

August 2021

First News

Building Faith, Changing Lives,
& Sharing Christ.



August at First Presbyterian Church

Worship Time Change

Our Sunday worship times will be changing beginning on *August 1st*, and will continue for the foreseeable future. The new times will be 8:30am and 10:30am. The change is addressing the fact that August and September are months where our service attendance is the least busy, since many of our members are traveling or are still at their seasonal homes. It is our prayer that this time change is helpful to our membership and friends. The 8:30am service will be augmented by the presence of our new Associate Music Director, Peter Mahtani, and will offer Communion each Sunday. The 10:30am service will host the Chancel Choir and the Youth Orchestra.

Response to the Rise in the COVID Variant

First Presbyterian Church has recently been impacted by the rise in COVID19 Delta Variant cases. There have been cases confirmed on our staff and in the preschool. First Presbyterian Church has returned to pre-vaccine COVID19 protocols. If you are not vaccinated, you are required to be masked and socially distant for your own safety and the safety of others. Those who are vaccinated are simply asked to use their best judgement and be mindful.

Fresh Start

During the height of the pandemic, there were enormous restrictions and protocols. These requirements have been relaxed for those who have been vaccinated. As our children return to school, we are in a time of "most opportunity." We have an opportunity for a "Fresh Start"! Join us as we embark together on this journey.



As families, we need to celebrate those aspects of our lives that we have taken for granted: gatherings, worshipping together, classes together and simply being with others. Beginning on Sunday, August 8th, with the Blessing of the Backpacks, we will embark on a Fresh Start for our family ministries! We will offer Fresh worship, Fresh music, Fresh teachings, and Fresh fellowship! Following this difficult season, *we all need a Fresh Start.*

Let us help you ignite your
Spiritual Fresh Start as a family!

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Vision

- This is from the Bible; "Where there is no **vision**, the people **perish**." (Proverbs 29:18a)
- This is from the church; "Where there is no **vision**, people go to a different **parish**!"

First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach has a vision for the future. We are examining and upgrading our ministries. We are asking our staff to be exciting and creative. We are asking our members to be passionate in faith and filled with the Holy Spirit! We are taking a close look at our facilities and our future needs! We would like to ask you to invite your friends and neighbors to join our fellowship. With this vision, we believe that our church has a bright and vibrant future!

May God Bless,

Tim Womack

No matter where we are in life, the Lord is our light and our strength. He watches over us and stands by our side. The powerful lyrics of 'Be Thou My Vision' are the perfect reminder of His love and presence. This old hymn is still relevant today. What a beautiful hymn to lift our voices and sing praises to His name.



Be Thou my Vision

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

The Story Behind Be Thou My Vision

"Be Thou My Vision" is an 8th century Irish hymn that was translated by Eleanor Hull in 1912. Today the hymn is sung to the Irish folk tune "Slane". This song is rooted in medieval Celtic Christianity and the words are based on a poem often attributed to the sixth-century Irish Christian poet, Dallán Forgaill, also known as Saint Dallán. His given name was Eochaidh mac Colla, and he earned the nickname, "Dallán" (meaning "little blind one") after losing his sight, reputedly as a result of extensive studying. The "Amhra Coluim Cille", a panegyric on Columba, is his best known work and considered "one of the most important poems we have from the early medieval Gaelic world". It is reported that after completing the work, Saint Dallán regained his sight.

Worship, Music & Arts

Choir Party!

Jacob wanted to have a party to celebrate our wonderful choir and all work they did during the last year. The Womacks were gracious hosts for the party held on Wednesday, June 30th. People brought salads, sides and desserts, and everyone chipped in for meats. In the spirit of "singing for our supper", we rehearsed the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" - our anthem for July 4th.



It was a lot of fun, food, and fellowship. So deserving of this amazing group of people! We all agreed it is an honor and a privilege to sing together - especially under the direction of Dr. Jacob Craig! We also gave a surprise special recognition award to Judy Garrett for all of her incredible work and service to the choir!

