

# *E-Blast News*

July 26, 2026– August 2, 2026

Dear Saints,

One of the most important parts of our worship service are the words of welcome said at the beginning.  
The Welcome

- clarifies that everyone is recognized and that we are glad they are here;
- says that the service is not about us but is about the God who loves us;
- points to the gospel of grace that underlies all of our worship;
- reminds us that all of us at one point or other were those that were new and in need of welcome;
- asserts that this is a corporate effort - we come and worship together - not on our own - but as part of a called people; and
- promises joyous and meaningful music and heartfelt prayers and scripture selections and interpretations and sure forgiveness and chances to be a part of the work of the Kingdom of God.

All of that and we are just beginning!

Join with us in worship this Sunday. You will make our day!

**Yours in Christ's Service,**

*Will*

## *A treasurer's request*

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward*, Treasurer

## *Thank you from Peace River General Presbyter*



Dear Mitzie,

Please thank the session and ALL the volunteers for their hospitality at the Presbytery meeting,

Everything was perfect and the lunch was delicious! People stayed to visit over lunch more than usual, a testament to that hospitality,  
Blessings,

Melana

*General Presbyter*

## *Thank you from Peace River Stated Clerk*

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for hosting the May 14, 2026 Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery. From the greeting in the parking lot upon arrival through the efficient registration, uplifting worship, and the graciously served hot meal for lunch you proclaimed "Welcome!" Your love of Christ and His Church were evident the whole day.



I am extremely grateful for your hospitality through this act of ministry. You are a valuable part of Peace River Presbytery embodying the core of our mission statement, being the body of Christ together!

May God continue to bless First Presbyterian Church

Grace and peace,

Randy Moody

*Stated Clerk*

## *August card class*

The August card class will take place in the church office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

If you plan to attend, please either call or text Edie Wildt at 863-558-2155 or see Edie at church. Come and join the fun, fellowship, and creativity. We hope to see you there. For those who are interested, we usually go to lunch at My Shelly's after class.

## *Look what's coming...*

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>July 26</b>  | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service                                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>July 29</b>  | 12:30 Bible study                                                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                 | <b>No Men's luncheon.<br/>Will resume in September.</b>                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>August 1</b> | 11:00 Marilyn Stander's Memorial Service                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>August 2</b> | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service<br>Bill's Paper Angel collection |

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.  
Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic

## *Contact information*

### ***Homebound members' addresses***

*For those sending cards...*

|                        |                                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Jackie Combs           | 9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657            |
| Peggy Dees             | 1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266           |
| Norma Fisher           | 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266            |
| MaryAnn Treadwell      | 11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626 |
| Skip & Terry West      | 1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266             |
| <b><i>Military</i></b> |                                                  |
| CM1 Ryan Maassen       | 13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306  |

## *Church prayer list*

**FPC - MEMBERS:** Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris, family of Marilyn Stander.

**FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS:** Charlaïne Adams, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ernie Hewett, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney.

**FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN:** Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, Susie Lepianka, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

**MILITARY LIST:** Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

## *Missions at work*

### **Bill's Paper Angels**

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Aug. 2 (next collection date)    Aug. 10 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED: plastic grocery bags**

### **Arcadia Center for the Needy**

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next collection date: August 16, 2026**

**NOTE:** You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

## *Church information*

### **Attendance/Offering**

Attendance: 28

Offering: 07-19-26-\$4,295.00

Viewed on Facebook:18

Year to Date: **\$85,479.44**

### **Session**

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

### **Catch us on Facebook**

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church) we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)

## *Celebrations*



### ***August birthdays***

August 1—Jackie Combs, Sandra Welles

August 2—Conor Daniels

August 4—Lovinia Jiskoot, Tara Jones

August 6—Berkley Latimer

August 7—Terry Presson

August 9—Kim Halvorson

August 13—Judy Kirkpatrick

August 14—Hailey Biddle, Nancy Ambler

August 16 —Johnny Maassen, Myra Kirkpatrick

August 25 —Chloe Knoche

August 28—Sue Maassen