

# *E-Blast News*

Aug 6, to Aug 12, 2023

## Note from Will.....

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia,

Perhaps because it is about food – an abundance of food – food abundant enough for leftovers – that the story of the Feeding of the 5,000 is so beloved. At least, it certainly is beloved for me.

Of particular importance to me is that Jesus, who seems intent on isolation and retreat at the beginning of the story, quickly returns to compassion and care and provision for the people before him. And, there were a lot of people! 5,000 men plus women and children. And there were a lot of people in need of healing as Jesus had to work into the early evening to meet their needs.

I think Jesus, who performed this miracle, and Matthew who reported in his gospel, thought there was a message for the people who lived it and for the people who heard about it later – members of the Jewish community before Jesus' arrest, members of the early church after the resurrection and all of us who hear it now.

Is this a story that touches you? Do the changes in Jesus and the crowd and the disciples lift your spirits? Is there a message there for us today who are neither Jesus nor the disciples?

On Sunday we will seek to explore all of that and to celebrate God's abundant love as seen in Jesus miraculous action.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Will

## **News from the office.....**

**Don't forget call the church office to  
RSVP for the luncheon on August 27<sup>th</sup>!**

I have offering envelopes at the office if you need any. There are also some extra boxes in the Narthex on the table.

The devotional books "These Days" are located on the table in the Narthex.

The Mission Group Books are located on the table in the Narthex.

## **News from Presbytery**

The website of the Peace River Presbytery has a new page just for prayer concerns. Please visit the page to list your prayer concerns:

<https://peaceriverpre>

[sbytery.org/prayer-concerns/](https://peaceriverpresbytery.org/prayer-concerns/)

**DeSoto Cares Homeless Services is in great need of insect repellent for our neighbors in need.**

**DeSoto Cares is accepting all brands of repellents. Please donate natural insect repellents such as Off Deep Woods, repel Lemon Eucalyptus, Citronella and Cutter Natural.**

Please drop off either in the black trash can marked Bill's Paper Angels in the Narthex, church office or by DeSoto Cares on South Orange Ave next to Arcadia Center for the Needy.

## **Arcadia Center for the Needy**

For the 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration we are collecting cans of food for the Center for the Needy. If you choose to do this, please bring in cans with pop tops these are easier for the Center to distribute. Vienna sausages, soups, spam, etc.



### **Church Prayer List**

#### **FPC MEMBERS:**

Tom and Arlene Anderman, Rich Borsmann, Dave Bremer, Shirley Cullom, Muriel Hall, Beverly Jones, Ron Overcash and Candy Reid.

#### **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Shelia Howard Adams, Myrtice Beck, Amanda Fitzgerald, Sheerynne Iverson, Tripp Johnson, Jimmy Lanier, Lisa Letson, Jacquelyn Lopez, Keith Markey, Jim Reinhart, Elinor Scott, Bob and Pam Simmons, Bob Smith & Family, Sue Ellen Smith, Donna Stakley, Jerry Tedrow, Angie Waters and Margaret White (Mitzie's mom).

**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, and Corporal Cole Overcash U.S. Army Medical Corps.



### Mark your calendar!

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 06</b>	10:30 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship Service/Communion Collection for Bill's Paper Angels
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 09</b>	12:00 Brown bag lunch before Bible Study 12:30 Bible Study/Duplex
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 11</b>	12:30 Men's Luncheon Reef & Beef
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>	10:30 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship Service/Communion



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### Homebound Members

*We have members who are homebound 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
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
Muriel Hall	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	12805 Astonwood Drive, Tampa, FL 33626
Wayne Leeper	125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Township, PA 15108

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

### Military Members

<b>CM1 Ryan Maassen</b>	13972 Shields Bridge Rd, Belle Haven, VA 23306
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**Corporal Cole Overcash**

10518 Barbecue Dr. Converse, Texas 78109



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

Collection will be on Sunday, Aug 6th jar in the Narthex.

Distribution for Bill's Paper Angels will be on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

A church register board with a wooden frame and a dark brown top section. The top section has the text "REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE & OFFERING" in white. Below this, there are several rows of white boxes with black text and numbers. The numbers are displayed in a large, bold font. The board is mounted on a light-colored wall.

NUMBER ON THE ROLL	35
RECORD ATTENDANCE	225
ATTENDANCE TODAY	17
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	26
OFFERING TODAY	370
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	658

### **Attendance/Offering**

Attendance Last Sunday: 30

Via Facebook: 68

Offering Last Sunday: \$ 1,750.00

Year to Date: \$ 99,289.82



### August Birthdays

01	Jackie Combs
	Sandra Welles
02	Conor Daniels
	Marilyn Stander
04	Lovinia Jiskoot
	Tara Jones
06	Berkley Latimer
07	Terry Presson
09	Kim Halvorson
13	Judy Kirkpatrick
14	Nancy Ambler
16	Myra Kirkpatrick
	Johnny Maassen
19	Candy Reid
25	Chloe Knoche
28	Sue Maassen



### August Anniversaries

08        Dave & Judy Bremer  
29        Robert & Cherie Thomas  
            Skip & Terry West

### COVID UPDATE

The session recommends consulting the most recent CDC guidelines for gathering in public spaces—particularly the recommendation for those in areas of high transmission. 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.

### Church Information:

Church Mailing Address is:

Office Hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Dr. Rev. Will Browne 941-928-7504**

**20 N. Orange Ave.**



**Arcadia, FL 34266**

### **SESSION**

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

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

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

### **ELDERS EMERITI**

**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](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 give me a call at the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

1. Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)
2. You will see the sermon on the main page now so just click on it.