for their bodies and spirits. Those who helped with this hosting included Sue and Vince D'Imperio, Ronnie and Jack Dayton, Terry Twardzik, Raye Niemeyer, Judy Rutter, Barbara and Sam Musgrave. At this time, First Presbyterian is not scheduled for another week of hosting this year, but if there are any needs that come up, we will let you know!
- The annual golf tournament is coming up **November 5th and 6th**. FPC is a bronze sponsor of this event, which is a major fundraiser for Family Promise.
- Did you know you can support Family Promise of Brevard as you order items from Amazon that you would order anyway? Amazon allows you to designate your favorite charity, who will receive a small percentage of any item you order. All you have to do is go to **amile.amazon.com** rather than the regular website, or turn the AmazonSmile option to "on" in the Amazon Shopping App and your purchases automatically support your selected charity. Amazon has already contributed over \$1,700 to Family Promise through this program.



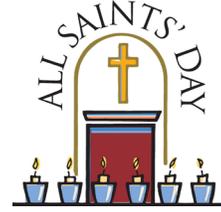
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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 or call the office.

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

Help us Prepare for All Saints Celebrations!



On Sunday, November 7th, we will celebrate All Saints Day, remembering

and giving thanks for those who have died in the faith yet continue to inspire us with their example, teachings, and love. We would like to list those who have died in the last year in the bulletin as part of this celebration, but our records consist of church members and friends, and are thus incomplete. If you have lost someone in the last year that you would like to include in our All Saints celebration, please give their name to Pastor Debra or Donna in the office. Thank you!

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) to answer the following questions:

- † Would you be interested in attending a Sunday School class once COVID cases come down more?
- † 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 October 2nd. Please join us at Dottie's Restaurant at 8:00 A.M.





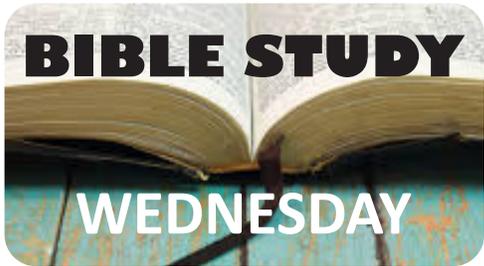
SENIOR

Luncheon

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

October's gathering will be held Thursday, **October 28th at Pizza Vola, 4270 Minton Road, West Melbourne** 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 October 25th.



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. You may learn something new about a woman you have heard of before, or you may encounter a woman in the Bible whose story is completely unfamiliar. Come on Wednesdays to explore these stories together.



James & Virginia Corton
October 10

Dalip & Angela Singh
October 22

Ernie & Emmy Wohlenberg
October 26

Gary & Donna Yocum
November 5

Marlin & Rose Fausey
November 7



Isabel Loyd
October 7

Marsha Carter
October 10

Won Park
October 13

Joanne Ritter
October 22

Grady Evans
October 27

Jim Gaidry
November 3

Fumie Kohn
November 3

Carol Gardner
November 4

Mike Nardelli
November 4

Ken Reither
November 7

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!

Please be aware there is no running water or rest room facilities available at this time.

SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on Tuesday, September 21st. Below is a summary of matters discussed and decided on at that meeting:

- † The treasurer's report was discussed. Contributions for this year total \$114,089.80 Expenses are at \$127,935.98. This would give the church a deficit of \$13,846.18. The PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) monies that the church received in 2020 were forgiven this year, which shows up on our balance sheet as an additional \$22,000 of income. If we put this against the deficit from last year and this year to-date, the church's cumulative deficit at this time is approximately \$2,500. While the church is not currently in financial difficulties, the current disparity of income and expenses is a very important factor for both stewardship and budgeting plans in the next months.
- † The administration, property, mission, fellowship, and worship committees all gave reports of their work and plans.
- † 2022 budget worksheets were distributed and are due back by the end of October. The stewardship campaign will occur in October.

Special Offerings

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Hunger Project for our special offering in September.

October 10th's special offering will be in support of E.C.H.O. (Educational Concerns for Haiti Organization). Located in Ft. Myers, E.C.H.O. exists to reduce hunger and improve the lives of small-scale farmers worldwide. They have provided agricultural and appropriate technology training and resources for nearly four decades to development workers in more than 165 countries. And they create opportunities for community leaders to network with one another to share experiences, ideas and solutions.



What E.C.H.O. Does:

- We EQUIP - Self-sustainable hunger solutions for small-scale farmers.
- We are GLOBAL - Hands-on training around the world with global resources and guidance available through online community.
- We give HOPE - Through sustainable farming methods, we are demonstrating the Gospel in Word and seed.
- We Help Farmers Help Themselves – ECHO introduces sustainable plants, techniques, and technologies to farmers around the world who are struggling to feed their families. We go out into the world to provide training and resources that empower small-scale farming families to thrive.

