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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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PLEDGE  
**CELEBRATION**  
 SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 4TH**

Join us for **one service at 10 am** in the Sanctuary, followed by a complimentary luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Hello church!

As we head into the month of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for a lot of things in my life! My family is amazing, and our church is awesome! We have a lot going on here in the life of our church. We have a Pledge Celebration coming up on Sunday, November 4th, followed by the Operation Christmas Child packing party on November 11th. Just last week, the Boy Scouts brought in a ton of food for the Pantry, just as supplies were running low. Ministries and worship services are moving along and remain in glory to God. Our finances are finally where they are supposed to be, and that's truly something to celebrate! We have an amazing congregation, and we have new life on the horizon.

In terms of movement forward, we have a few things going on that I want to tell you about this month. First off, Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter will be coming on board on a part-time basis to assist with Care and Visitation. Lewis is an amazing colleague and a wonderful pastor. As he enjoys his retirement from full-time ministry, he maintains a true passion for the Kingdom of God and loves our church and its members. He and Connie have been worshipping here for a long time, and I am so thankful that he will be here to work alongside me in tending to our pastoral care needs. Secondly, the Session has agreed to pursue a full-time ministry director to work alongside me in 2019. We don't have a lot of details yet, but a committee will be formed by the Session around the new year and we'll get moving on finding our newest staff member.

We also have a New Member Class happening at the beginning of December. God has brought some amazing new folks into our midst, and I'm excited to see who is ready to make the commitment to membership!

Transformation is happening...and there's a lot to be thankful for! Thanks be to God...for He is good and His love endures forever!

in Christ,

**Lead Pastor: Rev. Dino Rustin**

**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.  
Christina Ammenti, Nursery

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- 2 Linda Dobarganes
- 4 Valeria Malone
- 5 Janet Croll, Bonnie Sylvester
- 7 Daniel Miller
- 8 Jeannie Oliver, Ruby Young
- 9 Dick Pomeroy, Richard Frankland
- 10 Frank Buskirk, Derrick O'Gara
- 11 Ken Schermer
- 12 Jim Decker
- 13 Wayne Chalmers
- 14 Pete Jensen, Betti Li,  
Camden Mills, Drew Sarchet
- 15 John Weichel
- 17 Kaleb Malone
- 20 Larry Thomas
- 22 Melody Porter
- 24 Betty Whidden
- 28 Grace Lane, Sandy Scroggins





## FPC Building Committee Update



The Committee narrowed the list of possible Construction Management Firms down to four. Each of the firms were interviewed in early October. We are pleased to announce we have selected Halfacre Construction Company as our CMF. We relied strongly on the professionals at Zoller-Autrey and Crowley Services in selecting this firm.

Once all the Professional Firms are in place, the next step is preconstruction services. This process involves Design/Scope Review and Cost Estimating. If everything goes accordingly, we are hoping to begin construction in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2019.

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, Kathy Schermer, Bill Schmoll and Steve Porter

## Property Sale Committee Update

Our committee is actively continuing discussion with a solid potential buyer and expect to either reach an agreement within a few weeks or to list the property with a commercial broker. We have already interviewed four experienced brokers and selected the one we will use.

Arrangements to secure adequate parking remains paramount in all of our discussions. It is probable, although not definite, that First Presbyterian Church will retain ownership of approximately one acre to ensure permanent parking space for our congregation.

Allen Butler, Chair

Members: Frank Buskirk, George Hoagland

## Taking a Stand Campaign Update

Thank you for faithfully continuing to pay your pledges for the rebuilding of First Presbyterian Church. Of the \$1.5 million pledged, we have received approximately \$600,000 thus far.

As we approach the year-end, please plan to complete your first-year commitment on a timely basis. Not only will this strengthen the project's financial position, it also will create a tax deduction opportunity for 2018.

As we know, this is a multi-year project and we have come a long way in one year. Every one of us is looking forward to the beginning of construction in 2019. While we cannot know the actual completion date for the project at this time, we do know we are one year closer to our goal. Together we are building for our future and we thank you!

Kaye and Allen Butler, Chairs

Members: Bob Schermer, Kathy Schermer, Sandy Scroggins, Wayne Scroggins



# Sing Christmas

A Christmas Carol Experience

Composed & Arranged by *Joel Raney & Mary McDonald*

The annual Music Ministry Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir have been rehearsing now for a month. The title of this year's concert is "Sing Christmas". "Sing Christmas" brings together Mary McDonald and Joel Raney, two of the most popular sacred music arrangers in the country. Mary's exuberant, dynamic style blends seamlessly with Joel's rhythmic and beautifully emotional music to provide those attending with a unique Christmas event that is sure to become the highlight of the season.

