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PROPERTY SALE COMMITTEE UPDATE

On Sunday, February 3rd, your Property Sale Committee was pleased to announce that we have signed a contract with Presbyterian Retirement Center (PRC) to sell approximately 1.7 acres of the church's property between 15th Street West and Wares Creek for \$1,525,000. We have a signed contract, but not a closing. We anticipate closing within ninety days.

PRC operates both The Towers and The Shores facilities and was the logical buyer. They are good neighbors and we think this sale will be beneficial both to them and to our church.

On Sunday, February 10th, Frank Buskirk and Wayne Scroggins presented the contract for approval by the congregation at a meeting during the 11:00 am worship service. In addition to unanimous approval by our Session and the Peace River Presbytery Trustees, the deal was unanimously approved by the First Presbyterian Church congregation.

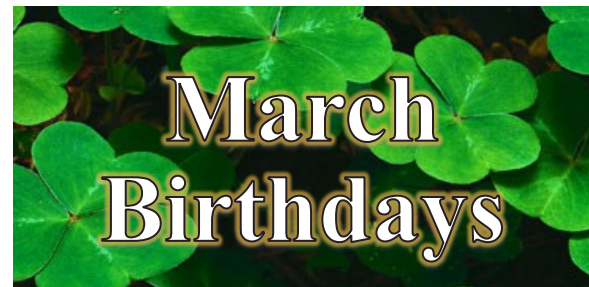
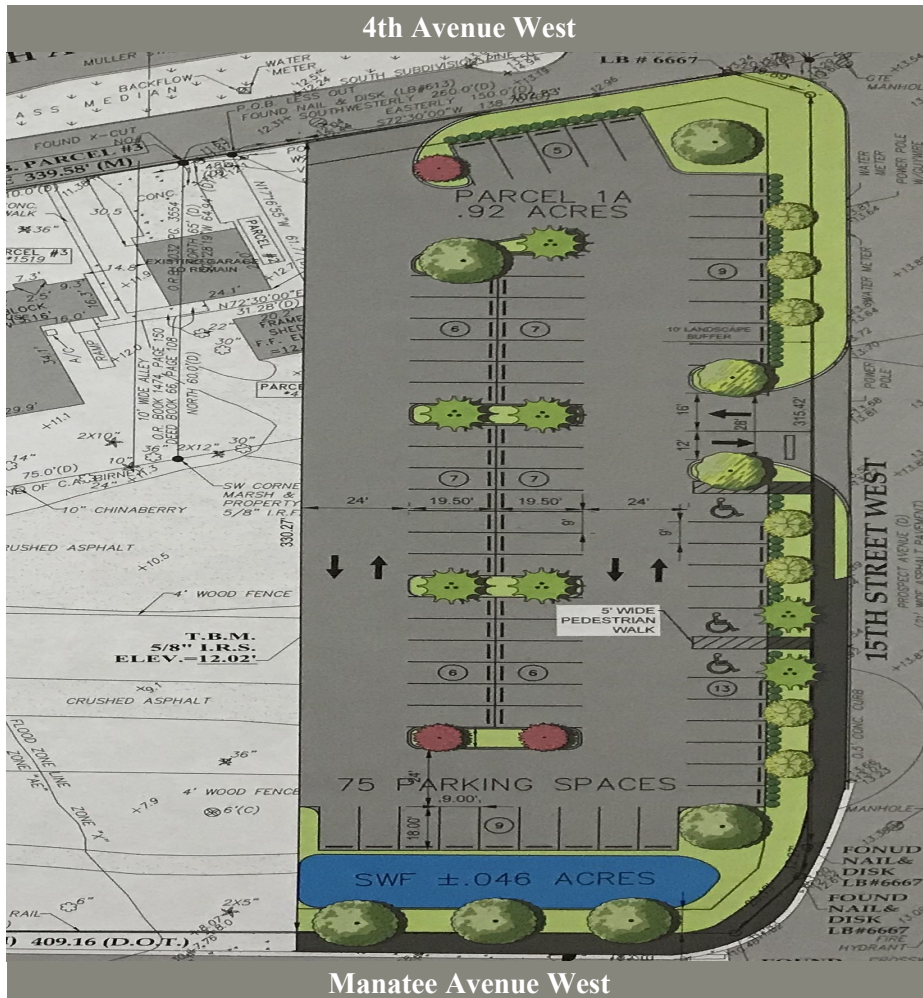
We are selling approximately two-thirds of our total property along Ware's Creek and are retaining ownership of the remaining 0.9 acres bordering 15th Street to be used as a paved parking area for roughly 75 cars. Construction of the parking area is expected to begin in May or early June.

