



FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ



Is There More to Life Than This? Upcoming Discipleship Opportunity

In modern life, it's very easy to fill our schedules with activities or to get singularly focused on a particular goal. We go all in to that activity or goal. Perhaps, we're focused on a filled daily routine of work, children and youth activities, social activities, and more. Others will get singularly focused on building wealth or achieving a particular project accomplishment or work position. Maybe it's the long years of education to achieve a doctorate. Maybe it's investing a tremendous number of hours in building our own business. At some point, we may begin to wonder if there is more to life than these particular activities.

In the church, we acknowledge there is far more to life than our accomplishments. There is a spiritual and cosmic reality that God created all there is and knit us together with general and particular purposes. He came in human form to be reconciled to us — to have deep relationship to us. But what about those people who haven't dedicated their lives to Christ? What about us who continue to struggle to let go of parts of our lives to surrender them to Christ?

I'd like to invite you to a video series we'll be hosting on Wednesday nights using the Alpha Course. This course originates at a very active church in London but has been used across the world in many different denominations. It teaches the basic beliefs of the ecumenical church.

I experienced this first in 2005 — years before I entered seminary. The topics of the course appear to be very basic, but the videos and the discussions filled a number of holes I had in my own understanding of the faith. It addresses challenges to the faith and speaks to the rich history of the faith. It's extremely approachable and meant for the average person. For me, it was a great time of fellowship. My faith grew, and I was excited to be part of a larger group who were excited about what they were learning.



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On Wednesdays, Tim and I will be offering one class each. Tim will teach a different class at 4pm, dinner will be at about 5pm, and I'll facilitate the Alpha Course at 6pm. If you plan to join us for dinner, please do register if possible.

The Alpha Course usually begins with a meal. We'll watch a 30 minute video and discuss the topics in one or more small groups. Topics are included below:

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| 1. Is There More to Life than This? | 9. What Does the Holy Spirit Do? |
| 2. Who Is Jesus? | 10. How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? |
| 3. Why Did Jesus Die? | 11. How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life? |
| 4. How Can I Have Faith? | 12. How Can I Resist Evil? |
| 5. Why and How Do I Pray? | 13. Why and How Should I Tell Others? |
| 6. Why and How Should I Read the Bible? | 14. Does God Heal Today? |
| 7. How Does God Guide Us? | 15. What about the Church? |
| 8. Who Is the Holy Spirit? | |

The course was originally developed as a discipleship course for current members — much as we'll be using it. Over time, the church in London discovered it was a very useful evangelism tool. After our congregation is familiar with the course, it could be used as a course for people in our community who haven't accepted Christ but are open to the faith.

Please consider joining us for this class! I look forward to seeing many of you at dinner and for the course.

Grace and peace,



÷ A Special Message ÷

What is the Prayer List and Prayer Team?

The prayer list that is published and distributed each week with the church bulletin is a list of people who have contacted the church office and asked for their names to be published for the near future, usually requesting prayers. Most, but not all, people on the list have a medical reason and are asking for prayers for healing. If you are in need of prayers, please reach out to the church office!

The "Prayer Team" (firstprespray@gmail.com) is a group of dedicated individuals who are committed to praying on an as-needed, usually urgent basis, for a specific person or cause. This website is monitored daily by the Administrator of the site, and emails with prayer requests are sent to the people on the Prayer Team. Anyone can be on the Prayer Team, and currently there are approximately 25 of your fellow church members on the Team. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Team, you would certainly be welcomed! It is a wonderful and meaningful ministry, and there are no committee meetings to attend! It is perfect for those people who are homebound, or too busy to be on another committee! Just send a brief email to the address listed above.

Also, anyone is welcome to contact the Prayer Team to ask for prayer for any reason. We just ask that you please be respectful of other people's privacy and not ask for prayers for others.

So there you have it folks. Please know we are a praying church, we believe in the power of prayer, and we want to pray for you!