At ECHO Florida, we distribute more than 300 varieties of ECHO seeds to our network every year. These seeds go to missionaries and development workers who are on the front lines of serving the hungry. We've also developed Seed Banks at our Asia Impact Center and East Africa Impact Center, offering free trial packets of hard-to-find seeds that thrive in their respective regions as well as specialized training in seed saving. We're creating a network of Community Level Seed Banks to increase food security and empower farmers with locally sourced seeds of the highest quality.

If you would be interested in learning more about ECHO go to www.echonet.org.

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

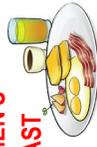
Elder of Month: John Yust

Ushers: Brian & Sue Clark, Vince & Sue D'Imperio, Judy Rutter, Elvie Marshall & Marsha Carter

Flowers Donated By: Molly Stone, Tom Glew, Clyde & Marylynn Yust and Mike & Celia Keen.

October 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00am WORSHIP COMMUNION CHURCH PICNIC 	4 12:00 noon AL-ANON	5 10:30am DAILY BREAD 11:30am CHOIR 6:00pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00pm BOY SCOUTS	6 12:00 noon BIBLE STUDY 7:00pm BAND	7 6:15pm NA	1 5:00pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	2 8:00am MEN'S BREAKFAST 
10 10:00am WORSHIP ECHO Offering	11 12:00 noon AL-ANON	12 11:30am CHOIR 6:00pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00pm BOY SCOUTS	13 12:00 noon BIBLE STUDY 6:00pm ADMIN	14 6:15pm NA	15 5:00pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	16
17 10:00am WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 11:30pm..DEACONS	18 12:00 noon AL-ANON	19 11:30am CHOIR 6:00pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00pm BOY SCOUTS 7:00pm..SESSIONS	20 12:00 noon BIBLE STUDY 7:00pm BAND	21 6:15pm NA	22 5:00pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	23
24 10:00am WORSHIP 	25 12:00 noon AL-ANON CHIMES DEADLINE	26 11:30am CHOIR 6:00pm CUB SCOUTS 7:00pm BOY SCOUTS	27 12:00 noon BIBLE STUDY 7:00pm BAND	28 11:30am SENIOR LUNCH 6:15pm NA	29 5:00pm LIFELINE BIBLE STUDY	30
31 10:00am WORSHIP 50¢ PER MEAL Halloween 	1	2	3	4	5	6

IN THE WORD

First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay Weekly Devotional

<p><i>October 1</i> Read Mark 9:47-48 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> Read Mark 9:49-50 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>	<p><i>October 3 - Sunday</i> Read Job 1:1 What do you think of when you hear the name Job? Suffering? The description in the Bible is blameless, upright, fearing God, a man who turns away from evil. How accurate is this characterization?</p>
<p><i>October 4</i> Read Job 1:6-7 The second character in this chapter is Satan – the adversary. In Job, he walks freely upon the earth and is familiar with the people there. Why do you think he pays attention to those who love God?</p>	<p><i>October 5</i> Read Job 1:8 The final character in the opening chapter is God. Consider how the Lord speaks about Job – with pride, confidence, and as one who is intimately familiar with his works. What might God say about you?</p>	<p><i>October 6</i> Read Job 1:9-11 Satan’s challenge is an interesting question – if God takes away all the blessings he has given Job, will he still honor and love the Lord? How do God’s blessings impact our feelings for him?</p>
<p><i>October 7</i> Read Job 1:12-19 In the first part of Satan’s challenge, God takes away Job’s flocks, home, and children. Job has gone from powerful to penniless and mourning. How does grief change us and our outlook of the world?</p>	<p><i>October 8</i> Read Job 2:1-9 When suffering and grief does not turn Job away, Satan turns to affliction of the body. Have you ever gone through a time of prolonged illness? How did that experience affect your spirit and faith?</p>	<p><i>October 9</i> Read Job 1:20-22, 2:10 Read Job’s responses to his losses and suffering. These phrases have become part of our Christian vocabulary. How well or ill do they line up with your feelings when you are suffering?</p>
<p><i>October 10 - Sunday</i> Read Job 23:1-4 In this section of Job’s story, he is arguing with his friends about why everything has happened. For all that Job seems bitter, what he wants more than anything is to lay his case before God.</p>	<p><i>October 11</i> Read Job 23:5-7 Job imagines how God would receive him, what he might say, and whether he would give Job a hearing. Why do you think Job would want to talk to God so badly? What does he hope to achieve?</p>	<p><i>October 12</i> Read Job 23:8-9 In these verses, it sounds like Job is looking for God’s presence, but cannot find it. How do you think the absence of the sense of God stacks up against Job’s other experiences? What makes it so painful?</p>
<p><i>October 13</i> Read Job 23:13-17 In these verses, Job sounds like he is afraid of God, because right now his plans seem to include Job’s destruction. It is frightening to consider seeking the Lord when you are convinced of his anger.</p>	<p><i>October 14</i> Read Psalm 22:1-5 Even though Psalm 22 was not written by Job, it is easy to imagine it could be. Notice the balance of complaint / despair with hope throughout the psalm. There is a mix of “why” with “yet I hope”.</p>	<p><i>October 15</i> Read Psalm 22:6-11 Whereas the first 5 verses of the psalm speak about God’s overall power and history, these verses are more personal – I am nothing, yet you made me and know every part of me.</p>

