

This week at FPC

November 15-21, 2023

Preacher of Excellence Series

Rev. Dr. Ruth Elswood

God called me to ministry later in life, after I retired from a lifelong career in early childhood education. I worked for many years for the Florida State University System, viewing my work with children and families as a sacred calling, and dedicating my working life to improving the quality of early childhood education for all children, especially those from low-income families. My call to serve in ministry is a continuation of my desire to be of service to all God's people. Micah 6:8 guides my ministry - "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" During my seminary education I spent almost a year working as a resident chaplain at Tampa General Hospital in Flori-

da, where I learned much about ministering to the spiritual needs of people experiencing crisis and illness. My first ordained call was to serve the elderly as chaplain at Palm Garden Health Care Centers. At the same time, I served the First Presbyterian Church in Jasper, Florida as interim pastor for one year. More recently I have served as parish associate for pastoral care at First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, at First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, and at Riverside Presbyterian Church. At each of the churches I have served since 2018, I have lead bereavement ministries, specifically GriefShare, a faith-based grief support program. I am now retired and enjoying continuing ministry as a pulpit supply preacher.

Make Change Happen...Ring a Bell Change a Life!

In years past FPC has served our God and God's people through ringing of the bells at Christmas for the Salvation Army. We are delighted to once again be able to offer this opportunity to you.

The venue has been changed to the **Publix at Churchill Square on 17th Street** and we have three days, from **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, December 7 Wednesday, December 13 Thursday, December 14



This seems to work best with two people working a 2-hour slot but we can make adjustments. So grab a friend, a grandchild or whomever and let's 'ring those bells.'

Call Kay Yancey for questions or to sign up: (352) 207-3210



There are many dishes and bowls left over from events at the church. If you would like to come to claim yours, they are in the church office. Thank you.

The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss.

GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this 2-hour seminar

Sunday, November 26th at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1

griefshare.org/holidays

Youth Group meals are needed. Contact Carter Ullman (863) 651-4863 or sign up on the Meal Train at mealtrain.com/09nwe9

Adult Sunday School

Join us Sundays, 9:00 a.m. in Room 1. All are welcome.

SCAM ALERT

A scam text is being sent asking for gift cards to EBAY for women suffering from cancer. It says it is from Walk. **Please delete.** Walk will never send messages asking for money.

HELP

We are looking for volunteers to teach on a monthly basis along with several other ladies that are currently rotating. Please reach out Sandra Dailey, 352-895-5299. This is for the K-5th graders and occurs each Sunday after the Children's sermon during the 10:00 am service.

PRAYER LIST

Rev. Ed Albright
Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest, cancer diagnosis)
Mina DiGeronimo
Bob Dillinger (Uncle of Wendie Moore)
Ruth Fraser
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Tola Hass and her daughter Carla (heart issues)
Robert Interdonato (son of Pat, in the hospital)
Andrea Mogg Jacque
Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine)
Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)
Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Jimmy Kelly (son of Janice)
Celine Mack

The Martin family (Judith, Jason, Nadia, Lisa and Lukas)
Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Ron McMillin
Ginny Miller (on the death of her granddaughter)
Gloria Miller
Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Bruce Moore
The Peek family (on the death of Albert)
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Rod Reimer (former member, recovering)
Erik Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Tania Sayre (daughter of Mary Kauffman)
Bob and Renee Timmer
Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family
Ann VanDenburgh
Robert Webber (brother of Ginny Miller)
William Wright
The Williams family (on the death of Betty's grandson Jeffrey Yawn)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>God's Saving word: Praise and Thanksgiving</i>			Saturday	Nov. 18	Psalm 118
Wednesday	Nov. 15	Psalm 113	Sunday	Nov. 19	Psalm 128
Thursday	Nov. 16	Psalm 1115	Monday	Nov. 20	Psalm 134
Friday	Nov. 17	Psalm 116	Tuesday	Nov. 21	Psalm 135