New Sanctuary Fund

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers by Mike Snyder

What will the church look like?

- The sanctuary is a fan shaped seating area with a raised Chancel platform. All seating is on a level surface set into terrazzo tile reminiscent of the old sanctuary and the aisle walkways will be carpeted in a low pile Royal blue. A window on the northeast side of the sanctuary stands where the old church's glass wall once stood, but the new one will be about twice the size and colored light blue. Instead of projection screens, we will have larger and brighter LED video walls for display of verse and pictures. Restrooms adjoin the Narthex. The church exterior is white stucco and stone that matches the fellowship hall. The roof is a blue metal. Every aspect of the church appearance, layout, function and quality of finishes were carefully chosen by dedicated committee members representing the congregation.

Will the faceted stained-glass windows be incorporated into the new church?

- Absolutely! All 900 square feet of the original 'Dalle de Verre' glass was removed by Pickel Studios and will be reinstalled after conservation is complete. The old sanctuary faceted glass was originally exterior glass. In new locations, the glass will be backlit with LEDs and spared from the harsh environment. A generous donor has also commissioned more Dalle de Verre glass that will be added to the church.

Why do we have seats instead of pews?

- Building ordinances help to drive this decision. Additionally, most new churches are built with more comfortable individual seating. Examples of the new seating are in the back of McAfee Hall next to the new sanctuary display table.

Where should I sit during worship?

- Feedback from the congregation indicated a desire to have different seats available in the sanctuary. Some seats are wider than other seats. For families with small children and couples who like to sit close together we have removed some armrests. So have fun and try different seating styles to find what you like!

Will the new sanctuary have more seating than the old sanctuary?

- The new building is designed to hold more than 500 people - significantly more than the old sanctuary. Two rooms adjoining the Sanctuary will have a movable wall and can seat more than 100 people during peak times such as Easter and Christmas.

Will the Church be handicap accessible?

- Although churches are not required to be ADA compliant, we made every effort to make the new church accessible. All walking surfaces are level, doors to the Narthex have remote opening capability, the ramp to the courtyard is ADA compliant, a ramp to the Chancel platform will help with access, there are spaces in the front and rear of the Sanctuary for wheelchairs and walkers. The brick walkway to the Special Needs parking will be removed and replaced with smooth concrete.

Where should I sit if I have hearing difficulties?

- One of our church members has donated a new Auracast amplified listening system. Although it will have a wide listening coverage in the Sanctuary for those with modern hearing aids or a hand-held device, the best acoustical locations for those using hearing assistance is expected to be near the rear of the Sanctuary.

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Are we on schedule?

- The projected date of our first Sunday service is the beginning of July 2027. Our general contractor, Proctor Construction, indicates we are on track. The Proctor team has been top notch in meeting the needs of the church for a quality build.

Are we within our \$16 million construction budget?

- Through amazing generosity, we have been able to meet that fundraising goal. Facilities Committee members with experience in construction performed 'Value Engineering' to remove \$2 million dollars of proposed architectural finishes and put the same amount back into the building in areas deemed more useful and appealing with better quality of finishes. To date, we remain below the \$16 million budget with only a few contracts remaining and expect to have a small under run at conclusion.

Will we have a mortgage?

- Even though we have received amazing gifts, there are currently about \$2.3 million in outstanding pledges. Unless those pledges are redeemed before Christmas, we expect to have a construction loan equal to the remainder of outstanding pledges.

What will take the place of the Eleanor T Smith Lounge?

- The Narthex (with faceted glass in the open upper story) will have separate seating for a gathering area. There are also Breakout rooms with tables and chairs adjoining the Sanctuary which have terrazzo floors and a kitchen for serving food and drinks.



