

E-Blast News

Jan 16 to Jan 23, 2022

Dear Saints who are First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia,

I have successfully returned from a vacation that never happened – well, at least did not happen as we envisioned. Hmingi and I were set up to visit son Francis and family in Pittsburgh. We were to fly up, stay with them a night and then all go to a cabin in Cook's Forest Stated Park.

The day of the trip, as dire warnings of the spread of Omicron confronted us, we began to think about what would happen if we showed up in Pennsylvania and tested positive. The airline would not let us back on, hotels would decline our stay, and Francis' house is not set up in a way we could stay there and keep his whole family (wife and two daughters) safe. After consultation with them we decided to stay home.

In the end the non-vacation proved to be extremely restful giving us lots of times for naps and conversations and planning and long conversations with distant family and friends. We ended up remembering that where we live is a vacation spot to which tens of thousands of people a year eagerly make their way to warm weather, beautiful landscape, and sparkling water vistas. We had all that in our own house but rarely the freedom to enjoy it. So we watched an alligator in the pond behind our house, we watched all sorts of birds and squirrels and rabbits. We planned out a remake of our garden. We cleaned and did laundry and napped – again and again.

We ended up giving thanks to God for calling us to Florida and to the churches we serve and to all of you.

Thanks be to God,

Will

COVID UPDATE

In response to the growing infection rate of COVID-19 the session recommends the following as you prepare to attend in-person worship at First Presbytery Church.

- If the vaccine is available to you please get it**
- If you are not vaccinated please wear a mask**
- Consult the most recent CDC guidelines for gathering in public Spaces—particularly the recommendation for those in areas of High transmission (vaccinated or not) to wear a mask.**

As we have all learned throughout this pandemic, our individual responses to this virus are varied.

The session will respect the choices you make as we all seek to care for ourselves and one another. If you have any questions please call our church office.



Mark your calendar!

Church Calendar January

Sunday	Jan 23	9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir practice 11:00 Worship service
Wednesday	Jan 26	12:00 noon pre-study sandwich lunch 12:30 in person Bible Study of Luke/Duplex
Friday	Jan 28	12:30 Men's Luncheon Reef and Beef
Sunday	Jan 30	9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir practice 11:00 Worship service
Wednesday	Feb 2	12:00 noon pre-study sandwich lunch 12:30 in person Bible Study of Luke/Duplex 6:30 Handbell practice 7:15 Chancel Choir practice
Friday	Feb 4	12:30 Men's Luncheon Reef and Beef



Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Tom & Arlene Anderman, Rich & Jean Borsmann, Dave Bremer, Shirley Cullom, Millie Foster, Muriel Hall, Kay Holloman, and LaVerne Townsend.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Celeste, Charlaine Adams, Debi Collins, Pam and Rick Dodd, Kiersa Durfee, Roger Evans, Joe Gallimore, Jane Hayward and son Ozzie, Courtney Hollingsworth, Tripp Johnson and Family, Bobby O’Neal (Edith’s friend), Derek Ortiz, Les Privette, Stephanie Purvis Rohling, Pam Simmons, Ruth Ann Smith, Steve Sorrells, Margaret White (Mitzie’s mom), JoLynn Wright and Heidi Evans (Bill Stander’s cousins).

MILITARY LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, and Cole Overcash

Homebound Members send some Christmas Cheer

*We have members who are sick or haven't been outside due to the Covid-19 and
You know they would love to have some cheer. How about sending out a card or two
and let them know they are still loved and missed.*

Jerry Anderman:	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Peggy Dees:	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher:	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Robert Treadwell:	2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 34266

If you would like to send a card to our Military here are
some addresses

Military Members

CM# Ryan Maassen	564 W. Channel Islands Blvd. # 394 Pt. Hueneme CA 93041
Cole Overcash	10518 Barbecue Dr. Converse, Texas 78109



Just received offering envelopes so please stop by the office and pick one up.
Puzzles, Puzzles who wants a puzzle or two. I have more new puzzles if you know of
someone who enjoys puzzle please come pick up one or two and share.



Join us on Wednesday's for our Week Day Bible Study.

Come at 12:00 bring your sandwich and enjoy some fellowship before we start our bible study at 12:30 p.m. in the duplex. We are studying the book of Luke and you want be disappointed!

Happy
Valentine's
Day

LADIES VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

The monthly Ladies Luncheon will take place at 11:30 am on Monday, February 7 in Pfrangle Hall. We have decided to serve Vegetable soup, cornbread, and cake. Michelle from MyShelley's Kitchen will be supplying the soup and cornbread. We are ordering a special Valentine's Day cake from Publix bakery since following week will be Valentine's Day.

If you have a red, pink or purple blouse or sweater, please wear it that day.

Since the Paper Angels are running low in certain products, we are asking you to bring in something from the following list to help us restock. We are in need of paper towels, bar soap, shampoo, travel size hand sanitizer, tooth paste (travel and regular size) and single tooth brushes. Anything that you can bring will be greatly appreciated.

Also, we will be making Valentine's Day Cards for the residents at Arcadia Oaks. We will supply you with what you will need to make the cards.

***Please call Karen at the church office 494-4434 no later than February 1 to reserve your lunch. We hope to have a good turnout.**



“It was a stormy day”
And “Will” was away
But the choir trickled in
And saved the day!



Help! We need toilet paper, paper towels, large toothpaste, small hand sanitizers, single bar soap, and baby wipes for our families. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

First Presbyterian Paper Angels

Monday, **February 14th** from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm we will distribute of the paper goods. Come and share the joy with us.

The Congregational Team has developed a new way to get involved with our community. We will be supplementing items that Trinity Methodist food pantry does not provide. We have met and come up with a list of items that are needed and we will also greatly appreciate volunteers. These are the items we are starting off with and we may add more items to the list.

Bar soap, small liquid soap, tooth brush, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products (tampons, napkins), paper towels, travel size (body lotion, shampoo, body wash) wipes, wash cloths and hand sanitizer.

If you are unable to pick up supplies monetary donations by cash or check. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo section put Paper Angels. Thank you all for your help!



Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 28

Via Facebook: 58

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 1,725.00

Year to date: \$11,920.00



January - Birthdays

5 Ron Jacobson

7 Addison Gill

14 Steve Hancock

17 Max Fitzpatrick

18 Polly Land

26 Linda Carpenter

Church Information:

Church Mailing Address is:

First Presbyterian Church

20 N. Orange Ave.

Arcadia, FL 34266

SESSION

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen, Marilyn Stander

2023: Jeff Adams, Ann Pepper, Ellie Sutphin, Edith Wildt

2024: Sue Maassen, Tyler Maassen, Mitzie McGavic, MaryAnn Treadwell

ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way

David Holloman

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.