

*Our Vision* — To be a church that shares God's love through Jesus Christ with everyone.

*Our Mission* — We are an inclusive historic downtown community of Christian faith. We seek to welcome all people through prayer, meaningful worship, and supportive groups while sharing our talents and resources with those in need.

## *From the Transitional Pastor's Desk*

The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

# What a Wonderful World

Nancy and I had the most interesting vacation out in Utah and Nevada last week. We had never been there and were so impressed with the beauty. My seminary friend's son got married in a beautiful spot near Hurricane, Utah. We flew in and out of Las Vegas, boy is that is a place to see.

We were so impressed by the beauty of southern Utah, the red rocks, deep canyons, and desert vistas. There was no humidity! My hair dried very quickly after a shower! The day after the wedding a group of us rented e-bikes and rode around Zion National Park. The beauty of God's creation was overwhelming. It was amazing, and so different from flat, humid, Florida! It was a joy to see the wildlife, mountains, and more.

We were so happy to be at the wedding. We've watched Hayedn grow up and to see him read vows he wrote was beautiful. The place was beautiful, with mountains

in the distance. Dinner at the reception was yummy too!

Las Vegas was a different story. It was amazing too, but all man-made. The huge hotels with their giant video billboards showing advertisements day and night, the shows, the casinos! We watched a Cirque de Soleil show called *Ka!* based on an old Japanese story with acrobats, dancers, and fire. We saw the dancing water of the fountains in front of the Bellagio Hotel. It was tempting, but I didn't gamble. On Monday we drove to Hoover Dam to see that engineering marvel. Seeing the low levels in Lake Mead made me aware of the droughts out west and the warming climate.

We live in a marvelous world that God created. There is both natural beauty and grand man-made structures like dams, hotels, and highways. We have to take care of God's creation. Let's all pray for God's creation and do what we can to save it.

# Session Brief

## Session Brief – May 2, 2024

- Approved new member, Ty Renaud, into membership.
- Approved removal of the following people from our rolls: Macy Fraunfelter, Riley Fraunfelter, James Deaton Kelly, Christina Diuguid.
- Approved the teaching of conversational Spanish to be taught by Raul Roman in June, 2024.
- Approved giving J. J. Albright a one-time gift of funds for Post-graduate missionary work with students at Osprey Outreach with Christ Church, East Jacksonville, FL.
- Approved the Temporary Construction Easement to allow excavation, grading and other construction activities in the parking lot by the City of Ocala.
- Approved the Buildings and Grounds Committee to begin spending funds for sanctuary improvements.
- Approved Dr. Walk Jones and Van Akin the authority to go to the congregation for a matching gift to purchase and install an air conditioning unit and other sanctuary improvements.

Session
<p><b>Class of 2024:</b> Todd Carstenn, Pat Greaves, Amy Johnson, Bentley Johnson (Youth Elder), George Tomyn, Tom Weaver, Peggy Wiechmann, Jim Yancey</p> <p><b>Class of 2025:</b> Jo Ann Brandt, Denise Caskey, Todd Dailey, Mary Dingman, Marcia Dove, Bill Tucker, Katherine White</p> <p><b>Class of 2026:</b> Van Akin, Bob Drake, Jacquelyn Sexton</p>

Diaconate		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Evelyn Longo Martha Petry Raul Roman Alice Russell Terri Tucker Barbara Whitt Julia Wirono	Sue Brawner Lannie Mercer Amy Schlenker	Ann McCoy Esther Arango-Palencia

# New Member



Ty Renaud

**Are You An Usher?**

**PICK-A-DATE!**

Please consider ushering this summer! Pick a few dates when you can help FPC.

*We can count on your commitment and it helps you in planning your summer activities. See Debbie after church or call Evelyn 352-509-5179*

# Presbyterian Women, Pat Greaves, Moderator

## To ALL women of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

We held our last Circle meetings in May and will not meet again until September. Praying each one has a very good summer. Be safe and enjoy family and friends.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will continue to meet during the summer months. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. The group includes both knitters and crocheters and welcomes anyone who is interested in this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Coordinator, Liz Diener-Dickmann.