Fellowship



Wednesday Night Dinners

September 16

Coleslaw
Hamburgers & Fixings
Potato Chips
Dessert

September 23

Salad
Oven Fried Chicken
Corn
Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes
Rolls
Dessert

September 30

Salad
Baked Tortellini
Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Dessert

Sign up on realm or by calling Lisa in the Church Office

Justice and Honor



Art and Music Festival 2027

Sunday, January 31, 2027

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Gifford Community Center



- BBQ provided by Carol Campbell and her crew!
- Artists
- Musicians including our own Youth Choir from First Presbyterian Church!

More details will be forthcoming this fall!

Youth Music

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the FPC Youth Music Department, thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to travel to Puerto Rico for this past summer's tour. The trip was filled with rich cultural experiences, incredible musical opportunities, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Day 1

On the first day of the tour, our students arrived at the church in the morning with packed suitcases and ready hearts. They worshiped alongside the congregation and provided special music during the morning service. After the service, we enjoyed a wonderful lunch hosted by church members before performing our send-off concert. This is always my favorite performance of the entire week because of the overwhelming support and excitement in the room.

Afterward, we loaded the buses and headed toward Fort Lauderdale. Before heading to the airport, we stopped at Lemongrass Hot Pot to enjoy a traditional Chinese meal—a fun, interactive dining style where fresh meats, vegetables, and noodles are cooked right at the table in a simmering pot of flavorful broth.

From there, we went to the airport and flew to San Juan, eager for the journey ahead. - Peter Mahtani

Day 2

This trip was filled with so many beautiful moments and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. One of my favorite moments was the day we went zip-lining. The day started just like the others, with spirits high and the bus buzzing with excitement. When we stepped off the bus, we were immediately greeted by a stunning view of the mountains. We all seemed like little ants on a mound overlooking the vast outlines of mighty mountains.

We received our gear and were immediately off to the races, flying over rolling hills of lush green terrain. Our day was filled with soaring through the air, lots of climbing, sweating, and possibly a few tears on that last flight of what should never be considered stairs.

The time had come for my group and me to face the exciting yet terrifying journey of "The Monster." Allow me to paint a picture for you: the longest zip line in the Americas, reaching speeds of 95 mph; the former Guinness World Record holder for the world's longest single-cable zip line (now the second longest); all while suspended in a horizontal position.

My group and I bonded in fear, and my knees knocked as my turn approached. My turn had come, and before I could say no, I found myself dangling in the air, completely out of control of what was about to happen. I blinked, opened my eyes, and was met with a breathtaking view. For a moment, it was as if the world had

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stopped and it was just me and God. Every fear was quickly silenced as I looked in awe at just a small portion of God's creation.

Afterward, I met up with my friends, and we made our way back to the restaurant. Somewhere between the dust in my eyes, the truck exhaust from the ride back down the mountain, the laughter, and the delicious food, I reached a moment of gratitude. As I looked around at my friends enjoying themselves and took in the beautiful scenery, I thought, "How lucky are we? How lucky are we to have the privilege of being alive?" Not just alive, but blessed with the opportunity to build friendships, create memories like these, and make music together—an opportunity many do not receive. May we never become desensitized to the beauty and privilege of life. Even in the darkest moments, the sun rises again tomorrow, and the Lord promises to be with us through each one, both the light and the dark. - Adrianna Perez (Student)

Day 3

One of the most meaningful days of our choir's journey in Puerto Rico began with a joyful Bomba workshop led by students from the University of Puerto Rico at Carolina. As parents and proud Puerto Ricans, watching our children and their choir friends wholeheartedly embrace the rhythms, music, and traditions of our homeland filled our hearts with gratitude. Every student immersed themselves in the experience with genuine joy, learning, dancing, laughing, and celebrating together. Seeing Paula dance with such confidence and Joaquín enthusiastically playing the barril made the day even more special for us. Later, as they rehearsed Campo, the music awakened a deep sense of nostalgia and love for Puerto Rico.

That evening, the choir's performance, beautifully complemented by the UPR percussion ensemble, was both moving and inspiring. The choir sang with heartfelt expression, and the band performed wonderfully and passionately, creating a memorable celebration of music, culture, and fellowship. While it was a joy to share our beautiful island and its rich traditions with the choir, it was just as meaningful to share their extraordinary gift of music with our family and friends. Watching our loved ones experience their talent firsthand made this day unforgettable and reminded us of music's unique ability to bring people, cultures, and hearts together. - Deni and Gina Malave-Medina (parents of Paula and Joaquin)

Day 4

Day 4 of our trip began early in the morning as we boarded a charter boat to Punta Arenas on Isla de Vieques. We spent the day snorkeling, relaxing on the boat, and taking in the incredible scenery. This was easily my favorite day of the trip because it gave me the opportunity to experience not only the beauty of Puerto Rico but also one of the nearby islands. While snorkeling, many of us were fortunate enough to see sea turtles, sharks, and stingrays. The clear water and breathtaking views made the entire experience unforgettable. The boat even had a slide, which definitely added to the fun and excitement of it all.

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Later that afternoon, we returned for a performance at one of the local churches. The acoustics in the sanctuary were exceptional, creating a rich, resonant sound that enhanced our performance. The final selection, Muusika, was especially memorable. Hearing our voices blend together in a space where our sound echoed throughout the church created a truly surreal and emotional moment. In that moment, I felt the full impact of the choir and experienced a deep sense of gratitude for the music we have the opportunity to create together. - Emma Biesack

Day 5

Our final full day in Puerto Rico offered students an incredible blend of cultural immersion, concertizing, and personal reflection. After exploring the rich and vibrant streets of Old San Juan, the group presented its final performance at the Conservatory of Music—the island's premier musical institution and an incredible performing venue. That evening, during a closing reflection circle, students spoke candidly about the profound impact the week had on their lives, describing new friendships, increased confidence, and a deeper appreciation for music's ability to connect people across cultures with a renewed sense of purpose. Many of these moments were grounded in the overall impact that Peter has on these students, proving that the mission of FPC Youth Music is certainly being fulfilled. - Dr. Jacob Craig

Day 6

On the last day of our Puerto Rico tour, we all got to sleep in before double-checking our luggage and making sure we didn't leave anything at the hotel. We then made our way to the mall, Plaza Las Américas, where we ate at the food court, went shopping, played at the Dave & Buster's arcade, and made so many great memories together. Once we were all a few dollars poorer, we got back onto the bus and headed to the University of Puerto Rico at Carolina (UPR), where they performed a flamenco show just for us. During the performance, we got to hear and see some incredibly talented musicians and dancers. They told a story through amazing dances, vivid costumes, and lyrics sung in Spanish. The performance really brought the story to life and helped me understand the meaning better.

After saying goodbye to the performers, we made our way to the final surprise of the trip: Fogo de Chão, an all-you-can-eat Brazilian steakhouse. Most of us stuffed our faces more than we should have, but it was definitely worth it. From the salad bar to the juicy steaks and, of course, the dessert, it was a 10/10 experience! Being able to sit with my friends and laugh through the entire dinner made it ten times better. As we finished up and headed to the San Juan airport, we said our final goodbye to Puerto

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Rico. Once we landed in Orlando, we took one last bus ride home together. After saying goodbye to all my friends, I headed home with a full heart, incredibly grateful for the experience and counting down the days until next Thursday. - Daniel Giannelli - Student)



Worship

Get ready to make some joyful noise!

We have officially moved our Handbell Rehearsals to Wednesday evenings from 4:00 to 5:30 PM! We shifted the time so our working folks can join in on the action, and to make it super easy to jump right from handbells to Wednesday night fellowship, and then into choir practice. Whether you're a seasoned ringer or have never touched a bell in your life, we would love for you to come give it a try!

Starting September 16th, extend your time at FPC and join us for weekly Wednesday night dinners!

Come ring with us from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, stay for dinner, and then pop over to Choir rehearsal if you want to keep the music going.