We thank God for our gift of song and the opportunity to sing each Sunday morning for our church family.

Are you interested in singing in the Choir? Join us! We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the choir room.

Discipleship

4th of July Celebration with our Youth

On the 4th of July, members of our congregation joined together to celebrate with a picnic in the north parking lot. Good food and good fun was had by all! It was a beautiful day to enjoy quality time with our church family.

Our staff has been examining new ways to bring our congregation back together, in-person, as we slowly but surely get back to a somewhat normal way of life. We know that this pandemic has been hard on many of us, and it is our hope that through the increased offerings of activities where we are able to enjoy each others' company that we may be able to start healing from the effects of the last year.



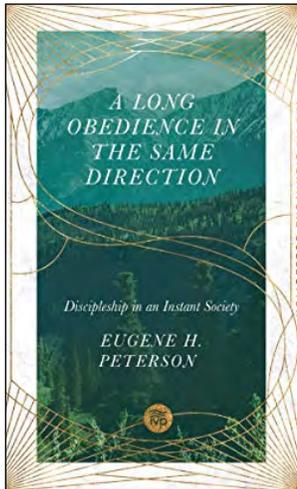
We hope to see you soon!



Discipleship

Don't forget: QUEST is back on September 1st

Contact Carie Robbins at childrensministry@firstpresvero.org to sign up!



A Long Obedience in the Same Direction **Book Study Opportunity**

Each Tuesday night, several of us join together via Zoom to study Scripture or a book on Spirituality. We recently finished the Gospel of Luke. We will now move into a book study using Eugene Peterson's book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. [You can find the book on Amazon by clicking here.](#)

Peterson offers a great balance of Scripture (Psalms 120-134) and spiritual growth. This is also a great time to rejoin if you have stepped away for a while or to invite others to join us. We will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting each week.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Pastor Michael



Blessing of the Backpacks and Back to School Carnival

Although last year's event looked a bit different due to COVID restrictions, we are excited to bring back this tradition for our children and educators! Each year on the Sunday before the start of school in Indian River County, we have invited our students (proudly wearing their backpacks) and educators to join us on the steps of the chancel for a blessing. Everyone involved will receive a special tag and other gifts to help make the school year successful.

This year's Blessing will be **Sunday, August 8th, during the 10:30am service**. The service will be immediately followed by a **Back to School Carnival in McAfee Hall**. All are welcome to join for carnival style games, food, and fellowship. We can't wait to wish everyone a wonderful, healthy, and safe school year!



Updates to Hospital Visitation and Faith Census Access for Clergy

As of August 1st, the Cleveland Clinic will no longer allow clergy access to patient faith census data. This change is to align with the overall system's protocols. This means that you will need to tell the office if you are planning to be in the hospital, are in the hospital, know someone in the hospital, have heard through the grapevine that someone is in the hospital. Your pastors want to support you with prayer and encouragement if you are hospitalized, but we can only do this if we know someone is there. Thank you for your help!



Mission

An update from our sister Church in Cabaiguan, Cuba*

by Marlon Irrarragorry, Pastor

"In Cuba, the situation is increasingly complex, since we cannot recover money earned from tourism our economy is very precarious. In Cabaiguán it is a little better than in larger cities, since at least agricultural products, although they are very expensive, can be found in the outdoor markets. In bigger cities, many times, even if you have enough money, you can't find what you need. As for the rest of the products, there is a little more supply, although as I told you months ago, most people do not have access to those products, because you have to buy them directly with US dollars. However, people buy dollars at more than 3 times their official value on the black market and access this market to the that it is possible, to be able to guarantee, above all, toiletries that do not exist anywhere else. This will no longer be possible as of next Monday, since Cuban banks will not be able to receive more dollars in cash. If you came, for example, you would have to come with euros, because the dollar will no longer be accepted by Cuban banks.