The work is comprised of four suites ~ "Sing Joy", "Sing Noel", "Sing Emmanuel", and "Sing Gloria". Original music by both composers is combined with many favorite carols to create a perfect blend of familiar and new.

Mark your calendars now for this event and invite your friends and neighbors to attend! There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken at the end of the presentation to help defray the expenses of the concert. A very special reception will follow for all who attend to show appreciation to the Music Ministry for all their hard work to make this a very special event.

The Music Ministry is so fortunate to have a choir that works so hard every week to make the music of First Presbyterian Church the best it can be, and for these people I am thankful as they bless so many lives!

Ted Hayes  
Organist, Director of Music



## POPCORN SALE

Come and support our Scout Pack/Troop III by purchasing popcorn again this year!

Sunday, November 4th  
(In the breezeway before and after the one service at 10:00 am)

Delivery date: December 16

God's Love in  
ACTION  N

## Cancer, Now What?

Your Stephen Ministers are studying the book. "Cancer Now What?" (Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead) by Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D. Since many people are faced with this question when they, or their loved one, receives news from their doctors that they have cancer, this book can be an extremely valuable tool. One of our Stephen Ministers recently gave her copy of the book to a close family member just diagnosed with cancer so that they can understand and know better how to handle their new situation.

*"Cancer, Now What?" has excellent information on everything from:*

- (1) Dealing with the emotional dimension of cancer
- (2) Working with and relating to our medical team
- (3) Defining and caring for yourself
- (4) Relating to family and friends
- (5) Spiritual matters

No one should have to go through Cancer alone.

As Stephen Ministers, one of our goals after studying this book is to help those in our congregation who are going through cancer or who have loved ones going through it. Anyone who would like to get more information on this book or talk to a Stephen Minister, please call the church office and leave a call back number for Pastor Dino, who will pass this on to a Stephen Minister. All such calls will be in strict confidence.



# NEW MEMBER'S CLASS & PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



## Interested in joining FPC?

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

SUNDAY, December 2, 2018  
12:00—2:00 pm ~ Small Dining Room

RSVP to the church office by November 26th with lunch and child care provided.



## ANNUAL AUTUMNFEST

Autumnfest, which is an annual event, was held on October 15th at the Westminster Manor. This time honored tradition was started by our own Jeannie Oliver 55 years ago!



*Jeannie Oliver (left) and Nancy Varner (right)*





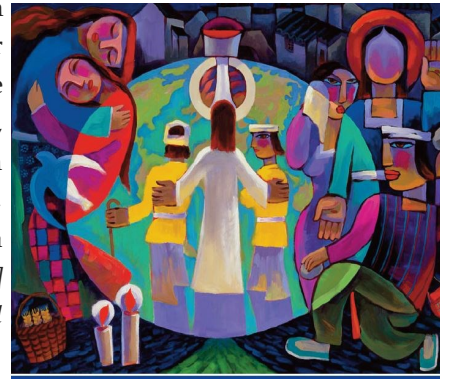
## PW Bible Study "God's Promise: I Am With You"

"God is with Us in Our Discouragement." The root of the word "courage" is "cor" which is the Latin word for "heart." When we are discouraged, we are disheartened either through fear, opposition, weariness or frustration. Two of God's chosen emissaries were Joshua and Haggai, one was to lead the Israelites to the promised land after Moses' death, and Haggai who was to lead the people in rebuilding the temple when they returned from exile. We may stand at the shore of our own Jordan fearing to step into a new job, relocating, awaiting a medical test or we may be discouraged with a family crisis, raising a teenager, or overwhelmed with every day life. Yet God tells us in Joshua 1:9 "I [the Lord] hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go...I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Remember that the Lord is present and active in your life. Turn to Him in time of plenty and in time of need. For further background scriptures, please read Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Joshua 1:1-9; Haggai 1:1-15; 2:1-9.

*Patty Li*

by Amy Poling Sutherland



**GOD'S PROMISE**  
I AM WITH YOU

## 55TH YEAR





Care Net is one of the many Mission Committee’s outreach to the community. Their Director, Kelly Matson, shared their Mission: *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 alternative and Christ-centered support.*

Care Net has been in existence for twenty one years now and has come a long way. So far in 2018, Care Net has had 90 babies born to their clients; 208 sonograms performed (ultrasounds); 2,129 items distributed from the Baby Boutique; 794 “Earn While You Learn” classes conducted; 1,336 total appointments; 342 new clients seen; 1 beautiful adoption; and 25 babies saved from abortion.

