

E-Blast News

October 19, 2025 – October 29, 2025

Dear Saints of FPC,

I have recently been exposed to hot peppers (exposed but didn't eat) because of Hmingi's fascination with the peppers. She had given some away to fellow cooks and gardeners (both of which seem like a lot of work to me). There were various expressions of awe at the heat. But then I started to hear of techniques to avoid or reduce the heat from:

- Drink lots of water.
- Cook the peppers.
- Chop them up very small and hide them in the food.
- Never admit it is too hot.
- Act like your face always sweats and turns red, and assert you can hardly taste the heat.
- Claim there is an even hotter pepper and give it some evil sizzling name, but say no one seems to know where to get the seeds.
- Go into a log discourse on pepper growing and recipe use.

Of course, there is the truth that the right pepper prepared right can have magical effects on the food.

I am amazed at the variety of plants and peppers God has given us and the variety of people God created who can eat the hot ones!

Pass the water!

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Church secretary needed

As church secretary...

You are the face of the church. You are the first point of contact for people who come into the church office. The impression you give them may well determine their future with us.

General skills and responsibilities:

- Organizational skills that allow multitasking to complete a wide variety of tasks
- Flexibility to adjust to new tasks and accept instructions
- Strong interpersonal skills to interact positively with others
- Attention to detail to ensure tasks are completed thoroughly/correctly in a timely manner
- Computer skills with Word, Publisher, Servant Keeper, Quick Books, Excel
- Maintaining at **all times** confidentiality unless given specific permission to share or if required to do so by the law (i.e. child abuse, elder abuse, harassment and sexual misconduct).
- Filing paperwork in an organized and timely manner.
- Monitoring supplies and ordering as required after notifying the session member who chairs the team and making sure paperwork is filled out **prior** to ordering supplies
- Supporting the Property Team in the monitoring the cleaning company to keep the office, sanctuary, and Pfrangle Hall clean and safe.
- Taking the church bulletins to the sanctuary.
- Entering sermon titles weekly in folder on computer desktop
- Entering church attendance weekly into Servant Keeper
- Filing sermons in sermon binder on book shelf

Communications:

- Strong grammatical written and verbal communication skills to take messages, speak with others, answer correspondence as needed, and convey accurate information.
- Answering telephone calls/emails from the congregation, people we do business with, the Presbytery etc. in a professional friendly and cordial way directing them to the person with whom they need to speak.
- Taking accurate and detailed messages getting them to the proper person.
- Keeping a monthly calendar on wall calendar and the computer.
- Producing of the weekly church bulletin, Eblast and other bulletins as needed such as funerals, weddings, flyers, Christmas poinsettias sale, Easter, Christmas Music program, Church birthday
- Emailing the weekly church bulletin and Eblast to the congregation
- Sending monthly birthday cards with pastor's message and signature to congregational members
- Mailing quarterly reports to giving units.

Minister support:

- Serving as the secretary to the minister.

- Keeping the minister informed of all activities in the office ...phone calls, people who come to the office. Minister needs to receive all relevant information unless requested to not to do so

Clerk of Session and Session Team support:

- Supporting the clerk if requested with running Session minutes and agendas and placing them in session folders for the meeting
- Supporting the clerk if requested by running approved session minutes on special paper and placing them in Session minutes book

The church secretary reports to: The Minister who is head of staff and the Session.

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EBlast news

Please turn in requests for inclusion in the EBlast by Wednesday of the week it will appear. We want to include your requests.

Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS:

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, MaryAnn Treadwell, and Terry West.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaire Adams, Diane Brantley, Kathy Borsmann, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Emerson, Michele Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Verna Haynes, Family of Brenda Head, Donna Jones, Family of Jonah Kiger, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Family of Karen Mech, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Bob & Pam Simmons, Tina Turzio, Margaret White, and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST:

Julian Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.
Sean Davis U.S. Army Medical Corps.
Senior Airman Roland Phelps

E6 Curtis Johnson U.S. Navy Medical Corps.
CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Seabees

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Oct. 19	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship service Collection for Center for the Needy
Monday	Oct. 20	10:30 Paper Angels distribution 5:30 Session meeting
Wednesday	Oct. 22	12:30 Bible Study/Duplex 3:00 Handbell practice 4:00 Chancel Choir practice
Friday	Oct. 24	12:30 Men's luncheon @ Reef & Beef
Sunday	Oct. 29	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship service

Contact information

Homebound members' addresses

For those sending cards...

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747, Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Frank & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

Military

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA
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Missions at work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is always the 1st Sunday of the month.

November 2 (next collection date) October 20 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags. If you can spare some, please bring them to the church office or Sunday to church.

Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is always the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection dates
October 19 and November 16

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.

Celebrations



October birthdays

Oct. 4 Rodney Hollingsworth
Oct. 8 John Burtscher
Oct. 14 Layfe Jiskoot, Mac Martin
Oct. 19 Mike Cooley

Oct. 20 Cassie Lawrence
Oct. 21 Terry West
Oct. 24 Eden Esposito
Oct. 29 Ann Pepper

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 30

Via Facebook: 45

Offering Last Sunday: \$3,665.00

Year to Date: \$ 143,248.62

Contact information

First Presbyterian Church
20 N. Orange Ave.
Arcadia, FL 34266

Rev. Dr. Will Browne
941-928-7504
863-494-4434

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Closed 12-1 for lunch

Session

2025: Dave Bremer, Jill Maassen, Mac Martin, Terry Presson

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

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

Catch us on Facebook

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page. Each day we post a scripture verse and we put up live services and events. We post pictures as well.

Also, visit our website 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 give me a call at the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

1. Type in www.firstpc.church
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now so just click on it.