[Pastor Irrarragorry notes that the recent Presidential decrees and subsequent lack of review in labelling Cuba as a country that is "sponsoring terrorism" have adversely impacted the church and its community in their ability to use hard currency for basic goods. Most basic goods can only be purchased in Cuban currency (CUC's).]

As for COVID, the situation is very complex both in the country and in Cabaiguán. Records of daily infections are not available and we have some mutations of the virus that are very lethal and more infectious than the original. Fortunately, 1/4 of the population has already been vaccinated and progress is being made in vaccinating the entire population over 19 years of age.

In church we are forbidden to meet, but on Sundays we meet in small groups and although we cannot sing or do other things that give us away, we reflect on the word and pray. Last month they raised the church's electricity rate even more and now it is more than double from the previous rate which was five times more than that of last year's. In other words, today the current rate is 10 times more expensive than last year.

At the moment we cannot do anything about the COVID situation, but we are planning to develop a gym to improve the economy of the church. There are many expectations, but we will have to wait for the conditions of the virus to improve and hopefully restrictions will cease."

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Though we cannot financially give at this time, please pray for our sister Presbyterian Church in Cabaiguan, Cuba as they are suffering not only from COVID but from the political decisions of vying governments.

-Your Mission Team

** Some contents of this letter have been redacted to fit within this month's newsletter*



Mission

Justice and Honor

Several members of the Justice and Honor Task Force attended the unveiling of the historic marker commemorating the Gifford School/Hosie Shumann Park on June 19th, 2021. Gifford Elementary School was first located at the park in 1901, and Gifford High School was established there in 1937.



Commissioner Joe Flescher

In attendance at the event was Anna Lee Reagans, age 100, the oldest known graduate of Gifford High School, as well as many other former graduates. Also in attendance were many commissioners of the Indian River County Commission, IRCSD Superintendent David Moore, Assistant Superintendent Eric Seymour and many more community leaders.

The event was presided over by Mrs. Jonnie Mae Perry, CEO of the Gifford Historical Museum & Cultural Center. (Jonnie Mae is also a member of our J and H Task Force). In addition, "Juneteenth", also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, or Jubilee Day was celebrated after the unveiling of the marker. This day is celebrated to commemorate June 19, 1865, the day that tens of thousands of enslaved people of color in Texas first learned that they were free. It was the official end to Slavery in the United States.



Carol Smoyer, Russ & Louise Feroe

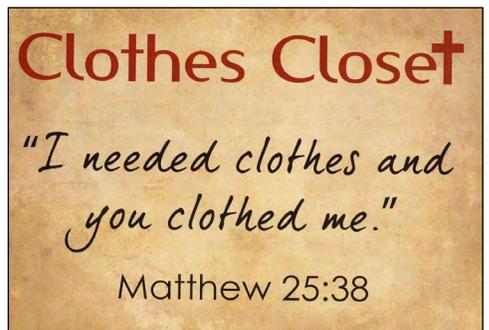
This event was sponsored by the Indian River Historical Society, The Gifford Historical Museum & Cultural Center, The Indian River County Parks and Conservation Resources, and many more community organizations.

The speeches were heartwarming, reminding us of many of the positive actions that have taken place in our community. Many stories were recounted that reflected the respect, love, and camaraderie of the diverse members of Indian River County.

Last Call for Uniforms!

We are still collecting uniforms for the clothes closet at Dodgertown Elementary! Donations can be brought to the church office or placed in one of the bins at the back of the sanctuary during Sunday services.

School begins August 10th, 2021.
The school colors are Red, White, and Blue.





Presbyterian Women

Profile of a Presbyterian Woman: Patsy E. Helseth

by: Ann Faunce



Patsy Helseth is the oldest living Charter Member of First Presbyterian Church! (We have two more living charter members as well- Mr. John Schumann and Mr. Harry Offutt.) Patsy was born in Eye, Suffolk County, England. She came to the US in 1946 after WWII. She met her future husband, Phillip Helseth, during the war. He asked her to come to the States and become his wife! Patsy flew 22 hours from England to New York City. She landed in Shannon, Ireland, for lunch, and then flew to Newfoundland for dinner! Phillip and his parents met her at the airport in NYC. Patsy laughed when she told me that her parents gave her a paid return ticket in case she changed her mind!

