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PROPERTY SALE

Your Property Sale Committee is very pleased to announce the successful sale and final closing of 1.8 acres of the Church's property between 15th Street West and Ware's Creek. We were able to sell the property for the appraised price, with minimal closing costs, by utilizing the experience and skills of our church membership. After all costs, including legal, engineering, permitting and tree removal, your church will net about \$1,447,000. Those funds have been invested in very safe U.S. Treasuries until needed to fund renovation costs. Construction will begin in a matter of weeks.

Your Property Sale Committee was comprised of three members. Two of us, George Hoagland and Allen Butler, would like to thank the third member, Frank Buskirk, for his experience, dedication and perseverance in seeing the sale through to its successful conclusion.

The net proceeds from the property sale, combined with the pledged funds from our congregation, have provided First Presbyterian a truly God-given opportunity to renew and grow our church to fulfill His plan. Thank you to every member and friend of our congregation for continuing to fulfill your commitments to support the revitalization of First Presbyterian Church by honoring your pledge. May God continue to guide and bless our work together.

Allen Butler, Chair

Members: Chairman Allen Butler, Frank Buskirk, George Hoagland

Welcome

We welcome Doreen Hawkins to our staff at First Pres! Doreen will be taking on the finance responsibilities of Grace Lane's job, as Grace will be retiring the end of May of this year. Doreen will be working as our bookkeeper at FPC part-time and will be in the office each Monday – Friday, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Doreen was born in New York, and moved to Bradenton when she was 7 years old. She married her high school sweetheart, Emery, in 1986 and they have raised 4 children together. Doreen & Emery have their daughter still at home and she is starting her Master's degree in the fall. Emery and his dad led Doreen to the Lord and she was baptized in June of 1989. She worked as a bookkeeper for over 20 years for Desoto Electric and is looking forward to serving the people at 1st Presbyterian!



**Please stop by and introduce yourself to Doreen,
and make her feel welcome to FPC!**

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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May Birthdays

- 4 Carol Johnson
- 6 Judy Purse, Jonathon Collins
- 7 Lori Gruwell
- 10 Bill Bishop
- 11 Albertine Veenstra
- 12 Alexandria Brunner, David Hauck
- 14 Tom Vorpahl, Barry Phelps,
Brad Smith
- 15 Christine Melchior
- 19 Beulah Spaeth,
Elwood "Scotty" Scott
- 20 Steve Porter
- 22 Elaine Waldron
- 24 Janis Pearce
- 25 Carol Thackham
- 28 John Quinlan
- 29 Arline Herrel
- 30 Anthony Bethany, Irene Henderson
- 31 Charlotte Carolyn

Birthdays Blessings



FPC Building Committee Update



Members of the Building Committee and Zoller-Autrey Architects recently met with Mr. Carl Callahan with the Bradenton Economic Development Department. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss possible grants and/or waiver of certain building/permitting fees.

We will be submitting an application listing the improvements that are planned for our Church. Although no promises were made, the meeting was well received by the City of Bradenton. Mr. Callahan said once the paperwork is received, he would make a presentation to the City Council. If you have a relationship with any of the City Council Members, please reach out to them and express your appreciation for anything the City of Bradenton can do to help with our project.

As always, we ask that you keep our church and this committee in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward with this project.

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





Chick-fil-A Breakfast, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Bounce House, Prizes, Live Music, and More!

We would love to have YOU participate in our Annual Walk for Life benefiting Care Net Manasota Pregnancy Center on Saturday, May 18th.

If you are unable to walk, please consider making a donation or sponsoring a walker. Contact Barbara Borderieux for more information at 941-729-8036

GT Bray Park, Bradenton, FL
 Registration: 8:00A Walk Begins: 9:00A
cnmpcwalkforlife.org 941.751.1966



Are you in a season of struggle?
Loss, hospitalization, divorce, unemployment, loneliness ...

These are just some of the reasons you might need the support and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. Contact Pastor Dino to request a Stephen Minister.



Another year is about over for our group. The bins are filled with quilts, fleece blankets, and receiving blankets. We will be distributing them to Care Net, Manatee Pregnancy Centers and Manatee Children's Services for their foster care program, our own church shut-ins, and hospice centers. I want to thank all the ladies who faithfully come every Thursday morning to create and share their love and service to the Lord. Piecemakers will end on May 9 but the summer group will continue to meet sewing clothes and bags for our other missions. If you are interested in being part of this great group, please come and join in the fellowship. Have a wonderful summer. Love in His Name, **Mary Herold**



Our MOPS group enjoyed a fun activity recently where they had made Family Dinner Conversation Starter jars.

MOPS meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Big Room Child care is provided



Scholarship Applications and Renewals



If you are a graduating senior in high school with a minimum 3.0 GPA and plan to attend college or a vo-tech school, you are encouraged to apply for a church-sponsored scholarship of \$1,000 to be paid half in August and half in January. You will need a copy of your high school transcript, a letter of recommendation, and a completed application form. The form is available in the church office.