**Many thanks** to all of our leaders and coordinators who work hard to keep our organization going so we can glorify God in our communities and Church. Thanks to Tom Weaver who prepares the extra study that goes with our lesson in the book and to his lovely wife, Evelyn, who helps get it all dispersed; to our Circle Leaders: Liz Dickman, Circle 3, Debbie Koch, Circle 4, and Lois Clardy, Circle 8, and all of those helpers in each Circle. Great thanks to Kristen Crawford, our Treasurer; Debbie Koch who helps organize so many receptions for the bereaved; and Gera Fleming who coordinates our devotions for the Coordinating Team. There are so many others out there so willing to help. Thank you, thank you all for your hard work and support. God bless each one!!

*"God, we call thee God because we love thee. We are glad to be called thy children and to dedicate our lives to the service that extends through willing hearts and hands to the betterment of all humankind.*

*Grant us strength, courage, faith, and humility sufficient for the tasks assigned to us. Amen."*

*Mary McLeod Bethune, 1875-1955 (taken from the study book)*



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WOMEN

## Deacons

### FPC's Phone Prayer

### Chain Welcomes

### Your Prayer Needs

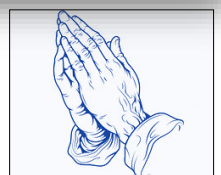
Please allow this small group of Faithful Prayers to offer up prayers discreetly on your behalf, that of a family member, or a friend.

Prayers are being heard and answered daily!



Deacons Terri Tucker, Esther Arango-Palencia, Lannie Mercer and Martha Petrey serve dinner at Interfaith.

Make a prayer request by calling the church office:  
352-629-7561 or by contacting your Deacon.




# Youth

Vacation Bible School


# FINDING JESUS

June 24th - 28th

**The Word in the Water**



First Presbyterian Church Ocala - 511 SE 3rd St  
Open to 3 year olds (potty trained) - students entering 5th grade.



REGISTRATION  
NOW ONLINE  
[FPCOCALA.ORG/VBS-2024.HTML](https://fpcocala.org/vbs-2024.html)

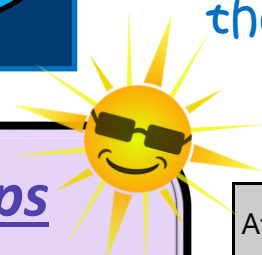
VBS is such an incredibly important event within our church and our community, but we can't pull it off without tremendous support!

Non FPC member Volunteers must complete the sign up sheet and a background check form located on our website under the VBS tab.

## Youth and Children's Groups

\*\* Children's Sunday School will **not meet** in June or July. First day of Sunday School is August 18th.

\*\* Youth Group **will continue to meet** in the summer on selected dates. Check bulletin and Inspire for updates!



Attendance	10 am	Online
4/28	127	33
5/5	131	36
5/12	120	68
5/19	128	51
5/26	126	37

# Fellowship

## **MEAL SHARING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Fellowship Committee is exploring ways to provide opportunities for small groups of parishioners to socialize. It was suggested that a version of "Supper Clubs" having small groups gather for meals at different homes might be of interest to members. The meals could be potluck events for either Brunch, Lunch, or Dinner. Groups would be established based on location and time preferences. Please note your interest and return the form to the church office for inclusion in the Fellowship Committee mailbox!

**I am interested in exploring meal sharing further. Please contact me:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Christian Outreach



## **Dinners for Interfaith**

We are signing up participants for dinners in 2024. First Presbyterian does this on the second Thursday of each month. Those who have done it say it's always a blessing, and we know it's a blessing to those we serve. Thank you to all members who participated in 2023!

Call or text Jarl Hagood at 867-9372 or email [Jarlhagood@aol.com](mailto:Jarlhagood@aol.com) if you or your group would like to sign up.

## FPC Outreach Committee



*Some of FPC's Benevolences:*

\*\*\* Meals on Wheels \*\*\*

\*\*\* Open Arms Village \*\*\*

\*\*\* Center for the Blind \*\*\*

and

\*\*\* Set Free Prison Ministry \*\*\*

If you feel called to be a part of this great ministry,  
please call Katie White at 352-875-8811

### SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

#### *Helping Hands of Ocala*

Helping Hands is a nonprofit charity, serving the people of Ocala/Marion County. It was established to provide shelter and related assistance for the homeless, and others who are in difficult situations. Besides shelter, we assist our residents with jobs, food, clothes, medical, dental, transportation, counseling, Bible study and fellowship, and other needed services.



# Fellowship Picnic



"The Fellowship Committee was delighted that so many of our FPC church family were able to attend the picnic held after church on May 19<sup>th</sup>—another memorable gathering with good food, fellowship, and activities for the children. The smiling faces in the pictures tell the story! We greatly appreciate the support of the volunteers who helped us with the cleanup and Reverend Tenhor, who gave us his heartfelt blessing."



*Marcia Dove, Co-chair Fellowship Committee*



## June Birthdays

1

Miranda  
Barrineau

2

Graycyn Ullman

4

Pat Greaves

5

Roberta  
McBride  
Beth Cannon

6

Janie Scott

7

Beth Futch

9

Taylor Bissett

11

Mike Poteet  
Mike Vurnakes

13

Ethan Russell

14

Cavi Drake

15

Evelyn Yorlano

16

Alice Carlisle  
Donna Claus  
Morgan Evans

18

Elaine Cox

20

Betty Williams  
Courtney  
Edwards

22

Andy Patrick  
Kyle Brawner

23

Faith Coomes

24

Jennifer Gilman  
Naomi  
DiGeronimo

26

Walk Jones  
Cathy Hancock

27

Lea Dailey  
Jack Roberts

30

Marilyn Youngman  
Anna Lane Moore



## Prayer List

**Pat Bishop**

**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)

**Tania Blackwell** (sister-in-law of Mary Kauffman)

**Linda Blount** (cousin of Janice Kelly, broken hip)

**Andy Carlisle**

**Ella and Ray Charnley**

**The Cochran family** (on the death of Shirley)

**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest,  
cancer diagnosis)

**Linda and Randall Deyton**

(sister and brother-in-law of Annette Pickard)

**Mina DiGeronimo**

**Ruth Fraser**

**Gabby Gates** (friend of Dave Bice)

**EB Gee**

**Joe Glenn** (friend of Mary Kauffman)

**Dorothy Halliwell**

(sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)

**Bill and Barbara Harrel**

**Chris Hasselkus**

**Andrea Mogg Jacques**

**Victoria Johnson** (great-granddaughter of Christine)

**CJ Jones** (nephew of Margaret Trump)

**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)

**Debbie Koch** (on the death of her brother in law)

**Jose Kornmann** (cancer, friend of Julia Wirono)

**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**Ellen Merg** (friend of Nita Williams)

**Gloria Miller**

**Jodi Miller** (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)

**Bruce Moore** (hip surgery recovery)

**Barbara Parks**

**Fritz Rain** (friend of Marybeth Olson)

**Ruthanne and John Reiss**

**Elaine Rost** (very ill at home)

**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)

**Shelly** (cancer diagnosis, friend of Evelyn Longo)

**The Timmer family**

(on the passing of Bob and Reneé)

**Ann VanDenburgh**

**Robert Webber** (brother of Ginny Miller)

**William Wright**



FPC gives thanks for the life of **Shirley Cochran** who passed away on May 2, 2024.  
FPC gives thanks for the life of **Reneé Timmer** who passed away on May 12, 2024 and  
**Bob Timmer** who passed away May 23, 2024.

With believers of every time and every place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death  
can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Each Sunday  
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to see some of  
God's natural beauty.  
Remember you can  
dedicate a lovely and  
meaningful bouquet to  
someone your love, even our Lord.  
Call the office (352) 629-7561

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Tuesday**  
**June 11th**  
**7:30 a.m.**



**Wolfy's**  
**(2159 E Silver Springs Blvd.)**

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