Patsy and Phillip were married in Vero Beach. It took a lot of courage and strength for a young woman to come to a new country, only knowing her future husband. Her parents gave her the freedom to make her choice, even though they would miss her greatly. They knew it would take England many years to recover from the War. It was hard for Patsy's parents, and also hard for Patsy, since she did not really know anyone locally.

The Helseth family had been in the citrus grove business since 1895. Patsy and Phillip had one son, Phillip Jr., and he has 2 daughters. Her husband, Phillip, passed away in 2005. Her sister, Jill, still lives in England and they speak on the phone every Saturday!

Patsy and Phillip were among the group of 75 people from the Community Church that formed First Presbyterian Church in 1954. She was the first Deaconess, and then one of two women first elected Elders. She has been Moderator of Presbyterian Women three times, and has held many positions in the Sunday School. Her hobbies are gardening, reading, and knitting. She loves to socialize with old friends. She visits England every other year to see her sister and her family.

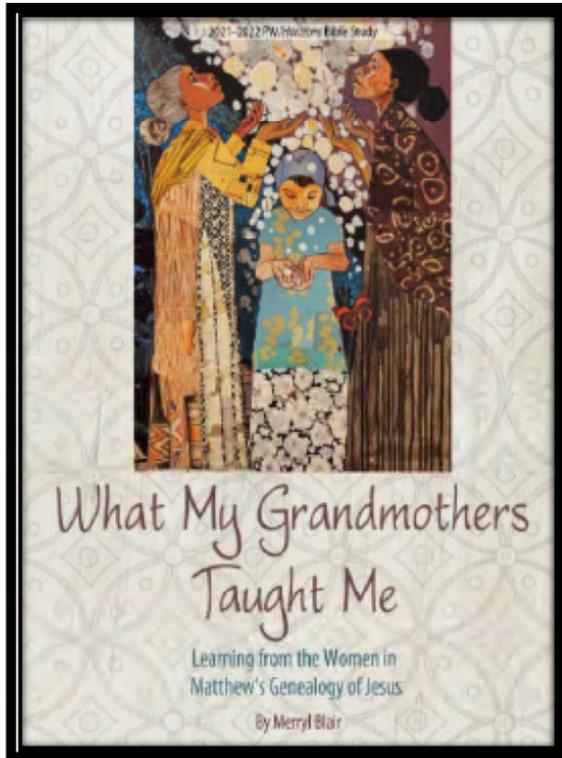
The Helseth family donated a stained glass window in memory of her husband's brother, Albert O. Helseth, who was killed in WWII. Patsy, Phillip, and his mother donated the Carillon Bells in memory of Phillip's father. The Carillon Bells are the beautiful chimes that are played at different times of the day.

Her favorite Bible verses are Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away."*

Be sure to check out Patsy's article about wartime England on page 11!



Presbyterian Women



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF
CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY**
presents

**A LIVESTREAM BIBLE STUDY
EVENT**

Presented on

**Presbyterian Women of Central
Florida Presbytery Website**



Facilitated by the Rev. Joyce Lieberman and Elder Connie Herr

Saturday, August 14, 2021

**Introduction & Overview – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Deeper Reflection with Q & A – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Register in advance online!

[Click here to register](#)

We celebrate that our own Connie Herr will be a facilitator for the Central Florida Presbytery's Livestream Bible Study event! All women are invited to participate in this Zoom event and please invite a friend.

There are 2 ways to join in for the meeting:

Option one is to join as a group in the Earnshaw room. We will participate in the Zoom meeting by watching it together on the big screen. Please arrive by 9:15 am so we can get settled and linked into Zoom. You do not need to register online individually if you are participating together with us.

If you plan to join in person, please let Cecily Strang know you are coming. Email, text or call: Cecily Strang, PW co-moderator, cecilystrang@gmail.com, 423-217-5596

Presbyterian Women will provide drinks and light snacks for this event.