Scholarship recipients who wish to renew their scholarship can pick up the one-page renewal form in the office or have it e-mailed to them. Your most recent transcript is also required.

The deadline to return all the scholarship materials is June 15, 2019.

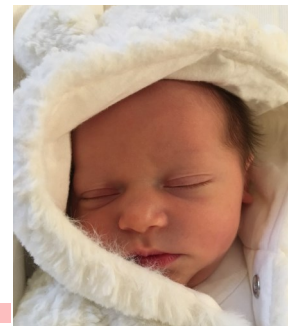


Congratulations
To Allen & Kaye Butler on the birth of their granddaughters:

Charlotte Elizabeth Butler
Born in Seattle, Washington on January 31, 2019
6 lb 1 oz & 20"
to William and Tiffany Butler

And

Emma Virginia Ciniglio
Born in Princeton, New Jersey on March 15, 2019
7 lb 10 oz & 20"
to Alejandro and Susan Butler Ciniglio





You Are Invited

To A Farewell Brunch

Sunday, May 5

10 o'clock

Fellowship Hall


To honor Grace Lane, our financial secretary,
on her retirement after 28 years
of faithful service,

And

To thank Pat Zalo for her many years of
devoted service to our church, and to wish her well on her move to
Jacksonville, FL, to be with her son's family.

*Please come and wish these ladies well as they embark on the
next chapter in their lives.*

A fond farewell to familiar faces



As we start the summer season, I want to thank all the people who make our worship services so meaningful...communion servers and preparers, ushers, greeters, liturgists, altar flowers, decorators, office staff, our pastors, technicians, and of course, Fernando, our custodian. There are so many volunteers, as well as staff, who work tirelessly for this church family. This summer we will be taking communion by intinction. The choir will be off in August and hopefully, the air conditioning will be on. Have a wonderful and blessed summer.

Mary Herold, Elder



It's a Mexican Fiesta!

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Saturday, May 11

11:30 am-1:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Menu will feature Mexican and American salads and other delicacies

Bring your madre (mother), hija (daughter), hermana (sister), sobrina (niece), prima (cousin) and amigas (friends) to our annual luncheon!

Guest Speaker—Pat Christensen

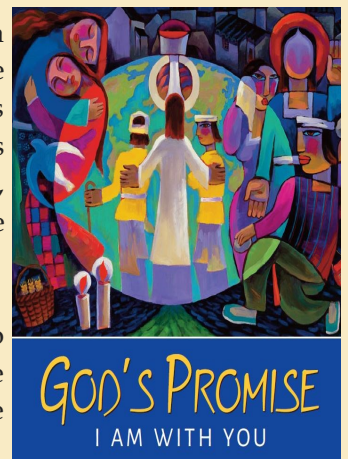
Pat resides at Missionary Village (Il Villaggio) after being a missionary in Mexico serving in four different congregations weekly along side her husband, Dave, as well as to a prison in Mexico. Many of Pat's Sunday school children were trained by Pat's husband and others in a Bible institute, and are now pastors of churches. Pat, Dave and their children were translators for a Christian medical group that came twice a year. Pat continues her ministry through music, mission trips, translation and weekly Bible studies with the inmates at the Port Manatee jail.

*Contact: Caroline MacDonald at: macdonaldcg@gmail.com or 517-881-7374 for more info.
Tickets will be on sale before and after both services in late April and early May.*

PW Bible Study: "GOD WITH US"

On the night of Jesus' arrest, He made the promise of His presence to His disciples. As a baby, He came into the world as Emmanuel, "God with us," but after His crucifixion, the Father would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. This was not comforting to the disciples as they were used to having His actual person as being present. Jesus is now saying He is leaving them, but will still be with them as a "Paraclete"—an advocate, comforter, intercession, counselor and helper. Jesus would not only be with them but "in" them as the power of the Holy Spirit. As we live our lives, the Holy Spirit dwells within us. John 14: 1-31.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus promises to be with the church. He directs the 11 disciples to go to Galilee, and to a certain mountain and there they saw Jesus... and Jesus gives them the commission to go into the world to teach, to baptize, and make disciples. They were to be the body of Christ in the world, and again the promise "I am with you." Matthew 18:15-20; 28:16-20



Patty Li, Presbyterian Women



Thornwell and Beth-el Missions

Helping Local Children and Adults

Our church actively ministers to children, adults and families. Mission projects that are easy to see would be our monthly KOINONIA serving food to the homeless; Pantry for homeless and disadvantaged; Piecemakers sewing group that makes quilts and baby blankets for local programs that serve single pregnant mothers; Care Net collections of diaper bag items for single mothers; MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) have help sessions and babysitting while mother’s learn about and discuss parenting skills right at FPC; Beth-el Mission where we can serve food to migrants in the fields on Fridays; provide scholarships for children attending summer camp at Cedarkirk; provide school supplies in August. Through our mission budget we help Beth-el provide dental services, food, Vacation Bible School, church services, clothes, diapers, and other life needs to migrants living in Wimauma, about 45 minutes north on 301. Several church members also helped to translate the Gospel of John into Spanish for Bible Mission USA, a non-profit organization led by Dr. Paul Eckel, housed at our church.