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

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<p><i>October 16</i> Read Psalm 22: 12-21</p> <p>The psalmist writes from a place of being utterly spent – no defenses left, his body wearied, his determination exhausted, and no words left except to cry out to the Lord for help.</p>	<p><i>October 17 - Sunday</i> Read Job 31:35-40</p> <p>These are the last words of Job before the Lord speaks. How would you characterize his mood at this point? Is it forlorn, defeated, defiant, hopeful? What mood is he in to hear a response?</p>	<p><i>October 18</i> Read Job 38:1-3</p> <p>If you were Job, what kind of tone might you hope that God would take in his response? Apology? Comfort? Conciliation? What tone does it sound like God takes in his response?</p>
<p><i>October 19</i> Read Job 38:4-7</p> <p>In this portion of God’s response, he asks Job’s credentials – kind of a “who are you to call me to account” moment. God lays out his work in the creation of the world as an example.</p>	<p><i>October 20</i> Read Job 38:34-38</p> <p>In this section, God goes past his work of creation to his current work vis a vis the world. He currently holds the power over the workings of the world, the current state of clouds and rain.</p>	<p><i>October 21</i> Read Job 38: 39-41</p> <p>Not only is God in control over the environment, but his work also includes the provision for every living creature residing on the planet, including the animals. How immense is this job of God’s?</p>
<p><i>October 22</i> Read Job 42: 1-3</p> <p>Job now begins to answer, and his first statement is that he has misunderstood God. Job was right in speaking of God’s fairness and power, but he is not an equal to make demands of, or to answer to his creation for his actions.</p>	<p><i>October 23</i> Read Job 42:4-6</p> <p>Job’s statement includes a new understanding of God, and a new season of their relationship. Whereas he understood God to some extent before, now he sees a bigger picture, and it means Job will need to change his ways, not God.</p>	<p><i>October 24 - Sunday</i> Read Mark 10:46-52</p> <p>Bartimaeus is not “just” blind. The blind could not work and were avoided by many because their affliction was seen as God’s judgment for some kind of sin. What does it mean to this blind man to be healed by Jesus?</p>
<p><i>October 25</i> Read Mark 10:47</p> <p>What causes Bartimaeus to call out to Jesus for help? Hope? Despair? Frustration? Insolence? Confidence? Was this man someone who saw himself as having nothing to lose, or everything to gain by calling out to Jesus?</p>	<p><i>October 26</i> Read Mark 10:48</p> <p>The crowd and disciples try to silence Bartimaeus, seeing this encounter as an embarrassment or the blind man as unworthy of Jesus’ attention. Why do we feel the need to hide or silence those who we would consider shameful?</p>	<p><i>October 27</i> Read Mark 10:49</p> <p>There are 2 action words in this verse – Jesus stands still, not allowing the crowd to move him along, and he calls the man to come. Jesus both resists movement and calls for it. When is it we feel God call us to stand or to move?</p>
<p><i>October 28</i> Read Mark 10:49-50</p> <p>Notice that when Jesus calls Bartimaeus over, the crowd suddenly starts reassuring rather than silencing the man, who springs to action. How can one person’s recognition change a crowd’s perception?</p>	<p><i>October 29</i> Read Mark 10:51</p> <p>Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants. How often do we try to help someone by giving what we think they need? Why is the asking so important as part of this healing miracle?</p>	<p><i>October 30</i> Read Mark 10:52</p> <p>What do you think the relationship is between faith and healing? Must one have faith to be healed, or does faith come from experiencing God’s action? Does one always come first?</p>
<p><i>October 31 - Sunday</i> Read Ruth 1:1-2</p> <p>Names in the Old Testament have meaning – Elimelech means “my God is kind.” Naomi, “pleasant.” It implies these people are good. So what does it mean that there is a famine in the “house of bread”?</p>	<p><i>November 1</i> Read Ruth 1:3-5</p> <p>Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth go from being wives to widows in three verses. Widows without children were incredibly vulnerable, with no one to provide for them or protect them, and few options for support.</p>	<p><i>November 2</i> Read Ruth 1:6-7</p> <p>Naomi feels the best choice is to go back home, hearing that the famine was ended and hoping there might be family and community who could help her. But would her Moabite daughters be welcome?</p>