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The sale proceeds, net of the construction of the parking area, should allow the Building Committee to complete the church renovation without incurring any debt. In total, this is a wonderful result for First Presbyterian Church. We praise God for his continued presence and guidance in this project.

Allen Butler
Property Sale Committee Chair



- 3 Judy Alvis, Phyllis Persson, Matthew Hennesey
- 4 Virginia "Ginny" Aja
- 6 Jeanne Auten
- 7 Patty Li
- 8 George Hoagland, Ann Wolpers
- 9 Mary Hoagland
- 10 Ingrid Lippert
- 12 Joe Dickerson
- 14 Kathleen Cantley
- 15 Caroline MacDonald, Chloe Waldron
- 17 Kylir Gruwell
- 18 Dino Rustin
- 19 Barbara Brunner, Barbara Russell
- 21 Jean Phillips
- 22 Ted Hayes, Kaili Gruwell
- 24 Jessica Miller
- 25 Fedora Campbell, Bill Whidden
- 26 Kristen Johnson, Carol Saggau
- 28 Emily Melchior, Mary Miller
- 31 Kathy Schermer, Vicki Stark, Cynthia Bobkoskie

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dino Rustin
Care & Visitation: Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter
Organist/Director of Music Ministry: Ted Hayes

Grace Lane, Financial Secretary
 Christine Melchior, Custodian
 Diane Varnadore, Pianist

Michelle Noval, Admin. Assistant
 Fernando Olaya, Maintenance Tech.
 Jessica Palma-Hernandez, Nursery

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FPC Building Committee Update



Your Building Committee continues to meet with our professionals to finalize the renovations and updates to our facilities. The planning part of our project is extremely important and is quite time consuming. Our goal is to make sure we plan a project that comes in on budget and gives us the most for each dollar we spend.

I mentioned last month that we met with the local Fire Marshal, Kenneth Langston, to discuss our building plans. It now appears that any renovations we undertake will have to be sprinkler and be equipped with fire alarms. This will ensure the safety of our members and will comply with all local building codes.

Our contractor, Halfacre, continues to work on the budget, and Zoller-Autrey has reworked the design development plans. We are also finalizing the plans for the HVAC Systems.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the building committee.

Wayne Scroggins, Chairman

Members: Kaye Butler, Steve Porter, Kathy Schermer and Bill Schmoll



Ash Wednesday

Join us for Ash Wednesday
service & light dinner

March 6, 2019
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



CONGRATULATIONS

Michelle Rustin Smith & Joel Smith
and Uncle Dino & Aunt Jen Rustin

On the birth of
Shore Rustin Smith
Born on January 24, 2019
7.3 lb and 21"