First Presbyterian also financially supports Thornwell, a Presbyterian orphanage in Clinton, South Carolina which receives 85% of their budget from Presbyterian churches in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Thornwell provides cottages for orphaned or neglected children. We also help support Thornwell’s Building Families Program where a Family Specialist meets with families in their homes providing personalized services to help improve a child’s behavior, reducing stress on siblings and parents. Monies that FPC designates to Thornwell directly goes to the Building Families Programs in Bradenton, housed at Palma Sola Presbyterian Church.

In many ways you can see our mission’s budget at work both near and far. Thornwell and Beth-el are just two of our many mission projects that especially serve children and adults! Get involved in these projects and or join the Mission Team. We are looking for those with a heart for service! No previous experience required.

Call Patty Li, 941-685-4501, and start volunteering now!



Budgeted Offering Through April 21	\$156,188
YTD Offering Received Through April 21	\$182,520

ATTENDANCE through April 21st

9 AM AVERAGE 59 11 AM AVERAGE 187

Maundy Thursday Service attendance: 236

The Session of FPC, Bradenton, met Tuesday evening, April 23, 2019, for the April Stated meeting. The Deacon Team of Jerry and Barbara Perry were welcomed as guests for the evening. Clerical matters were attended to first, after which Session members received Pastor Dino's report.

- ◆ Pastor Dino reported positive excitement within the staff regarding new roles, new personnel and new job descriptions. He also reported both Sunday morning worship services remain strong and well attended, and spoke of a new FPC website soon to be unveiled.
- ◆ The Treasurer's report was strong with revenue continuing to exceed expenses.
- ◆ Ministry team reports were full of information as the transition to summer scheduling nears.
- ◆ The highlight of the meeting occurred near the meeting's end when Building Commission Chair, Wayne Scroggins, announced that the property sale at \$1,502,000, and is complete and has funded.
- ◆ Elders were reminded of the upcoming Stated Presbytery meeting in May should anyone wish to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Sonny Fenton

C. Sonny Fenton, Clerk of Session



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IRA CHARITABLE GIVING NOW PERMANENT

At the close of 2015, lawmakers approved the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act. A provision of this Act made permanent Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from individual retirement accounts. This is superb news for Presbyterians looking to support their favorite missions and congregations in a tax-advantaged way.

REQUIREMENTS

- Donor must be 70½ or older at the time the distribution is made
- The distribution must be an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA)
- Distributions must be made directly to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions (certain exclusions apply)
- \$100,000 annual limit
- Charity receiving gift must provide donor proper substantiation of the gift

BENEFITS

- Can satisfy required minimum distribution (RMD) requirements in year QCD is made
- QCD amount is not included in the donor's adjusted gross income, helping to potentially avoid increased taxes on SSI, higher Medicare premiums, and the loss of deductions/exemptions
- Provides donors that use the standard deduction a tax efficient way to make a charitable gift

You should always seek qualified tax advice regarding your personal situation.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bob Marsh, Patty Li, Jerry Perry, Jay Daspit, Donna Jones, Nancy Varner, Betty Gilmore, Melody Porter, Wayne Sylvester, Helen King, Gordon Peters, Kaye Butler, Vada Johnson, Barbara Russell, Keith Allen, Christine King, Donald Czaplinsky, Nancy Gonzalez, Jane Stockhausen, Carol Romsburg, Jack Barthel, Carol Johnson, 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 125)
Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic Kane (#141) Debbie Parvin (#133)
Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5941	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Elma Westney (HC 327A)


May

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

KEY:

SG = Small Group

1 7:00 Choir	2 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 7:00 Joy Circle	3 7:00 Spanish Ministry	4
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5 Communion Sunday 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry 6:00 Key Club Banquet	6 Newsletter Submission 5:00 Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	7 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Stephen Min. 5:00 Mission Mtg 7:00 Scout Crew	8 10:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Choir	9 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 5:00 Finance	10 7:00 Spanish Ministry	11 11:30 PW Luncheon
12 Mother's Day 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	13 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	14 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew 7:00 Scout Crew	15 7:00 Choir	16 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing	17 7:00 Spanish Ministry	18
19 KOINONIA 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 KOINONIA/ Community Lunch 3:00 Spanish Ministry	20 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts	21 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Scout Crew	22 7:00 Choir	23 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 6:30 Scout Council	24 7:00 Spanish Ministry	25 2:00 Eagle Scout Court of Honor
26 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	28 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Session 7:00 Scout Crew	29 7:00 Choir	30 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 OCC Sewing 12:00 PW's CT Meeting	31 10:30 Card Ministry 7:00 Spanish Ministry	

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A decorative graphic featuring several large pink daisy-like flowers with yellow centers, set against a deep purple background. The flowers are arranged in a cluster, with some in the foreground and others slightly behind. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

"Honor her for all she has done"
Proverbs 31:31

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY