

This week at FPC August 16-22, 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

GriefShare begins this Sunday afternoon

One of the many great programs in our church re-starts this Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in Room 1 of our Education Building, Griefshare. When I started here three and a half years ago I was asked to lead GriefShare. I did not know what it was. I soon learned it is one of the great ministries of our church.

Well, let me quote from their material: "A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid

support each step of the way. "

Many in our church have experienced a loss in the past year or two. Some losses are very fresh. I invite you to come be part of our group and learn you are not alone and learn helpful ways to grow in this difficult time.

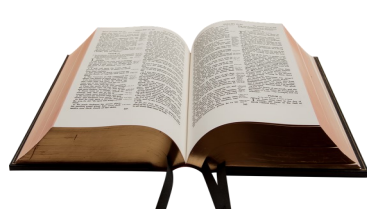
Perhaps you have a friend or neighbor who needs to come. Please tell them about GriefShare. It is not limited to members of the church. As a matter of fact, most of the participants come from outside First Presbyterian. We welcome everyone who is experiencing grief.

There is a lot more going on in the life of the church. Think about ways you can help our nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group and more. Information about them is elsewhere on this page.

Walk



A new 13 week session of Griefshare will start August 20th at 3:30 p.m. in Room One.



Adult Sunday School will start Sunday, September 10th, 9:00 a.m. in Room One

Nominations For Elders And Deacons

Copy or click this link to complete the online form: <https://e3consultingnet.wufoo.com/forms/wkd38g9031yay1/> Recommendations may also be made by filling out the form inserted in this week's bulletin and after church you can hand the completed form to Walk, Bill Tucker or any member of the nominating committee or mailing or bringing it to the office. Recommendations for elders and deacons must be submitted to the nominating committee no later than September 12, 2023.

Save the Dates

PW Women Summer Gathering will take place Saturday, August 26th at Montgomery Conference Center

Food Drive for Interfaith will take place Sunday, September 17th!

Hymn Sing – Sunday, September 10th at 3:00 p.m. Join in an old-fashioned Hymn Sing. We have invited local area churches to join us. Ice Cream Social immediately following.

Prime Timers' Luncheon Is Back! September 24th. Single/widowed individuals who are 65 and older please join us after worship. Lovingly sponsored by the deacons.

Preachers of Excellence Series

This Sunday Rev. Pittendreigh

The Rev. Dr. W. Maynard Pittendreigh is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA, a life-long astronomer, a husband, father, and grandfather. As a pastor, he has served pastorates in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, as a counselor in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and as a police chaplain. He and his wife, Ginny, worked as Co-Presbytery Associate Executives for Youth Ministries in South Carolina. Maynard and his wife, Ginny, met in college and have been married since 1975. Ginny was an elementary school teacher until she retired in 2021. They have lived in Florida since 1996.

YOUTH NEWS

Middle and High School Youth Group is meeting in the Youth Room 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday nights.

Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863)651-4863

or sign up

on the Meal Train at:

<https://mealtrain.com/09nwe9/>

CHOIR and BELLS



The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing in the choir room next Wednesday, August 23, 2022 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Please join us if you are interested in singing at all during the year. If you're not able to commit to the full choir year, we can talk about a "customized plan" for you! Please contact Phyllis Von Ebers 509-998-6039. First Sunday to sing is September 3rd. The Bell Choir's first rehearsal is also Wednesday, August 23rd, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need Leads and Assistants for Elementary Children's Sunday School! You may sign up for one or all sessions.

Click here to register:

<https://shorturl.at/dxzK7>



Church Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please call the church office to sign up.

PRAYER LIST

Tania Blackwell
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
The family of Tom Cooley
 (following his recent, untimely death)
Mina DiGeronimo
Ruth Fraser
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Tola Hass
Mark and Melanie Heuer
Ray Houston (friend of Sandra Owen)
Andrea Mogg Jacque (recent surgery)
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)

Penny Kramer (Evelyn Longo's sister)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Celine Mack
Judith Martin
Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Ron McMillin
Gloria Miller
Albert Peek
Annette and Joseph Pickard
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Erik Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Bob Timmer
Richard and Sandy Valvo
Ann VanDenburgh (new concerns)
William Wright
Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

God's Saving word: Encouragement			Sunday	August 19	1 Timothy 1:1-20
Thursday	August 16	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	Monday	August 20	1 Timothy 2:1-15
Friday	August 17	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	Tuesday	August 21	1 Timothy 3:1-16
Saturday	August 18	2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	Wednesday	August 22	1 Timothy 4:1-16