CONGRATULATIONS

Courtney & Joe Shannon

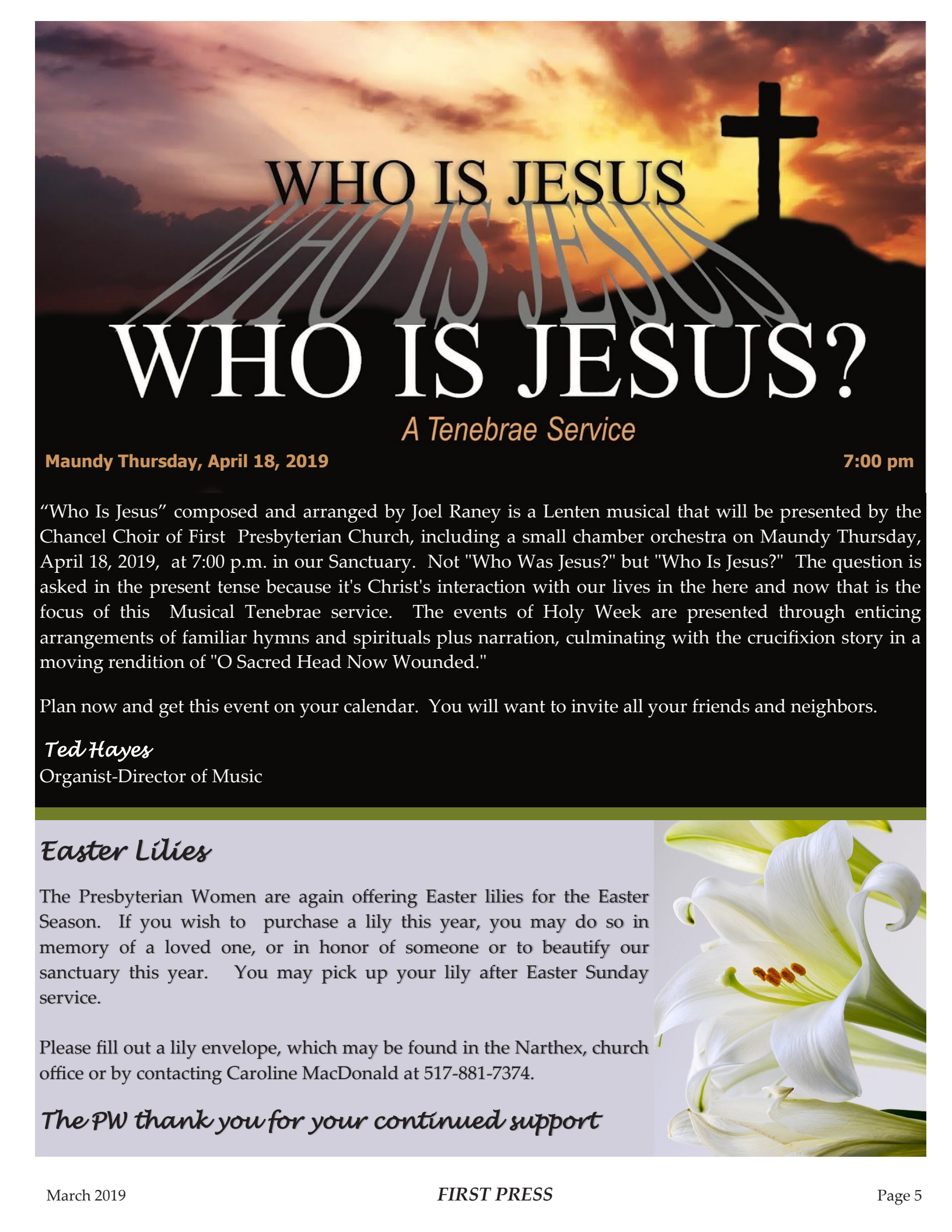
On the birth of
Anya Grace Shannon
Born on February 12, 2019
5 lb, 13 oz and 19 & 3/4"



Christian Sympathy

Is extended to the families of:

*Jill Harrington who died on January 27, 2019;
Adah Hagen who died on January 29, 2019;
David Holden who did on February 7, 2019;
Richard Frankland who died on February 11, 2019;
Eloisa Olaya who died on February 18, 2019.*



WHO IS JESUS

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A Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019

7:00 pm

"Who Is Jesus" composed and arranged by Joel Raney is a Lenten musical that will be presented by the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, including a small chamber orchestra on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Not "Who Was Jesus?" but "Who Is Jesus?" The question is asked in the present tense because it's Christ's interaction with our lives in the here and now that is the focus of this Musical Tenebrae service. The events of Holy Week are presented through enticing arrangements of familiar hymns and spirituals plus narration, culminating with the crucifixion story in a moving rendition of "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

Plan now and get this event on your calendar. You will want to invite all your friends and neighbors.

Ted Hayes

Organist-Director of Music

Easter Lilies

The Presbyterian Women are again offering Easter lilies for the Easter Season. If you wish to purchase a lily this year, you may do so in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone or to beautify our sanctuary this year. You may pick up your lily after Easter Sunday service.

Please fill out a lily envelope, which may be found in the Narthex, church office or by contacting Caroline MacDonald at 517-881-7374.

The PW thank you for your continued support





You're invited to join us as we celebrate all of the lives that have been impacted by our ministry, as well as hear about the vision for where God is leading us.

- March 11th 6:30-8:30 pm **1st Baptist Church of Gillette**
(3301 Moccasin Wallow Rd [97th St], Palmetto, FL 34221)
- March 12th 6:30-8:30 pm **Lakewood Ranch Baptist Church**
(5600 Deer Dr, Sarasota, FL 34240)
- March 14th 6:30-8:30 pm **Bradenton Christian School**
(3304 43rd St W, Bradenton, FL 34209)

FEATURING...

ANDREW STANLEY



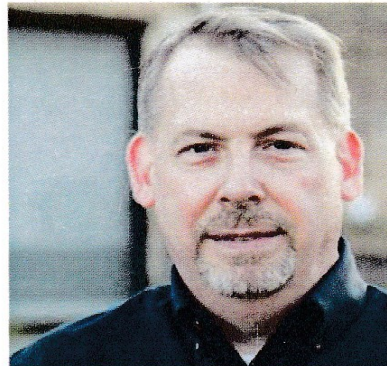
Andrew Stanley, son of Andy Stanley and grandson of Charles Stanley, is an Atlanta-based stand-up comedian and homeschool survivor who isn't afraid of bringing his deeply rooted insecurities to the stage. Okay, maybe he's afraid, but he's doing it anyway. His observational style and dry sense of humor have pleased audiences across the country.

