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a study of the relationships that bring Christ's ministry into focus

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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5 Years Go By In A Blink

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NIV)

Five years go by in a blink!

It was Sunday, November 2, 2014, that my ministerial future was put in the hands of a congregational vote at First Presbyterian Church of Bradenton. With that said, I was already falling in love with the congregation and the community, and the sense of call was so strong that I didn't really go into the vote with a worry!

My first sermon here was called "Banyan" – and while that theme seems a bit out of place these days at First Pres, the concepts I preached on that day remain. Here is a reminder of some of the key mission and ministry points...let's take some time to evaluate how we're doing:

- We learn from Paul in his letter to the Corinthians that we are new creations in Christ...the old has gone and the new has come. Just like the Corinthian church, we are always struggling with different issues, but our old lives and old patterns are done away with by the new Christian life, and we are all made new by grace! Like a banyan seed choking out an old host tree, our new life in Christ ought to take over our former life.

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- Because we are made new in Christ, we have a responsibility...a job. We are called to be ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. Our job is not simply to represent the Kingdom but to actively seek to GROW the Kingdom of God. Therefore, every act of ministry we do as a church, or as individuals in our daily lives, is like a new root being put down; a root that might someday turn into a new tree of its own.
- This world is full of people living as old creations, who long to be renewed and made new by the One who makes all things new. Christ our Lord declares the old is gone, the new is here! As we strive to faithfully proclaim the Gospel, and be Alive in Christ...in word and deed...let us remember that the world is our mission field.

Looking at it now...with a fully renewed staff, a building renovation on the horizon, and a bevy of new and exciting ministry and mission opportunities coming soon, I believe we are right where God wants us! Not that getting here hasn't come with its share of bumps and bruises along the way, but we are clearly on the path God has for our church and our future is bright!

I would be remiss to not thank you all for five years of allowing me to serve you. Thank you for walking alongside me on this delicate journey. I love you all dearly and look forward to many more years together!

In Christ,

Dino

Lead Pastor: Rev. Dino Rustin

Care & Visitation: Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter

Organist/Director of Music Ministry: Ted Hayes

Michelle Noval, Church Op. Director
Doreen Hawkins, Financial Admin.
Fernando Olaya, Maintenance Tech.
Paul Fullylove, Web/IT/Sound Tech.

Larry Underwood, Family Min. Dir
Amy Connours, Office Assistant
Christine Melchior, Custodian
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November Birthdays

- 2 Linda Dobarganes
- 5 Janet Croll, Bonnie Sylvester
- 7 Daniel Miller
- 8 Jeannie Oliver*, Ruby Young
- 10 Frank Buskirk
- 11 Ken Schermer
- 12 Jim Decker
- 13 Wayne Chalmers
- 14 Pete Jensen, Betti Li, Camden Mills
- 15 John Weichel
- 20 Larry Thomas
- 22 Melody Porter
- 24 Betty Whidden
- 28 Sandy Scroggins

** see page 6 / Jeannie's 100th Birthday!*



Birthday Blessings



FPC Building Commission Update



As we enter into November, we are moving along with our renovation project. It's been a long process, but I feel we are getting closer each day. Our contractor, Half Acre, has been working to secure the contracts with the various vendors that will be doing the construction work. Also, Half Acre, in conjunction with Genesis Engineering, is working on the equipment orders for both the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary air conditioning systems.

We are planning on a Construction Kickoff Luncheon for November the 24th following the combined worship service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Please see details below this write-up; make sure you mark your calendars and attend this joyous occasion.

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

Sunday, November 24, 2019
One Service @10:00 am
With lunch to Follow

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch hosted by the Building Commission to kick-off our church renovations.





Interested in joining FPC?

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

SUNDAY, December 1, 2019
12:00—2:00 pm ~ Small Dining Room

RSVP to the church office by November 25th
(941-746-6141) or info@firstpresbradenton.com
Lunch will be provided

What Sweeter Music

A Festival of Carols

"What Sweeter Music" by Mark Hayes
will be presented by the Chancel Choir on
Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 5:00 pm
in the church sanctuary

The concert will be filled with familiar Christmas Carols with fresh arrangements and harmonies. These songs, accompanied by a small chamber orchestra and piano, will surely prepare you for a wonderful, joyful Christmas season. The joyous OPENING MEDLEY sets the stage for the many exceptional moments to come, from the powerful new setting of the MAGNIFICAT for soprano solo, sung by Amy Connours, to the charming CRADLE MEDLEY.

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing, the birth of this, our heav'n-ly King? Awake the voice! Awake and sing. Start to invite friends now to share this Christmas Spirit.