Susan Vorpahl, of FPC, has taken it on as a personal endeavor to procure diaper bags, fill them with necessary baby items, i.e. diapers, ointment, wash cloths, one outfit (infant up to 24 months), baby bottle, lotion and soap. She usually delivers three per month. Lately, Care Net has had a shortage of diapers and wipes so for the past few months Susan has been supplying these items to them. Any donations of this type are gratefully accepted.

All of Care Net services are provided for free, i.e. pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, one-on-one counseling, medical, legal and social service referrals within the community. Classes such as parenting education, medically accurate education on all choices available, and others. Women/girls go through the “Earn While You Learn” program – earning points towards baby clothes, diaper bags, diapers, strollers and cribs. Topics available through “Earn While You Learn” are basic decision making, prenatal care, the first trimester through the third, etc.

Watch your newsletter for monthly opportunities to give of yourself to one of our Mission connections.

*“But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.” 1 Chronicles 29:14*

**Nancy Varner** Mission Committee

 <b>FINANCIAL REVIEW</b>	<b>Budgeted Offering Through October</b>	<b>\$412,760</b>
	<b>YTD Offering Received Through October</b>	<b>\$401,331</b>
<b>OCTOBER ATTENDANCE</b> through October 21st		
<b>9 AM AVERAGE</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11 AM AVERAGE</b>
		<b>131</b>



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Oct. 23, 2018

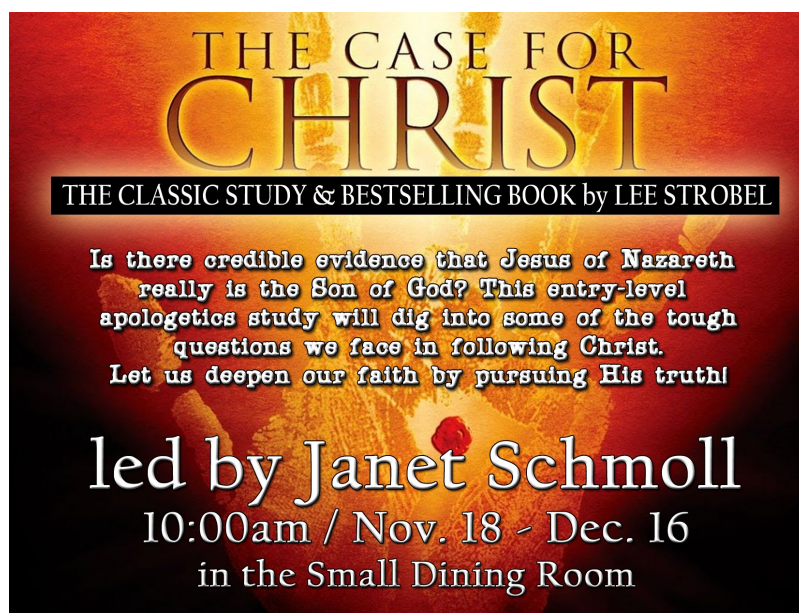
The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton met Tuesday, October 23, 2018, for a Stated meeting. The meeting opened with prayer and devotion from Romans.

After approving the evening's agenda and taking care of clerical matters, Pastor Dino reported on his busy schedule, a new Sunday School class beginning on November 18, 2018, (*see ad below*) and upcoming Advent worship opportunities. Ministry team reports were received. Session action included approval of hiring Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter as our part-time care and visitation pastor, and approval to begin a search for a full time Ministry Director.

The evenings meeting adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Sonny Fenton*, Clerk of Session



**THE CASE FOR CHRIST**  
THE CLASSIC STUDY & BESTSELLING BOOK by LEE STROBEL

Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? This entry-level apologetics study will dig into some of the tough questions we face in following Christ. Let us deepen our faith by pursuing His truth!

led by Janet Schmoll  
10:00am / Nov. 18 - Dec. 16  
in the Small Dining Room



**SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY**

OPERATION Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH  
10:00 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of  
*Earletta Maples*  
who died on October 16, 2018.