Bring your energy, your appetite, and maybe a friend—Wednesdays are about to become the best night of the week!

If you are interested in joining, contact petermahtani@firstpresvero.org

See you there!
-Peter Mahtani

The Galleries at First Presbyterian Church

A Two Artist Exhibition

Shotsi Cain Lajoie
&
Mark Wyconik

Opening Reception
Sunday, October 11, 2026
1:00 – 3:00 PM

Preschool

New School Year at First Presbyterian Preschool!

We are excited to begin our 12th year at FPP! This year brings exciting growth and expansion as we continue to provide a loving, nurturing and developmentally appropriate Christian Preschool experience for our children and families.

Our expanded program now includes three morning VPK classes, and one afternoon VPK class, along with classes for our 2- and 3-year-olds. We are enjoying our expanded classroom, which provides a larger learning environment for our 3-year-old class.

We are delighted to welcome our new teachers; Lindsey Cunningham, Liliana Trujillo, Anya Aime, and Jessy Tarrats to our Preschool family. We are especially grateful to be fully staffed as we begin this new school year.

Pastor Andy began our year with a special blessing of our teachers, praying for wisdom, patience, joy, and guidance as they nurture and teach our children.

Our aftercare program continues to provide engaging opportunities for our children, including Spanish instruction and STEM activities, extending their learning in fun and meaningful ways.

We are grateful for another year of growth and for the continued support of our Church family. We look forward to a wonderful 12th year and sharing God's love with our youngest children.

Discipleship

Rainforest Falls VBS

Rainforest Falls VBS was a wonderful week filled with faith, fun, and adventure! Our children explored the rainforest and learned about five different animals while discovering the amazing world of God's creation. Each day brought something new as the children rotated through five different stations featuring Bible stories, Sticky Scripture verses, creative arts and crafts, science activities, and fun rainforest-themed snacks. Through it all, they learned more about God's Word and His incredible creation. It was a fun-filled week of learning, laughter, and growing in faith!

Discipleship

Bible Music Blast 🎵

Bible Music Blast was a wonderful week filled with music, learning, and fun! Ms. Janine taught the students how to play the drums, and they even made their own drums using large buckets. Throughout the week, the children learned about Daniel and the Lions' Den and brought the story to life through music. They proudly shared all they had learned with a special performance on Friday. It was a joyful celebration of faith, creativity, and music!

2026

Confirmation Class

Parents of Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12),

Confirmation class for our Middle and High School youth will begin September 13th after the 10 AM service. It will be from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM weekly. When we return to 3 services, we will meet after the 9:30 AM service from 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM weekly.

Confirmation is a meaningful step in your child's faith journey, offering them the opportunity to explore their beliefs, learn more about the church, and grow in their relationship with God. Throughout the program, students will participate in engaging lessons, discussions, and activities designed to help them better understand what it means to be a member of the church.

Please RSVP to Lyn Smith at smilyn132@aol.com or 772-539-1113 if you would like your son/daughter to be part of this wonderful Confirmation Group! We look forward to walking alongside your family during this special time!

Confirmation Planning Team

Christie Jeffries

Rebecca Palmer

Melissa Snyder

Lyn Smith

Rev. Andy Smothers

Dr. Rev. G. Timothy Womack



Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School takes place during the 10:00 AM worship service. Children will leave the sanctuary following the Time for Young Disciples and will return to their parents during the last hymn.

Join us for
**THE RETURN OF
THE TIM CUP
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

First Presbyterian Church
Vero Beach

*Saturday,
October 31, 2026*
AT SANDRIDGE GOLF CLUB!



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

8AM SHOTGUN START


\$125.00
PER PLAYER


\$500
PER FOURSOME


**INCLUDES
A LIGHT LUNCH & AWARDS
AFTER THE TOURNAMENT**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

VISIT FIRSTPRESVERO.ORG/GOLF-TOURNAMENT TO REGISTER
AS AN INDIVIDUAL PLAYER, TWOSOME OR FOURSOME

PRIZE FOR BEST TEAM THEME/COSTUME!