Option two is to join the Zoom meeting from your home.

If you choose this option, you must register individually using the link provided above.



Presbyterian Men

The Men's Corner

by: Glenn Conn, President

Welcome to the new "Men's Corner" section of our monthly newsletter! Here we will keep you up to date on what's happening with our Presbyterian Men and include information on how you can be involved.

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast is held at CJ Cannon's every Tuesday morning from 7:30AM to 9:00AM. We are always looking for men in our church and their friends to join us for some rewarding discussion and informative speakers. This is a great venue to get to know some great men in our congregation and make new friends.

We support local charitable groups in Indian River and Brevard counties such as Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, FPC Orchestra, Camp Haven, Missionary Flight, Indian River State College outreach (Elsie Montabalm), and Salt of the Earth Ministries among others.

One of the charitable groups we support is the *Space Coast Honor Flight* led by a member of our own congregation- Rear Admiral Jim Hart. Admiral Hart is tasked with directing a group of some 100+ volunteers and board members in the organization. FPC has 21 individuals involved with this organization. WW2, Korea, and Vietnam veterans go on a one day trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials. We also have members who volunteer their time to assist the *Honor Flight* veterans with the trip, which includes an orientation the Sunday before, then a very early Saturday flight to DC, tour of the memorials, and a late flight and welcome home that same night. The entire round trip lasts only 13 hours! The Honor Flight was postponed during the pandemic, but now will be flying once again this coming September 11th. On this flight will be Paul Ives and his guardian, Jacob Craig, along with Allan Bixby and Bob Masterson. For more details about this fantastic program, visit: spacecoasthonorflight.org



Jacob Craig with Captain Paul Ives

Around Valentine's Day in 2022, the Men's Fellowship plans to bring back the *Sweethearts Dinner*, where men are encouraged to bring their sweethearts, wives, and significant others. Single women of the church are also invited as our guests for dinner and entertainment.

If you need further information about our fellowship, contact Rodney Keefer at Rodney.K@comcast.net



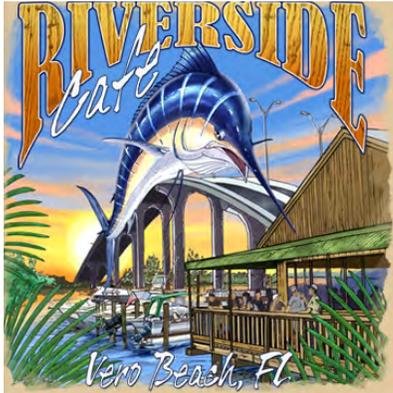
Fellowship

YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

The all-NEW Program for our folks age 60 and over is being finalized.
Watch for a big announcement soon!

Young at Heart Ministry invites you to join us for our upcoming JOY Fellowships!
Please RSVP for these events on the Church website, via your Realm login,
or contact Deb Alich at daalich@comcast.net or (772) 999-3644

August Meet 'n Greet Dinner
Tuesday, August 24th, 2021, 5:00pm
SAVOR
901 21st Street, Vero Beach
[Click here to view the menu](#)
RSVP by August 17th



September Meet 'n Greet Lunch
Thursday, September 16th, 2021, 12:00pm
RIVERSIDE CAFE
3341 Bridge Plaza Drive, Vero Beach
[Click here to view the menu](#)
RSVP by September 13th



Hospitality

Come and get your Nametags!

If you have not picked up your nametag, please stop by the office; there are a number of them not yet distributed and a number of new orders have arrived. Also, now that we can all come together to worship again, *please remember to wear your First Pres name tag when you are on campus.* If you have not received the new style nametags we began distributing last year, please let Deb Alich or the office know you need one!

We're Looking for Volunteers

If you are interested in FPC Membership, Advertising, Safety/Security, or Member Care initiatives, come join the Hospitality Talent Team. Contact Phil LoGiudice philguilford@gmail.com, or Deb Alich daalich@comcast.net for more info. Meetings are held in the Heritage Room at 3pm on the first Monday of each month from September to June.



