

# *E-Blast News*

March 8 2026– March 15, 2026

Dear Saints of FPC,

We are approaching the third Sunday of Lent, 2026. The gospel lesson for Sunday is John 4:5-42 - the story of the Samaritan woman at the well with Jesus. It is only found in the Gospel according to John (4:5-42). It is a fascinating and somewhat humorous story of cross-cultural, religious, historical and social differences.

A woman comes to the well, encounters Jesus and talks with him. Their conversation leads her to believe that Jesus has the power as Messiah to give her living waters that will sustain her in salvation. What fascinates me today is that the well still exists and is still used. It came into being after Jacob (son of Abraham) bought a piece of land near Schechem. He dug a deep well down some 151 feet. This depth was enough to find very clean water. Some 1,700-1,800 years late Jesus came and sat by the well where he met the Samaritan woman. Now it has been roughly another 2,000 years and the well is still known as 'Jacob's well' and is still in use - though a church has been built over it. This seems to be agreed upon by the majority of scholars.

As we listen and think about this story we know exactly where it occurred and we know who was there with Jesus and how she was changed.

Let's mentally come to the well this Sunday and listen for the word of God.

**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

## Mr. Rogers' day set in March

When one thinks of someone who epitomizes a good neighbor, **Fred McFeely Rogers** automatically comes to mind.

Rogers a Presbyterian minister, musician, and author, was a kind gentle soul who spent most of his life helping children learn about their emotions and physical concerns such as divorce, hunger, hurt, siblings, and death.

His iconic show *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* ran for 33 years.

Thousands of children grew up trusting and watching him.

Although Rogers' actual birthday is March 20, on **Sunday, March 22**, our church will again

recognize **Fred Rogers' birthday** and celebrate his lifetime of being a good and loving neighbor to all. On Sunday please consider honoring Mr. Rogers by wearing a cardigan, and/or tie, and/or tennis shoes to church on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

As part of this celebration, we will collect children's books to donate to the local library. They don't have to be brand new.

They can be lovingly used. Please try to make the books appropriate for children ages 5 months to 10 years. Bring your

donations to church and leave them in the basket in the narthex. You can also bring the books by the church office.



## 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.

## Please send cards

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

## *I'm lost, please find me!*

I am the embroidered white cloth for the communion table. My initials are **IHS**. Unfortunately, I don't know when I left the church, and I don't know where I am.

If you have any information regarding my whereabouts, please call the church. I know I am out there somewhere.

Please find me!



## *Church Prayer List*

**FPC - MEMBERS:** Tom & Arlene Anderman, Jean Borsmann, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Becky Delahunty, Jackie Harris, Vivien Liszak, MaryAnn Treadwell and Terry West.

### **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Bobby & Charlene Adams, Barbara Bennett, Diane Brantley, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, Gina Green, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier, Greg, Heidi, and Hannah 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, Bob & Pam Simmons, 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.

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 8</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 11</b>	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 13</b>	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 13</b>	2-5 Art Show in Parking Lot
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Collection 4 Needy

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

## *Reminder - time change...*



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**April 5 (next collection date) March 16 (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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next collection date: March 15**

**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*



### *March birthdays*

Mar. 2– Jeff Adams

Mar. 5– Jean Borsmann

Mar. 9– Carol Treadwell

Mar. 15– Cayiden Gill

Mar. 18– Ellie Sutphin

Mar. 27– JoAnna Hewitt

## *Church Information*

### **Attendance/Offering**

Attendance last Sunday: 31

Offering: 3-1-26- \$2,305.00

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Year to Date: **\$33,229.00**

### **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)

You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.