For more information please contact Linda@suncoastyfc.org.

Save The Date Anchor House Banquet

March 21, 2019

6:30 PM, Cruise Terminal
Anchor House Inc.
13285 Eastern Ave, Palmetto, FL 34221
941-722-0764
rich.anchorhousemission@gmail.com



Philip Vandercook
President

Global Maritime
Ministries •
PortMinistry.com
Port of New Orleans,
Louisiana

Rev. Vandercook has served in his current position since 1991. Global Maritime Ministries is a ministry to the Ports of New Orleans and South Louisiana. New Orleans is the busiest port in the world with close to three hundred thousand seafarers visiting the port annually. They also serve as the port chaplain for the ninety thousand port related employees.

Rev. Vandercook will be sharing some of the events of his ministry and sharing some of their experiences of growth during his time at the Port of New Orleans. Please plan to join us for this exciting time. We will also be sharing a delicious meal, and our silent auction to help raise funds for Anchor House Ministries.

Save The Date

The World Around Us

PW's Spring Luncheon ~ May 11th

More information to be coming soon!



Peace River Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat

RISE & SHINE LET GOD'S LIGHT SHINE

Day Springs, Ellenton, FL
April 1-2, 2019

Join us for mini workshops, fellowship, music, worship, serve project, and most of all fun with other Christian women! Registration starts at 9 am on Monday, April 1.

Workshops: Monday, April 1: 9:30 am - 7 pm Tuesday, April 2: 9:30 am - 3 pm

Contact: Barbara Borderieux for more information at:
bborderieux@tampabay.rr.com or 941-729-8036 / 941-592-5103



Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruits of the womb is a reward. Psalm 127:3

Care Net Manasota Pregnancy Center, a non-profit ministry, is on a mission to provide compassion, hope, and life-affirming resources to women and families facing a pregnancy decisions in Manatee County and surrounding areas and is part of our mission outreach.

Their vision is to empower women and families through Christ-centered counseling and instructional support, to choose abundant life for their family.

Each year, Care Net Manasota provides help, hope, and life-affirming resources to over 1300 women and families in our community. There were 367 clients and 68 babies born in 2018; 30 babies saved from abortion.

Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, Care Net Manasota Pregnancy Center offers compassion, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support.


They offer free ultrasounds conducting 277 in 2018, pregnancy tests, confidential consultation, parenting support to name a few of their services. "Earn While You Learn" program offers their clients classes such as how to bath, feed, and provide for their newborns. With each class they earn points which in turn earns them needed items. This past year, 871 took classes, and 2247 items were earned!

Susan Vorpahl of FPC contacts Care Net each month to check on their needs. Diapers and diaper wipes are a usual need. She then goes shopping with the mission funds given to her each month and tries to do as much as possible to fill the need.

Taking part in Walk for Life is another way you may make a difference. This is a fun-filled family event at the G.T. Bray park, where friends of the ministry come together to raise funds and walk in solidarity for LIFE! The morning includes an easy walk, breakfast, and fun for everyone. The walk will be held in May so please watch for details!

If you are interested in helping Care Net with our mission project, please contact me at 941-729-8036.

Barbara Borderieux
Mission Committee

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|  FINANCIAL REVIEW | Budgeted Offering Through February | \$ 99,960 |
| | YTD Offering Received Through February | \$110,922 |
| FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE | | |
| 9 AM AVERAGE | 53 | 11 AM AVERAGE 164 |

The First Presbyterian Church's Session members met on Tuesday evening, February 26, 2019, for a scheduled Stated meeting at 6:00 pm. After prayer, devotion and attending to clerical matters, Pastor Dino reported on his heavy schedule, staffing transitions and his intent to continue into 2019 building a strong internal foundation.

- ◆ The Treasurer's report was received exhibiting good news throughout.
- ◆ Christian Ed reported exciting news regarding activities available during the Sunday School hour.
- ◆ Facilities reported that the Men's Monday Night Fellowship (MMNF) requested and received authorization to enhance some of the church's exterior while awaiting the remodel.
- ◆ GNC reported progress in the current nomination process.
- ◆ Building Commission Team member, Wayne Scroggins, reported construction activity will begin in June of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. *Sonny Fenton*, Clerk of Session



**NEW MEMBERS
CLASS**

about church membership

Interested in joining FPC?