LONGEST DRIVE & CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTESTS!

Registration deadline: Friday, October 23, 2026

**IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR PRIZES & RAFFLES
NEEDED & APPRECIATED!**

EVENT CO-CHAIRS: JOHN BARLEY, NOEL THOMPSON & ROBYN THOMPSON | 772.321.3834

THE TIM CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

AT SANDRIDGE GOLF CLUB

*Saturday,
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Sponsorship Opportunities

ALL PROCEEDS
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PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$5,000 (1 AVAILABLE)

Two complimentary foursomes in The Tim Cup (\$1,000 value) • Exclusive recognition as "The Tim Cup presented by [Sponsor Name]" • Premier/largest logo placement on tournament materials and event signage • Premium signage at registration and awards luncheon • Custom tee sign • Premier recognition across church/tournament communications, website, email and social media • Verbal recognition during opening remarks and awards luncheon • Opportunity for a representative to participate in the awards presentation • Opportunity to provide branded items/materials for golfers

SCHOLARSHIP CHAMPION SPONSOR - \$2,000 (2 AVAILABLE)

Complimentary foursome in The Tim Cup (\$500 value) • Premium logo placement on tournament signage • Custom tee sign • Prominent recognition in tournament/church communications • Dedicated sponsor spotlight on social media • Verbal recognition during opening remarks and awards luncheon

AWARDS LUNCHEON SPONSOR - \$1,000 (3 AVAILABLE)

Complimentary twosome in The Tim Cup (\$250 value) • Prominent signage at the post-tournament luncheon & awards • Custom tee sign • Logo/name on tournament sponsor signage • Featured recognition in tournament/church communications • Verbal recognition during the awards luncheon

BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION SPONSOR - \$500 (4 AVAILABLE)

Prominent signage at breakfast and golfer registration • Custom tee sign on the course • Logo/name on tournament sponsor signage • Recognition in tournament sponsor thank-you communications • Verbal recognition during opening remarks

TEE SIGN SPONSOR - \$150 (UNLIMITED)

Custom tee sign featuring business/logo, family name, or tribute to a loved one • Recognition as a Tim Cup supporter

Sponsorship deadline: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

**VISIT WWW.FIRSTPRESVERO.ORG/GOLF-TOURNAMENT
TO COMPLETE YOUR SPONSORSHIP ONLINE**

Registration & Sponsorship forms also available in the church office

Mission



Volunteers needed for GYAC Food Bank

Sadly, the Mission Team's monthly food deliveries to Sunset Apartments have discontinued. There are many reasons for this, including GYAC changes, community needs, logistics, and other available free home delivery options.

Although the Sunset tradition is ending, GYAC will continue providing on-site, drive-thru food deliveries, one of the few in that area.

Volunteers are still needed on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:30 to 10:30 to bag groceries and load cars. You don't have to be on the Mission Team to participate. Hours are flexible; the Treasure Coast Food Bank truck arrives at 7:00 a.m. for unloading and sorting, so come earlier or stay later!

First Pres Vero Beach can continue serving the community while getting great exercise! Bring your name tag, your enthusiasm, and share God's love with those in need. Call or text Carol Smoyer at 772-538-8795 or email her at clsmoyer@bellsouth.net

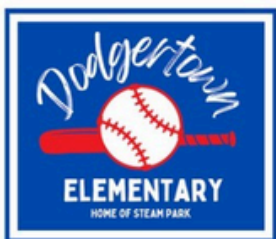
GYAC location:

4875 43rd Ave, Vero Beach, FL. 32967

Remaining Dates of Distribution for 2026

September 23 November 18

October 28 December 9



DODGERTOWN NEEDS OUR HELP!

Labeled baskets will be in McAfee Hall Atrium during August and September after church, and in the church office during the week, for supplies and uniform collection.