News and Notes

If you think wearing those little cloth/paper masks was hard in 2020, could you imagine if those had to be gas masks?

England in Gas Masks

by Patsy E. Helseth



Patsy and Jill in Trafalgar Square
London - October 21, 1946
The day I left England for the U.S.A.
Mother and Dad behind us

Could a housewife today feed a family of four on three pounds of meat per week? Could she serve them a wholesome breakfast if only allowed four eggs per month? Could a mother laughingly remind her children not to forget their gas masks as they boarded the school bus each morning and could YOU take your blanket and pillow and sleep in a cellar or subway each night for months at a time? Yes, it's hard to believe that such times did exist, but my teenage years were spent under such circumstances. I will never forget that Sunday in September 1939 when our Minister in the midst of his sermon received the message that England was at war. What a vivid memory I have of my father and the neighborhood men busily digging a trench in our garden that afternoon, soon to be replaced by an air-raid shelter, big enough for several families to climb into, for it was obvious that civilians would inescapably be on the front line and so the Battle of Britain began. My sister and I were hysterical with laughter when we tried on the gas masks we all had been issued. We were always being drilled at school as to how and when to use them. Even babies had them. Soon, the shops were featuring exotic looking cases in which to carry them. I had one for school and one for dress occasions! We carried them with us always and were constantly checked by the police.

Soon, our family of four increased to eight! The children were being evacuated from London and the bombings. Our little country town was a receiving center. We were given children to care for according to the size of one's home. Of course the children were dreadfully homesick and there were many problems, especially when busloads of Mums and Dads at weekends would descend on the town to visit their youngsters. It was hard on everyone. All sorts of volunteer groups were organized. The "fire-watch" was one of them when men and women took turns in the clock tower of the town hall to watch for enemy planes who might drop incendiary bombs on our precious wheat fields. There was a youth service for teenagers and a Junior Air Training Corps and of course Special Constables for which my father volunteered. His special duty was to go to the church tower and ring the bells which would be a warning to the townspeople that we had been invaded by the enemy. We listened to Winston Churchill on the radio in those days. His speeches encouraged and helped us all to keep fighting - he was a wonderful war leader. Where would England have been without him? When he announced that we would fight the enemy on our shores, in our towns, on our streets, in our country lanes - yes, even in our homes - we really believed we could! Soon the London Blitz slowed down and the evacuees started returning to their homes. The tide had turned and America was now fighting with us.

Within a year and within a radius of thirty miles around our small town, six American airbases were built. Yes, we had been invaded, but fortunately it was only by the Americans! Austere conditions were still with us but we did not have to carry our gas masks now and there was an air of gaiety and expectancy rather than one of dread. I believe that the spirit of the British people and the love of their country in those difficult times could be an incentive and inspiration for this modern world today. And if you asked an Englishman how he endured those hardships and tribulations he would most probably quote the famous British Admiral, Lord Nelson, who at the Battle of Trafalgar said "England, this day, expects every man to do his duty."



1942 - The Women's Junior Air Corps.
Patsy - 2nd row, 4th from left
Dene and Barbara 1 and 2 of Patsy

August Birthdays & Celebrations

Welcome to the world, Baby Zane!

Presbyterian Women and the Kenya Kidz Mission Committee announce the healthy birth of Zane Karanja Muchiri. He is the first child of Jude and Ruth Muchiri. They are the leadership of Jali Familia, through which we support 2 orphanages and food distribution in the Mathare Valley of Nairobi, Kenya. Please join us in celebration and prayers for their growing family!



Happy Birthday!

