

E-Blast News

October 4, 2026 – October 11, 2026

Dear Saints,

As I write this Friday is October 2nd. Two people famous to me were born on that date. First is my mother born 10/02/1919 - 107 years ago. Second is Mahatma Gandhi born 10/02/1869 - 157 years ago. Both seem to be a long time ago but their impact in my life rings true to this day.

Mother loved that she shared a birthday with Mahatma Gandhi - it meant her birthday was always an Indian national holiday. We five kids decided Gandhi was just lucky to have been born on the day that became Mother's birthday.

Gandhi, while not as important to me as my mother, was key to who I became. For my Senior Independent Study in college I wrote a thesis on Gandhi and his effect on modern Indian politics. He was a devout Hindu but had enormous respect for people of other faiths in India. People of every faith followed and participated in his campaign for India independence. I grew up respecting him because that political campaign could not be separated from his campaigns for the poor and the uneducated and those of low cast and oppressed women.

In part, I respected him because my mother and father respected him.

Jesus, like mother and Gandhi, held high regard for people of other faiths and experiences of living. He worked for the poor and the sick and the oppressed and those who felt cut off from God.

I believe we are called still today to follow Jesus' example and the examples of those who followed him in loving others.

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

Card Class

This month card class will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of October instead of the previously planned 2nd Tuesday.

Due to the project possibly being a little messy, you may want to bring an apron or an older shirt to wear over your clothes. Please let me know if you plan to attend at (863) 558-2155 so I will know how many projects to prepare. Letting me know will be greatly appreciated.

See you in the church office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20th. After class, those who wish will go to MyShelly's.



Look what's coming...

Sunday	October 4	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Bill's Paper Angels
Wednesday	October 7	12:30 Bible study
Friday	October 9	12:30 Men's Luncheon at Myshelly's Restaurant
Sunday	October 11	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service

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	1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Skip & 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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Church prayer list

FPC - MEMBERS: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ansley Head, Ernie Hewett, Bjorn Jiskoot, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Thomas & Jane Mooney, family of Lucky Muse, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney and family of Cindy Trawick.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, family of Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

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 ; Airman Roland Phelps.

Missions at work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Nov. 1 (next collection date) Oct. 12 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags

Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection date: October 18, 2026

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.

Church information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Sunday: **32**

Offering: 9-13-2026- \$ **1,875.00**

9-20-2026- \$ **3,710.00**

Viewed on Facebook: **18**

Year to Date: **\$113,870.44**

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

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Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

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 call the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

Type in www.firstpc.church

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

Celebrations



October birthdays

October 4—Rodney Hollingsworth

October 8—John Burtscher

October 14 —Layfe Jiskoot, Mac Martin

October 19 —Mike Cooley

October 20 —Cassie Lawrence

October 21 —Terry West

October 24 —Eden Esposito

October 29 —Ann Pepper

October 30 —Remi Jones