School Uniforms

Boys and Girls sizes are the same

Urgent need for Uniforms

Toddler Sizes 3T, 4T, 5T

Youth Sizes 5/6, 6X

Urgent need for Underwear

Toddler Sizes 3T, 4T, 5T

Youth Sizes 5/6, 6X, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16

Collared Shirts (not T-shirts)

Uniforms may be purchased at Target, Walmart, or Amazon.



School Supplies

Kleenex boxes for classroom
Composition books
Spiral notebooks
Folders with pockets
Pencils, Erasers
Crayons 24 count
Colored pencils
Washable markers
Glue sticks
Child safe scissors
Highlighters
Dry erase markers
Index cards
Pocket folders
Bottled Elmers glue
Backpacks

Hospitality

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!

If you are thinking about joining our Church Family but have questions, then consider attending “Pastries With The Pastor”, in The Schumann Conference Center, on Sunday, September 13th. Just take the elevator to the second floor, after Worship and meet Dr. Tim to find out the many faith-based and fellowship opportunities that First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach has to offer.....We are a Church large enough to meet your needs, but small enough to need YOU!

FIRST FRIENDS

First Friends is a friendly group of seasoned members who stand alongside our newest members as they acclimate themselves to all the ministry and fellowship opportunities that FPCVB has to offer. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please contact Anne Adams, ext.115.

COMMUNION AT HOME

On the first Sunday of each month, members of your Church Family will bring Communion to you at home, hospital room or rehab center. If you are interested in participating, please contact Anne Adams in the Church office, ext.115.



SINGLE SENIORS

If you are a single senior and enjoy fun fellowship and great food then join us this month at The Vero Beach Yacht Club, on Sunday, September 27th at 11:30am – 3601 Rio Vista Blvd., Vero Beach. Please RSVP on REALM or contact Anne Adams, ext.115.

MEET & GREET DINNER

Come and join us as we gather for dinner at one of Vero's finest bistros, The Polo Steak & Sea on Thursday, September 24th, at 5:00pm – 2855 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach. Seating is limited, so register early on REALM. All are welcome!

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Business Meeting

The next PW Business Meeting will be held Monday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Schumann Conference Room.

At this meeting, we will be accepting suggestions from members for local missions that we may consider adding to our list of annual recipients. If you know of a local organization or mission that you would like PW to consider, please come prepared to share the information with the group.

Annual Pledge Drive

Annual pledge letters will be mailed to all the women of the church in September, providing an opportunity to support our local missions through monetary gifts.

We invite you to prayerfully consider participating in this annual pledge drive and helping PW continue to make a difference in our local community.

Welcome Back Luncheon

Join us on Saturday, October 17 for our annual Welcome Back Luncheon as we celebrate the return of members and the beginning of another busy season for Presbyterian Women!

This year's theme is "Home," celebrating the comfort and joy we find in the places we call home. Enjoy a delicious buffet of homemade casseroles, side dishes, and desserts prepared by our wonderful member volunteers.

There is no charge for the luncheon, but a reservation will be required. Tickets will be available in the weeks leading up to the event.

Our guest speaker will be a representative from Safe Space, one of our local mission recipients, which provides a safe environment and support for women and children experiencing abusive home situations in Indian River County.

A 50/50 raffle will also be held to help raise additional funds for local missions. We hope you'll join us!



Pre-Holiday Pecan Sale

The pecans have been ordered for the PW Pre-Holiday Pecan Sale! Get ready to stock up for your holiday baking or pick up a delicious gift for family and friends. More details about the sale and pickup will be shared soon!

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PW Just Desserts

Join us for PW Just Desserts on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby of McAfee Hall.

This is simply a time to gather, enjoy some sweet treats, and fellowship with one another. No agenda—just good company and dessert! We hope you'll join us!

