

E-Blast News

March 29, 2026– April 5, 2026

Dear Saints of FPC

One of my favorite Sundays of the year is this coming Sunday- Palm Sunday! I like the sense in the scriptures that big and good things were about to happen. Jesus was in the Jerusalem area and people were excited by the things He was doing and the words he was saying. Jesus seemed to enjoy the gathered people even as he knew danger lurked. But as Ecclesiastes tells us, there is a time for every matter under heaven and on Palm Sunday it is time for expectation and joy and loud shouts.

Come and join us this great celebration.

Yours in Christ,

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

Have you noticed?

Have you seen them in the pews yet? What are you talking about... the bookmarks that the cardmaking class made for the sanctuary.

The idea came from several members of the congregation who commented that they like to mark where the hymns are for the Sunday worship service. However, there's nothing there for them to use.



At one time book marks were in some of the pews. Now they have been replenished.

The card class ladies each made at least 5 bookmarks using the colorful paper and tied each with a coordinating ribbon.

Please feel free to look at and use the latest addition to the sanctuary.

The next Card-making class is scheduled for April 21, 2006 at 10 am In the church office. Please sign-up and come.

Ellen Davis' life celebration

The celebration of life for Ellen Davis will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 2-5 P.M. at Arcadia Village. Her son Richard emphasized that everyone is invited. Her family will be there. At the celebration a slide show of her life will be shown. Food will be available.

In lieu of flowers

Jeff Adams' father passed away peacefully on Monday, March 16, 2026. The family has asked in lieu of flowers, donation be made to:

Science Hill Church of Christ
In memory of Robert H. Adams, Jr.
8120 Woodbury Pike
Readyville, TN 3749

Mr. Rogers' Day was quite a day!



Last year Mr. Rogers' Day saw 37 books donated in his name to the local library. This year reached beyond expectations with a total of **79** books donated.

Books were of interest to a diverse age group and subject matter ranging from history, Dr. Seuss, Charlie Brown, Great Fairy Tale Classics, Christmas classics and nursery rhymes.

The second annual Mr. Rogers' Day worship service saw lots of participation and smiles. Will set the bar high when he changed into a red sweater and tennis shoes at the pulpit. The Chancel Choir didn't wear their customary robes choosing instead to keep the magic going by showing off their Mr. Rogers' outfits and changing the usual introit to the theme



Will Browne threw down the gauntlet by donning his sweater, tie and tennis shoes at the pulpit.

song for *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* show singing "*It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*".

Will's sermon connected Fred Rogers' the person to the sermon theme.

This day wouldn't have been possible without the interest and support of you, the congregation. Thank you for your love of children. Thank you, Mr. Rogers for sharing your love of children and reminding us just how precious they are.



Paulette Raschella, Johnny Maassen, Dave Bremer, Will Browne, and Ernie Hewitt enjoy the lemonade and cookies following the service.



Maybelle Lebbert dressed to celebrate Mr. Rogers' Day.



Priscilla Inglis, Ellie Sutphin, and Marilyn Stander's outfits added much color the theme of the day outside.

Fun fact:

Nothing was by accident with Mr. Rogers.

Fred Rogers maintained the weight of 143 on purpose.

It takes one letter to spell "I", It takes 4 letters to spell "love" and it takes 3 letters to spell "you".

In several books this number is displayed subtly throughout.

One book ends with 143-365.

Thank you to the Halvorsons

Many thanks to Kim and Debi Halvorson for the palm fronds in the sanctuary for this Sunday. The Halvorson's supply them each year for us to enjoy.

There was grave concern that the palm trees might have received frost bite during the stretch of cold weather DeSoto experienced, but they survived under the shade of trees.

Palm Sundays just wouldn't look or feel the same without them. God is good!

Church Prayer List

FPC - MEMBERS: family of Robert Adams, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Jackie Harris, Vivien Lyszak, MaryAnn Treadwell and Terry West.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Bobby & Charlaire Adams, Barbara Bennett, Diane Brantley, Raedell Coogler, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, family of Frank Gready, Gina Green, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah Lepianka, Susie Lepianka, Lisa Letson, Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Tom & Sue Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Dana Parrish, Gabriel Quave, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Gene Scott, Sharon Shatney, Bob & Pam Simmons, Emmie Titus, Tina Turzio, Debbie Webb, 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 Sea

Send Well Wishes

Our former pastor, Ted Land, recently had knee surgery and is presently in a rehab facility in Marianna, FL where he and Polly live. Unfortunately, he has a staph infection and will need to have IV Antibiotic treatment twice daily.

Listed below is Ted and Polly's mailing address. He would greatly enjoy hearing from you all.

Ted & Polly Land
3618 Greenfield Dr.
Marianna, FL 32446

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Mar. 29	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Wednesday	Apr. 1	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
Thursday	Apr. 2	6:00 Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	Apr. 3	Good Friday
Sunday	Apr. 5	9:45 No Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Easter Worship Service
Monday	Apr. 6	Office Closed 10:30 Bill's Paper Angels distribution

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	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 23306
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Missions At Work

Bill's Paper Angels

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

April 5 (next collection date) April 6 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic toothbrush holders any size and sanitary napkins

Arcadia Center for the Needy

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

Next collection date: April 19

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



April birthdays

Apr. 1– Lew Cassels

Apr. 7 – Sue Phelps

Apr. 10 – Sue Overcash

Apr. 17 – Daniel Sutphin

Apr. 24 – Jeff Wildt

Apr. 1– Mary Presson

Apr. 10– Bob Cullom

Apr. 14– Kim Fender

Apr. 19– Sheila Knoche

Apr. 1– Shirley Cullom

Apr. 10– Jennifer Esposito

Apr. 16– Bjorn Jiskoot

Apr. 22– Ryan Maassen

Church Information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance last Sunday: 31

Offering: 3-22-26- \$ 1750.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Year to Date: **\$38,007.27**

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

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