Ted Hayes,
Organist / Director of Music



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN // POINSETTIA PLANT SALE

It's that time of year again when the Presbyterian Women order Poinsettias to adorn the church sanctuary. Envelopes will be available at the church office, through one of the circle members, and in the church Narthex. Fill out an envelope and place it in the offering plate with your name and dedication on it. You may dedicate your poinsettia to a friend or family member, or in memory of a loved one. Our sanctuary always presents itself beautifully with these poinsettias, and we thank you for your support. Don't forget to take home your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve service!

Cost: \$7.00 each





JOY CIRCLE

1st Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm
In the Small Dining Room / Teacher: Patty Li

FAITH CIRCLE

2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10 am
In the Small Dining Room / Teacher: Judy Ernest
Please note: shuttle service available from the Shores, Towers and Courtyard to FPC

Lesson Three "The Fourth Word" is about remembering the Sabbath Day and keeping it holy.
The scripture references are Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; and Mark 2:23-28.

The first Three Words (Commandments) revolve around our relationship with God. The Fourth Word serves as the connection between our intimate relationship with God and Five through Ten Words of our responsibilities within our community life.

Today, Sabbath refers to when we gather for worship; but in scripture, Sabbath was rooted in the creation story. The Jewish tradition has Sabbath beginning at sunset on Friday and ends at sunset on Saturday. In Jewish homes today, the celebration starts with worshipping together in the synagogue, special prayers, and lighting candles.

We should all make the Sabbath day as a day to cease or stop our activities of other days.
It is a day to reorganize our life around God and be in His presence.

Patty Li



Annual Autumn Fest

October 21st 2019



Jeannie Oliver's 100th Birthday Party

**Saturday, November 9th, 2019
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm FPC's Fellowship Hall**

All Invited!

Jeannie Oliver, always with a smile on her face and one who is loved by all, will be turning 100 this month! Everyone is invited to celebrate this wonderful lady on November 9th! Jeannie has been a member of FPC for 67 years. She was born in Springfield, OH and arrived in Winter Haven, Florida, at 18 months old. She, along with her husband, the late George T. Oliver, and daughter Patricia Oliver MacKay moved to Bradenton in 1951.

Shortly afterward, in 1952, Jeannie joined FPC. Also in that year Jeannie worked in the newspaper industry as a reporter, social editor, columnist and advertising. Following her newspaper career in 1956 she served twice as the first female Executive Director for the Manatee County Youth Center "Teen Club" with over 1700 teens. Later on she served twice as the Executive Director of the Manatee County Girls Club, "Just for Girls" with three local branches, during which they received the Girls Club of America award for having the outstanding program to combat juvenile delinquency. In 1958, Jeannie was named president of the Advisory Board of the Florida Youth Workshop. The Youth Center of Manatee County was selected as an ideal agency serving youth in the area and Jeannie spoke throughout the state extolling the virtues of "The Ideal Youth Center." It was noted as one of the "model clubs" in the country by Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor.

When Jeannie retired, she became involved in every aspect of FPC. Her favorite memories are with the youth whom she was blessed to serve. She was affectionately called "Aunt Jeannie" by the thousands of kids who loved her. Jeannie has served in many capacities at FPC: Sunday school teacher of (high school young adults, adults and intergenerational classes); youth advisor; dean of girls for church youth retreats; elder and deacon since 1981; chair of Lay Renewal Weekend; co-chair for PNC and APNC, PW moderator; moderator of Love Circle; leader of the Career and College Girls' Night Bible Study.

Jeannie was also active in the Peace River Presbytery; Vice Chair on the Ministry and Candidates Committee; board member of the Camps and Conference Committee; member of New Church Development/Evangelism Transformation Committee; Board of Directors of Villa International, Atlanta, GA (3 terms). She was moderator of the PW Peace River Presbytery; vice moderator and moderator of the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of South Atlantic Presbyterian Women. Jeannie also served the Synod of South Atlantic Presbyterian Women as their representative to Churchwide Presbyterian Women, Louisville, KY.

Some of the various honors that she has received during her lifetime include having November 5, 1971, proclaimed by the city of Bradenton as Jeannie Oliver Day in Manatee County and read into the Congressional Records in Washington D.C. She received the Bradenton Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award on May 12, 1973 followed by the Service to Mankind Award of the Southwest Florida including Puerto Rico District of Sertoma International. She was the recipient of the Manatee Kiwanis Club Citizens Service Award in 1979; Kiwanis Club of Bradenton Community Service Award in 1979; Civitan Club Service Award in 1979; The Sarasota-Manatee chapter of the National Council of Christians and Jews Silver Medallion Award for lifelong devotion to the principles of an integrated society on February 14, 1982; Honorary life membership of the Presbyterian Women in 1996 and honorary member of Zonta International in 1971. She was named Westminster Manor's Volunteer of the Year in 2015.