72nd Annual Christmas Tree Lane

Saturday, December 5

Christmas Tree Lane is just around the corner, and Presbyterian Women are getting ready! 🌲

Unique Boutique Donations

Donations will be accepted September 10–November 19 at the following times:

- Mondays: 9:00–11:00 a.m.
- Thursdays: 1:00–3:00 p.m.

New Location: West side of McAfee Hall (Building D). Look for the sign near the bus garage.

Make your closets clap and your house happy! Bring items you no longer use. We gratefully accept dishes, kitchen items, glassware, linens, toys, games, jewelry, handbags, decorative items, tools, wall art, and coffee table and children's books. Please do not donate large or heavy furniture, electronics, clothing, shoes, or damaged items.

Questions? Contact Cyndi Johann at (309) 224-5301 or Irene Moodie at (772) 559-3029.
Gift Card Tree Raffle

Presbyterian Women are also collecting gift cards for our Christmas Tree Lane Gift Card Tree Raffle! If you have an unused gift card or own a business and would like to donate one, please drop it off at the Church Office or give it to a CTL Committee volunteer outside the sanctuary following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Thank you for helping make Christmas Tree Lane a success! 🌲

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1. Bob Gormas, Steve Nystrom
 2. Jean Clements, Ward Gunter,
 Susie Stoughton
 3. Scott Chisholm, Sandy Flegler,
 Eric Hargreaves
 4. David Frantz
 5. Anne Cormier, John Edgar
 6. Sharon Young
 7. Sheryl Peterson, Lila Sandgren,
 Budd Thompson
 8. John "Jack" Kellogg, Cheryl Kippes
 10. Becky Moon, Sally Westphalen
 12. Sally Davis, Dick Kelly, Peter Probasco
 16. Carolyn Toohey, Louise Tranquilli

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 18. Mary Haid, Cal Shields
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 22. Barbara Schwin
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 25. David Kelso, Ronald Redpath, Ali Simpson
 26. Paul Ives
 28. Deb Fletcher, Jenifer Foster, Eileen Ganser,
 Judy Garrett, Bonnie Nolan, Nan Thornton
 29. Alana Humberson, Sam Stryker,
 Noel Thompson, Anita Williamson Kenston
 30. Kathy Andress-Dietz, Debra Peirce,
 Diana Probasco

What's Goin' On - September at FirstPresVero

Here are some recurring activities, meetings or classes that you might like to attend
Everyone is welcome.

WELCOME BACK!

- **MEN'S DISCUSSION** - Back beginning, Monday, September 14th.
- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** - Starting September 22nd, we will return to McAfee for breakfast for the season. Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM in McAfee.
- **GRACE CIRCLE** - Returns Monday, October 12th.

Group/Class	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Time & Place	Chair/Contact details
Men's Discussion	Monday	Yes		3:00PM Youth Wing	Frank Iodice (772) 538-5697 email: lfrankbi@cs.com
Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Tuesday	Yes		7:45 AM C.J. Cannon's	Glenn Conn (740) 803-3519 email: gconn@msn.com Phil LoGiudice (203-507-0008) email: philguilford@gmail.com
Bible Study	Tuesday	Yes		10:30AM Schumann	Dr Tim 772-562-9088
Fellowship Dinner	Wednesday	Yes		5:00PM McAfee Hall	Lisa Jeffra (for reservations) 772-562-9088
FPV PW social/luncheon	Friday		3rd Friday	11:30AM Olive Garden	BJ Fisher 678-481-3835 email: harrysally11262@gmail.com

Sunday Worship

Childcare available at all services

8:15 AM - Mighell Chapel

10:00 AM - McAfee Hall

September Sermons

September 6
Matthew 18:15-20
"Reconciliation Moves Forward"

September 13
Matthew 18:21-35
"The Dangers of Denying Mercy"

September 20
Matthew 20:1-16
"Undeserved Abundance"

September 27
Matthew 21:23-32
"Actions DO Speak Louder Than Words"

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