

# E-Blast News

Dec 13 to Dec 20, 2020

Dear Saints Who are First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia,

In the traditional of church liturgy, this is Mary's Sunday! The Third Sunday of Advent, the one when the pink candle is lit. The Sunday we remember with amazement the human role in God becoming 'God with us' Emmanuel. That human role is of the extraordinary, courageous and determinedly willing young woman named Mary.

This is sometimes called the 'Joy' Sunday but for me 'Love' comes before joy. I read in our Annunciation scripture for this Sunday, Luke 1:26-38, a powerful and beautiful story of love – God's love for Mar, God's love for human kind and Mary's love for God. So, we will call this 'Love' Sunday and await 'Joy' on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2020.

Come and join with us in this celebration of divine love.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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## **Church Prayer List**

### **FPC MEMBERS**

Tom & Arlene Anderman, and Wayne Gallant.

## **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Alan Adams, Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Carrie Evans (Judie Neeley's daughter), Heidi Evans (Bill Stander's cousin), Roger Evans, Alfred King, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Ruth Ann Smith, JoLynn Wright( Bill Stander's cousin) and Landon Yoder.

**Note: We have purged the prayer list. Please let us know if we have removed a name that should still be on the list.**

## **MILITARY LIST**

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

## **Homebound Members**

*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
Bob/Shirley Cullom:	807 W. Imogene St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Peggy Dees:	2692 NE Hwy 70 #747 Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher:	1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266
Wayne/Marilyn Gallant:	2692 NE Hwy 70 # 626 Arcadia, FL 34266
Robert Treadwell:	2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 3426



I (Arlene) would also like to express my sincere thanks for all your prayers sent heavenward on my behalf this past year. It's been a struggle, to say the least. I thought I was coming home to die, but I guess the good Lord thought otherwise. Got my report from my last labs and they tell me that my liver functions are doing great. Praise be to the Lord! I will continue to have to have lab work to make sure things stay that way.

Thank you!

Tom and Arlene Anderman



Christmas is coming.....

The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 18 for the season and may be picked up *after* the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Dec. 24.

If you would like to purchase poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office and we will fill out the order form for you and you

may send your donation to the church office **no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>** The order forms and donations may also be dropped in the offering plates on Sundays, mailed, or brought to the church office. You may still purchase a poinsettia after December 18<sup>th</sup>, but your memorial/honor may not be listed until the following Sunday. *Order early!! We just have a few ones left.*



Once you have purchased the items, place in box in Narthex **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup>**.



Notes from Genie:

Christmas is coming!!

We are ready and excited about our upcoming music on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 o'clock service.

The Handbell Choir has been having 2 practices a week to get ready for such a big part of the service. Lots of really great music even jazz! You won't be disappointed!

Please put this on your calendar!

## First Presbyterian Church Paper Angels



Paper Angels... will begin Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. 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, and body wash) wipes and hand sanitizer.

Mark your Calendar.....



## December 2020

13 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am	Sunday school
	11:00 am	Worship/Joy Collection
15 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm	Woman's Bible Study
16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Handbell practice
20 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am	Sunday school
	11:00 am	Christmas Program/Children Coins

## Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 45

Via Facebook: 54

Offering Last Sunday: \$4,664.00

Year to date: \$ 180,078.76



### **December – Birthdays**

**8 Judy Bremer, 9 Hmingi Browne & Kay Holloman, 11 JoAnn Burtscher, 15 Lindsay Knoche, 20 Donnie Knoche, 21 Marion Townsend, 24 Stephen Winhoven, 26 Robb Adams.**



### **December – Anniversaries**

**14 - Jeff and Nancy Adams**

**27 – Don and Shelia Knoche**

**29 – Tom and Arlene Anderman**

Church Mailing Address is:

**First Presbyterian Church**

**20 N. Orange Ave.**

**Arcadia, FL 34266**

SESSION

2020: Dave Bremer, Johnny Maassen, Mac Martin, Mary Ann Treadwell

2021: Beth Liszak, Mitzie McGavic, Skip West

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

#### 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](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.

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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.