What Jeannie has accomplished in her almost 100 years on this earth is astounding and most of us would need a thousand years to accomplish the same! She has so many more achievements that we ran out of room to list them all! Jeannie has served her Lord and Savior so faithfully, as well as her community over the years. Please plan to join Jeannie and her family as well, on November 9th as we celebrate her 100th birthday together.

CONGRATULATIONS



Cinco años! Five years!

The first Sunday in November marks five years since Pastor Dino Rustin began his tenure as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church. A native of San Diego (and still a huge Chargers fan!), Dino grew up near the ocean, where his dad taught him to surf. Dino showed exceptional musical talent as a young boy, playing piano and then guitar and clarinet. He graduated with a degree in music from UC San Diego, but a call from God led him to Fuller Theological Seminary where he earned his M. Div. as a Kern Scholar. Dino was ordained in 2009 and came to First Presbyterian Church in 2014. He will be completing his doctoral work at Fuller Theological Seminary in 2020. Dino is articulate and passionate about leading people to cultivate hearts for Jesus in the heart of downtown and looks forward to many more years of ministry here.

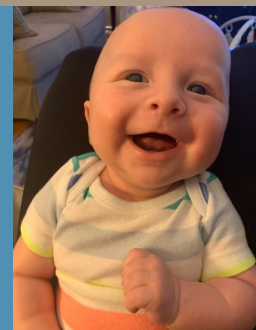


Congratulations

To the proud parents, Elliot & Lindsey Garrison,
and grandparents, Ralph & Sandy Garrison
on the birth of

Foster Howard Garrison

Born on June 24, 2019
8 lbs 14 oz and 20.5"



Congratulations

To the proud parents, Joel & Camille Garrison,
and grandparents, Ralph & Sandy Garrison
on the birth of

Walker Roswell Garrison

Born on July 24, 2019
7 lbs 14 oz and 20.5"



Congratulations

To the proud parents, Paul & Kate Carlson,
big brother, Cooper, and grandparents, Ron & Rose Carlson
on the birth of

Callie Elizabeth Carlson

Born on September 10, 2019
7 lbs 8 oz and 21"



I will *give thanks*

to the Lord with all my heart.

Psalm 9:1





Manatee Religious Services
 has changed their name to
CHRISTIAN CARE ALLIANCE

Christian Care Alliance (CCA) is a Christian ministry working with the Manatee Body of Christ through affiliated churches such as ours. CCA acts as a clearing house to screen the various needs of members of our community. Its goal is to connect those in need with an appropriate church who can meet its needs and share the love of Christ. This service identifies opportunities for Christians to meet the needs of those lost and hurting in Manatee County. They may be reached by calling 941-752-4271 or if you are interested in this mission contact Pete Jensen at 941-748-5592.

Pete Jensen
 Mission Chair



LINE DANCING IS BACK AT FPC!

Join us each Wednesday from 10 am—11:30/11:45 in the Fellowship Hall as Jean Marcley teaches beginner line dancing classes! Cost: donation

Dates through 2019:
 November 6, 13, 20 ~ December 4, 11, 18

Christian Sympathy . . .

Is extended to Trudy Hendricks and family on the death of her husband,
 Chet Hendricks, who died on May 29, 2019;
 And to the family of Janis Pearce who died on October 6, 2019, at the age of 105.



**FINANCIAL
 REVIEW**

Budgeted Offering Through October	\$369,852
YTD Offering Received Through October	\$366,046

ATTENDANCE through October
 9 am 49 11 am 111

The Session met on Tuesday, October 22, at 6:00 pm in the Youth Room.