- 1 - Valerie Kirk, William Knoell
- 2 - Connie Derman, Addison Gabbard, Connie Lent
- 3 - Rhonda Horowitz
- 5 - Robert MAsterson, Nancy Mitchell
- 6 - Beverly Dillon, Grace Murphy, Michael Simmons, Charles Stanton
- 7 - Gary Campbell, Joanna Milliken
- 8 - Ray Davis, Robert Hempton, Robert Satola, Ann Taylor, Sandy Thiel
- 9 - Owen Brooks, Margaret Martin, Valerie Redpath
- 10 - Colton Peirce, Treyson Peirce
- 11- Barbara Bixby, Scott Chilberg, Kyle Gabbard, William Kirk, Kathi Schumann
- 12 - Sarah Lowndes, Collin Palmer, Connor Palmer, Cheryl Petzing
- 13 - James Divers
- 14 - Ann Gibson, Joni Penza
- 16 - Elias Bates, Jan Binney, John Collins, Thomas Snyder
- 17 - Nancy Fox, Kalani Ann Peirce
- 18 - Heidi Coxson, Naomi Diaz
- 19 - Cathie Beck
- 20 - Beverly Burgor-Jones, Esther Keegan
- 21 - Joseph Pitman, Duane Weise
- 22 - Dale Ritchie, Michael Timmons, Avonne Van Blois
- 23 - Kevin Palmer, Ruth Stewart
- 24 - Cameron Adgani, Carol Fensterer, Daniel Rolls
- 25 - C. Keith Martin, Hannah Power
- 28 - Beverly Brooks, Kathryn Rolls
- 29 - J. Andrew Burnam
- 30 - James Ewing
- 31 - Barbara Brugh, Jacqueline Rossi



News and Notes



Ongoing events for those seeking Membership

Anyone who is moved to join our church family is encouraged to contact our pastors anytime!

Pastries with the Pastors - 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10am service

Membership Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the month after each service

Those seeking membership are encouraged to meet with the pastors and elders during these events. The introduction of new members also takes place on Membership Sunday during the new member's chosen service time. All meetings take place in the Chapel.

For more information please contact Deb Alich, Membership Coordinator, at 772-999-3644, via email at daalich@comcast.net, or call the church office at 772-562-9088.

Opportunities for Youth Discipleship



QUEST returns on September 1st!

Contact Carie Robbins for more information and to sign up!

childrensministry@firstpresvero.org

Sunday School - Sundays during the 10am Service

Youth Ministry M&M's (Mugs and Musings)

Weekly on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm

located at: *Coffee House 1420*, 2001 14th Ave. in Vero Beach

On the northwest corner of 14th Ave. and 20th St.

in the heart of Downtown Vero Beach



Mission Trip Opportunities

Are you interested in a Mission Trip? The Mission Talent Committee is looking into several options for a regional and international mission trip. The regional trip might be as close as the Florida Panhandle to help with Hurricane Recovery through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We are also exploring international opportunities in Guatemala, Cuba, and South Africa.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Rev. Michael York at michaelyork@firstpresvero.org.



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News and Notes

Church Leadership

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 Rev. Dr. Fred Foy Strang,
 Minister of Congregational Care
 Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence
 Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music & Arts
 Peter Mahtani, Assistant Director of Music & Arts
 Jacob Strang, Youth Director
 Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministries

ELDERS *indicates Elder/Trustee
 Class of 2021

Deb Alich, *Harvard "Bud" Johnson,
 *Carol Marks, Kari Palmer

Class of 2022

*Jerry Garrett, Phil LoGiudice, Bonnie Nolan,
 *Carol Smoyer

Class of 2023

*Allan Bixby, James Ewing, Linda Masterson,
 *Cindy Rogers

Clerk of Session - Keith Martin
 Treasurer - Scott Westermann
 Director of Development - Allan Bixby

Trustees-at-Large

2021 - Melissa Shine
 2022 - Bob Satola
 2023 - Will Kirk

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Class of 2021
 Scott Berran, Sue Coffey, Michael Goodfellow,
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Class of 2022

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 Barbara Reed, Richard Thomas

Class of 2023

Lucille Craig, Shirley Douglas, Jenifer Foster,
 Robin Perry, Mimi Rutland, Bob Stuart

Monthly Ministry, Committee, and Talent Team Meetings

Please contact the committee/ministry team leader directly to confirm the status of each meeting regarding the continuation of online-only teleconferences or in-person meetings.

