

# *E-Blast News*

February 15, 2026– February 22, 2026

Dear Saints of FPC,

I always take a deep breath as we transfer from 'ordinary time' to the next liturgical season - "Lent."

In Lent's lengthening days, we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week from: the parade of Palm Sunday; to the establishment of the Sacrament of Communion at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday; to the trial and then Crucifixion of Jesus; to the burial and silence of the tomb; and - with deep gratitude - to the joyous Resurrection.

Whatever the actual chronology of this Lenten time, Jesus saw it as the final days in which he could call, equip and consecrate disciples. It was a time for serious people to face a serious task and emerge strong in faith and service.

Each week of Lent has a particular message for us as we prepare ourselves to be transformed to carry the Gospel message to the world.

**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

## *Per Capita request*



The Session is requesting each congregational member consider giving their fair share of the Presbytery's per Capita cost this year. What that covers is the Presbytery's expense to govern and provide missions to congregations in their Presbytery.

In years past it was mandatory from each church based on church membership numbers, but in recent years it has been voluntary. The cost this year is **\$13.00** per member.

Envelopes have been placed in the pews marked *Per Capita*. Please feel free to use them or if writing a check write *Per Capita* in the message portion. Please place the envelope in the offering plate.

## *Ellen Davis Life Celebration*

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.

## *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.

## *Church Prayer List*

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

### **FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS**

Bobby & Charlaine Adams, 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, 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.

CM1 Ryan Maassen U.S. Navy Sea

## *Look What's Coming...*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 22</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b>	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels distribution 5:30 Session meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Communion Worship Service Bill's Paper Angels collection

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

**March 1 (next collection date) February 23 (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: 28

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Offering: 2-8-26- \$3,895.00  
2-15-26 \$3,980.00

Year to Date: **\$28,446.00**

### **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.