Come to our membership luncheon, hosted by the Membership Ministry Team, Elder, Emily Buskirk

Sunday, April 7
12:00 - 2:00 pm ~ Location: Fellowship Hall

RSVP to the church office by April 1
Lunch and child care provided



Come enjoy pizza PIE, dessert PIE, vibrant FUN and more at Agape Flights' open hangar, *Pie in the Sky*.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn how and why we fly, while enjoying delicious Ntino's pizza and dessert pies by Yoder's Restaurant.

Food, fellowship, and fun all rolled into ONE event -- including an **interactive art feature** with World Champion Artist, Sculptor and Painter Ashley Gray as well as **healing art** displayed by New Hope Girls, Inc., an Agape affiliated ministry in the Dominican Republic. And guests can even paint the plane before it goes off for its professional paint job!

11:30 am - 1 pm Food served 12:45 pm Door Prize
1:00 pm Dessert Pie Auction

Please join us for...
The HeART of Pie in the Sky
Open Hangar
March 2, 2019 | 11:30am-2pm
Venice Municipal Airport—100 Airport Ave

PRAYER CONCERNS

Helen King, Nancy Kane, Gordon Peters, Kaye Butler, Patty Li, Vada Johnson, Barbara Russell, Keith Allen, Christine King, David Christy, Donald Czaplinsky, Nancy Gonzalez, Jane Stockhausen, Carol Romsburg, Jack Barthel, Carol Johnson, Burgess & Wolpers Families, Chris Melchior, Kirsten Trusko, Dave Stacho, Jack Adams, Ellen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Jeannie Oliver, Sally DenUyl, Betty Harkins, Ray Lopez, Vic Kane, Frances Moody, Debbie Parvin, Elma Westney, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery, Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or e-mail the church office at: office@firstpresbradenton.com

CARING FOR OUR SHUT-INS // ASSISTED LIVING

| <i>Health Care Facilities</i> | <i>Address</i> | <i>Telephone</i> | <i>Name(s)</i> |
|---|--|------------------------------|---|
| Bay Vue Nursing & Rehab. | 105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208 | 941-747-8681 | Betty Harkins (Room 132) |
| Inn at Freedom Village | 6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209 | 941-798-8250 | Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A) |
| Summerfield Assisted Living | 3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205 | 941-751-7209 | Christine King (Room 202) Vada Johnson (Room 126) |
| Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL) | 1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205 | 941-745-0167 | Jeanne Oliver (RAL Room 408) |
| Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL) | 1610 3rd Ave W Bradenton, 34205 | 941-748-1700 | Rae Flanders (RAL Room 124) E. Jean Phillips (RAL Room 134) John Weichel (RAL Room 132) |
| Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL) | 320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205 | 941-666-8837 941-567-6976 | Vic & Nancy Kane (#141) Debbie Parvin (#133) |
| Westminster Towers Health Care (HC) | 320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205 | 941-747-1881 941-757-5961 | Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Elma Westney (HC 321B) |



March

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| 3 Communion Sunday 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry | 4 Newsletter Submission 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts | 5 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Stephen Min. 5:00 Mission Mtg 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew | 6 Ash Wednesday 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service & Dinner 7:00 Choir | 7 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 11:30 am GNC 7:00 Joy Circle | 8 7:00 Spanish Ministry | 9 |
| 10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry | 11 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts | 12 9:00 Food Pantry 9:15 CE Meeting 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew 7:00 Scout Crew | 13 10:00 Faith Circle 5:30 Deacons 7:00 Choir | 14 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 11:30 GNC 1:30 Construction Meeting 5:00 Finance | 15 7:00 Spanish Ministry | 16 9:00 Scout Car Wash |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 KOINONIA/ Community Lunch 3:00 Spanish Ministry | 18 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts | 19 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Men's BSF 7:00 Scout Crew | 20 7:00 Choir | 21 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers | 22 10:30 Card Ministry 7:00 Spanish Ministry | 23 Mizzou Youth |
| 24 Mizzou Youth 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry | 25 Mizzou Youth 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir | 26 Mizzou Youth 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Session 6:30 Men's BSF | 27 Mizzou Youth 7:00 Choir | 28 Mizzou Youth 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 12:00 PW's CT Meeting 6:30 Scout Council | 29 Mizzou Youth 7:00 Spanish Ministry | 30 Mizzou Youth |

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9:00 Informal Worship
10:00 Discipleship
11:00 Worship Service
3:00 Spanish Ministry



spring *forward*
SUNDAY, MARCH 10
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

KEY:
SG = *Small Group*

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

"From the fullness of
His grace we have
all received one blessing
after another."

John 1:16