All meetings are subject to change at the discretion of each committee/ministry team, as needed.

Deacons - 1st Tuesday; 4:30pm
 Discipleship - 1st Tuesday; 1pm
 Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday; 11:30am
 Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am
 Hospitality - 1st Monday; 4pm
 Mission - 2nd Tuesday; 2pm
 Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm
 PW Coordinating Team Board - Last Wednesday, 1pm
 Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm
 Trustees - Monday of the week prior to Session; 3pm
 Worship & Music - 1st Thursday; 4pm



Weekly Bible Studies and Prayer Opportunities

Dr. Tim

Tuesdays at 10:30am
 In-Person, or via LiveStream
[Click here to join](#)

Pastor Michael

Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom
[Click here to join](#)

Devotional & Prayer

with Dr. Fred Foy
 Fridays at 10:00am via Zoom
[Click here to join](#)

2021 SUMMER CALENDAR

First Pres Children's and Youth Ministries

MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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E May 23 - Casting Crowns
 We are meeting at the church at 5:00pm for pizza and take a bus over to riversideconcert @ 7pm.
May 26-Family Day4-6pm
 Yard games, blow-up obstacle course, a giant dart board, and a movie. We will have yummy snacks including Chick-N-All!

Get connected

- f** Check us out on facebook [First Presbyterian Church Vero Beach](#)
- @firstpresverobeach**
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E - Children, Youth & Families
Y - Grades 6-12

Y JUNE 5th -Andretti's!
 9am-4pm
 Cost \$10 6th-12th

E VBS

Knights of North Castle
 June 7-June 11 from 9 to noon
 invites children to be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love

Questions?

Don't Hesitate to Call!
 Jacob - 772-643-7737
 Carrie - 812-583-3888

E Family Park Day
 Meeting up in the late afternoon at riverside to enjoy the 4th of July fireworks and local food trucks

Y River Ranch - Youth Retreat
 Cost - \$100

Polk County, FL - where we will kick back and relax in the beautiful, great wide open, glamping, worship and small groups, Saturday night rodeo and horseback riding
 6th-12th

Y Mugs and Musings

Meet Thursdays from 3-5pm
 Coffee House 1420
 Downtown Vero Beach

E Blessing of the backpacks

Celebrating the return back to school with an in church blessing followed by a movie and indoor picnic @ McAfee Hall - August 8



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Welcome
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Sunday Services

NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGINNING AUGUST 1st

8:30am & 10:30am

The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday. If you are worshipping from home via Livestream and would like one of our fellowship cups, please call the church office, and we will see that one gets delivered to you. In addition, you may also procure your own elements. Our 8:30am service will continue to offer communion every week.

Each week, as you are able, continue to bring food items to support the work of our Mission Talent Committee. We will make sure that these food offerings go to those in need in our community.

We continue to offer both Livestream and in-person services. For those of you who do not feel comfortable attending an in-person service in the sanctuary, we honor your decision, and we look forward to having all of you attend worship via Livestream on the church website or our Facebook page.

August Scriptures and Sermons

To hear the latest sermon over the phone, call (772) 206-3548

August 1, 2021

Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

Ephesians 4:1-16

"Each of Us Are Worthy of the Calling"

August 8, 2021

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

"Be Imitators of God"

August 15, 2021

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Ephesians 5:15-20

"Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs"

August 22, 2021

Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

Ephesians 6:10-20

"What Should We Wear?"

August 29, 2021

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Discipleship"

"For God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Our in-person offertory procedures have changed, and we wanted you to know that your offering can also be accepted via mail or in person via the secure dropbox just outside of the church office door.

Did you know that you can also give an offering online?

[Click here to be directed to our secure portal.](#)

Or, use your smartphone for easy mobile giving!

Text "Firstpresvero" to 73256 and follow the prompts!