and  
Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of  
*Lee Dunbar*  
who died on October 21, 2018.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Frank & Tina Herold, John Crawford, Carol Johnson, Elma Westney,  
 Burgess & Wolpers Families, Chris Melchior, Kirsten Trusko, Frank Howe,  
 Dave Stacho, Marcos Dobarganes, Jack Adams, Ellen Cavanaugh, Mary Evelyn Holloman,  
 Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau, James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Jeannie Oliver,  
 Sally DenUyl, Betty Harkins, Ray Lopez, Christine King, Vic & Nancy Kane, Adah Hagen,  
 Frances Moody, Debbie Parvin, John Weichel, Karen Montgomery, Marie Schmidt,  
 Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Richard Lindsay, 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](mailto: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>
<b>Bay Vue Nursing &amp; Rehab.</b>	105 15th St. W. Bradenton, 34208	941-747-8681	Betty Harkins (Room 132)
<b>DeSoto Beach Club</b>	5201 DeSoto Road Sarasota, 34235	941-953-7160	Adah Hagen (Apt. B209)
<b>Inn at Freedom Village</b>	6410 21st Ave W. Bradenton, 34209	941-798-8250	Margaret "Jo" Zonders (121A)
<b>Summerfield Assisted Living</b>	3409 26th St. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-751-7209	Christine King (Room 202)
<b>Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeannie Oliver (RAL Room 408)
<b>Westminster Shores Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	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)
<b>Westminster Towers Assisted Living (RAL)</b>	320 15th St Ct W Bradenton, 34205	941-666-8837 941-567-6976	Vic & Nancy Kane (#141) Debbie Parvin (#133)
<b>Westminster Towers Health Care (HC)</b>	320 15th St Ct. W. Bradenton, 34205	941-747-1881 941-757-5961	Marion McClellan (HC 340A) Elma Westney (HC 321B)



# November

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



**Daylight Savings  
2am November 4th**

**KEY:  
SG = Small Group**

**1**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:00 SG/Piecemakers

**2**  
7:00 Spanish  
Ministry

**3**

**4 Pledge Celebration  
Sunday  
Communion Sunday**  
10:00 Worship Service  
11:00 Celebration Lunch  
3:00 Spanish Ministry

**5 Newsletter  
Submission**  
6:00 SG/MMNF  
6:15 Bell Choir  
6:30 Boy Scouts

**6**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:00 MOPS  
3:30 Stephen Min.  
5:00 Mission Mtg  
6:30 Men's BSF  
7:00 Scout Crew III

**7**  
10:00 Band Practice  
7:00 Choir

**8**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:00 SG/Piecemakers  
5:00 Finance  
7:00 Joy Circle

**9**  
7:00 Spanish  
Ministry

**10**

**11 OCC  
Packing Party**  
9:00 Informal Worship  
**10:00 OCC Packing Party**  
10:00 Discipleship  
11:00 Worship Service  
3:00 Spanish Ministry

**12**  
6:00 SG/MMNF  
6:15 Bell Choir  
6:30 Boy Scouts

**13**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:15 CE  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
10:30 Pew Crew  
6:30 Men's BSF  
7:00 Scout Crew III

**14**  
10:00 Band Practice  
10:00 Faith Circle  
7:00 Choir

**15**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:00 SG/Piecemakers

**16**  
7:00 Spanish  
Ministry

**17**  
9:00 Scout  
Car Wash

**18 KOINONIA**  
9:00 Informal Worship  
10:00 Discipleship  
11:00 Worship Service  
**12:00 KOINONIA/  
Community Lunch**  
3:00 Spanish Ministry

**19**  
6:00 SG/MMNF  
6:15 Bell Choir  
6:30 Boy Scouts

**20**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:00 MOPS  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
6:30 Men's BSF  
7:00 Scout Crew III

**21**  
10:00 Band Practice  
7:00 Choir

**22**  
**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**  
  
Church Office  
Closed

**23**  
**Thanksgiving  
Holiday**  
  
Church Office  
Closed

**24**



**25**  
9:00 Informal Worship  
10:00 Discipleship  
11:00 Worship Service  
3:00 Spanish Ministry

**26**  
6:00 SG/MMNF  
6:15 Bell Choir  
6:30 Boy Scouts

**27**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
6:30 Men's BSF  
7:00 Scout Crew III

**28**  
10:00 Band Practice  
7:00 Choir

**29**  
9:00 Food Pantry  
9:00 SG/Piecemakers  
12:00 PW's CT  
Meeting

**30**  
7:00 Spanish  
Ministry

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Offer *thanks* unto the Lord

11 Timothy 2:15