- ◆ Session welcomed Larry Underwood, our new Family Ministries Director, to his first Session meeting. Larry has launched a new Instagram page, FPBradenton for any who may be interested in following it.
- ◆ It was noted that elders will continue to arrange for greeters for the 11:00 service, in addition to recruiting greeters for the 9:00 service.
- ◆ A New Members class will be held following the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 1st, in the Fellowship Hall. Over a dozen people have already expressed interest!
- ◆ Rev. Dino has been preaching at the vesper services held at the Westminster's chapels, at both the Towers and Shores, on Sunday afternoons while they conduct a search for a new chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Smith

Acting Clerk of Session

PIECEMAKERS Greetings and a welcome back to fall. I hope everyone had a restful summer and are ready to get busy in our new Breezeway Suite. First, I want to thank Barbara Bordereieux, Nancy Varner and Judy Ernest for moving all our sewing supplies to our new room. Second, I want to invite anyone who loves to sew to come be with us starting Thursday, November 7, to make quilts and blankets for our various charities. We meet from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the Breezeway Suite off of the breezeway downstairs enjoying fellowship, learning new techniques, and having a little devotional. And lastly, we are in the beginning of exciting things happening at First Pres and I know we will be a little cramped, displaced and frustrated at times. We will pray for patience, understanding and unity always keeping Jesus in the forefront of all we say and do. Looking forward to our tenth year!



In His Name, *Mary Herold*

Hey FPC Family! We are on **Instagram**



Just look for @fpbradenton to “follow” us on that platform. As you see posts on InstaGram and FaceBook, don’t keep scrolling...please like and share often! We would also be thrilled if you would take time to leave an encouraging review on FaceBook.

*Keep praying for this community as we continue to,
“Cultivate hearts from the heart of downtown”.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carrie Leitzman, Marty Murden, Carol Frankland, Frances MacDonald, Cameron Bogue,
 Don Harris, Janice Lange, Judy Plano, Sally DenUyl, Catherine Wilcockson, Jean Phillips,
 Rose Carlson, Jeannie Oliver, Vic Kane, Charlie O'Connor, Irene Henderson, Debbie Parvin,
 Bob Marsh, Jay Dasplit, Donna Jones, Betty Gilmore, Melody Porter, Vada Johnson, Keith Allen,
 Dave Stacho, Ellen Cavanaugh, Kathy Winchester, Bill Saggau, Carol Saggau,
 James Braunlin, Doug Walsh, Jr., Betty Harkins, Frances Moody, Elma Westney, John Weichel,
 Karen Montgomery, Bonnie Sylvester, Nell Barner, Roger Lane, Jo Zonders

PRAYER REQUESTS

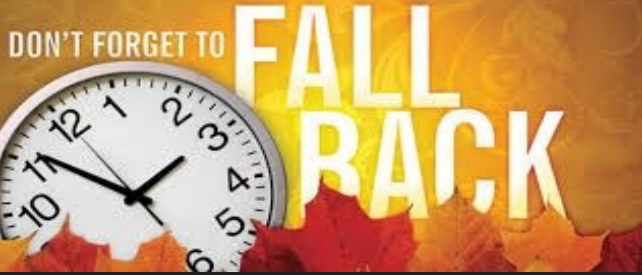
**We would love to pray for you. You can either enter your prayer requests on our website or
 e-mail the church office at: office@firstpresbradenton.com**

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	Vada Johnson (Room 126)
Westminster Manor Assisted Living (RAL)	1700 21st Ave W Bradenton, 34205	941-745-0167	Jeannie 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 (#146) 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)

November

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



Daylight Savings
Sunday, Nov. 3rd @ 2 am

KEY
SG = Small Group

1
7:00 Spanish
Ministry

2

<p>3 Communion Sunday OCC Packing Party 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 10 am OCC Party 11:00 Worship Service Noon OCC Party 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p>4 Newsletter Submission 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p> <p><i>OCC packing items in Fellowship Hall for anyone wishing to pack another box!</i></p>	<p>5 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Stephen Min. 4:30 Mission</p>	<p>6 10:00 Faith Circle 10:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>7 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 7:00 Joy Circle</p>	<p>8 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p>9 2:00 Jeannie Oliver's 100th Birthday Party!</p>
<p>10 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p>11 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>13 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Faith Circle 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>14 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers 5:00 Finance</p>	<p>15 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 KOINONIA 9:00 Informal Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 KOINONIA 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p>18 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19 9:00 Food Pantry 9:30 MOPS 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Pew Crew</p>	<p>20 10:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>21 9:00 Food Pantry 9:00 SG/Piecemakers</p>	<p>22 10:30 Card Min. 7:00 Spanish Ministry</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 One Service & Luncheon* 10:00 Worship 11:00 Construction Kick-Off Luncheon 3:00 Spanish Ministry</p> <p>*see page 3 for details</p>	<p>25 6:00 SG/MMNF 6:15 Bell Choir 6:30 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Holiday Church Office Closed</p>	<p>30</p>





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A photograph of several pumpkins and autumn leaves on a dark wooden surface. The pumpkins are in various colors: orange, yellow-orange, and white. There are also some acorns and leaves scattered around them.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

1 Thessalonians 5:18