

E-Blast News

March 22, 2026– March 29, 2026

Dear Saints of FPC,

We are closing in on the end of the Lenten Season, remembering our need for grace and the tumultuous path Jesus took to get us that grace. This is the 5th Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and then we will have our Maundy Thursday communion service and then - thanks to that grace - EASTER!

This year I have been conscious that our habit of dealing with small sections of scripture helps us miss the bigger picture. There are usually only 52 Sundays and we can't begin to look at longer and longer passages. But somehow we need to remember the bigger context of what we are reading. There is great joy and expectation that we miss. And, there is much that is frightening that we too easily glide over.

But at the heart of our faith is an assurance that God created and loves us in our fallible 'created-ness.' There is an assurance that, having received grace, we are invited to be instruments of God's work for others in the world. In that work we find meaning and purpose and life!

Peace,

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

Mr. Rogers' day set in March

When one thinks of someone who epitomizes a good neighbor, **Fred McFeely Rogers** automatically comes to mind.

Rogers a Presbyterian minister, musician, and author, was a kind gentle soul who spent most of his life helping children learn about their emotions and physical concerns such as divorce, hunger, hurt, siblings, and death.

His iconic show *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* ran for 33 years. Thousands of children grew up trusting and watching him.

Although Rogers' actual birthday is March 20, this **Sunday, March 22**, our church will again recognize **Fred Rogers' birthday** and celebrate



his lifetime of being a good and loving neighbor to all. On Sunday please consider honoring Mr. Rogers by wearing a cardigan, and/or tie, and/ or tennis shoes to church on the 22nd.

As part of this celebration, we will collect children's books to donate to the local library. They don't have to be brand new. They can be lovingly used.

Please try to make the books appropriate for children ages 5 months to 10 years. Bring your donations to church and leave them in the basket in the narthex. You can also bring the books by the church office.

Bill's Paper Angels continue mission

Bill's Paper Angels mission distribution continues to grow. The mission began several years ago as Paper Angels. Upon the death of Bill Stander a loyal support and worker, the name was changed to Bill's Paper Angels honoring his commitment to the project.

At least once a month beginning at 10:30 am and running until noon from the back of the church office, people receive toilet paper, paper towels and often extras like shampoo, blankets, and hand lotion.

Numbers vary from week to week and month to month, but the enthusiasm and friendship between the people served and those who help is solid,

This past week approximately fifty-two people were served.



The faithful crew from Bill's Paper Angels Marilyn Stander, Paulette Raschella, Edie Wildt, Nancy Ambler, Susan Head and Sue Maassen were on hand this past Monday at the church to help.

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.

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 & Charlene Adams, Barbara Bennett, Diane Brantley, Raedell Coogler, Marsha Browning, Mary Dow, Michelle Ehret, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Kathy Gamiotea, family of Frank Gready, Gina Green, Verna Haynes, Jane Hayward, Ernie Hewitt, Donna Jones, Ted Land, 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, Sharon Shatney, Bob & Pam Simmons, Emmie Titus, 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

Send Well Wishes

Our former pastor, Ted Land, recently had knee surgery and is presently in a rehab facility in Marianna, FL where he and Polly live. Unfortunately, he has a staph infection and will need to have IV Antibiotic treatment twice daily.

Listed below is Ted and Polly's mailing address. He would greatly enjoy hearing from you all.

Ted & Polly Land
3618 Greenfield Dr.
Marianna, FL 32446

Look what's coming...

Sunday	Mar. 22	9:45 Adult Sunday school 10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service 11:15 Fred Rogers' Day
Wednesday	Mar. 25	12:30 Bible study 3:00 Handbells practice 4:00 Choir practice
Friday	Mar. 27	12:30 Men's luncheon at Reef & Beef's
Sunday	Mar. 29	9:45 Adult Sunday school 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	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 1st Sunday of the month.

April 5 (next collection date) April 6 (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 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection date: April 19

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: 26

Offering: 3-15-26- \$93.27

Viewed on Facebook: 18

Year to Date: **\$36,257.27**

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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