

This week at FPC

October 18-24, 2023

Last week I attended a conference in Montreat, a favorite place to many of us. It was beautiful with the fall colors just beginning to appear on the trees in the mountains. Montreat has not changed much in the 48 years I've been going there.

The conference was about shifts happening in the church today. Churches of all sizes and theological stripes are changing. Some are growing, many are shrinking. One of the several themes to emerge is that growing churches are hybrid churches, taking advantage of technology to spread the word of Jesus Christ.

Becoming aware of the holy shifts taking place around us made me more eager to embrace technology and increase its use in our congregation. We are actively looking for an expert or contractor to help us have livestreamed worship, live worship on the internet rather than an edited video available on Monday. We'll need more volunteers to step up and help. In Advent our Bible study will again be both live and on Zoom.

It will be great to have First Presbyterian walking into a new era when the new pastor starts sometime in 2024. Please pray for me, our Session, and especially our Pastor Nominating Committee, which is hard at work behind the scenes. Pray also about your giving to our church in 2024. Watch for another stewardship letter and pledge card in a week or so.

I am excited about the great things God is doing here.

Walk



Wednesday, Nov. 1st is the DEADLINE to apply for FPC Post-secondary school education SCHOLARSHIPS!

Applications for the winter 2024 term are available in the church office. **The deadline to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on Wednesday, November 1st.**

FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to Scholarship Committee members—Chair Kay Yancey, Todd Carstenn, Paul Vowinkel, or Tom Weaver.

Church Nursery
Volunteers Needed
Please call the church office to sign up.

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

November 4th
11:00 a.m.
PW Fall Gathering

Amy Roberts
Presenter

Healing Through ART Together

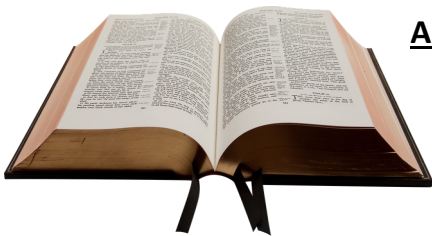
An artistic practice in acceptance, connection, and letting go. Come play with paint with Oncology Social Worker and Mindful Meditation Teacher, Amy Roberts from RBO!

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THE PW FALL GATHERING will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plan now to attend. We will have a special guest, **Amy Roberts, LCSW, MMT** with Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute here in Ocala. Amy is the daughter of our very own Kathy Kuhns. The title of the program is "Mindfulness & Art to Explore Inner Peace" to aid patients and families in coping with stress in health. Amy will facilitate the group in a guided meditation and participants will play with paint and water as a process for tuning into peace mindfully. No artistic talent is necessary. Cost for the luncheon of homemade soups and salad, and art expense is \$10.00. Please sign up with your Circle Leaders Lois Clardy, Debbie Koch, Liz Dickmann, or Moderator Pat Greaves by Monday, October 30th. All are very welcome to attend.

save the date

GRIEF SHARE
Sundays 3:30 p.m. in Room 1.



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



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 Kg-5th graders and occurs each Sunday after the Children's sermon during the 10:00 am service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

This ministry is a vital part of First Presbyterian Church. It is greatly appreciated by those it serves. Prayers are being heard and answered daily! Anyone who would like to join is welcome. It's a wonderful way to feel more connected and to serve your church and the Lord. All you need is a phone. Come join us! FPC Deacons 352-843-0262 abrdvm@yahoo.com

"There is a power in persistent prayer" Micah 7:7

PRAYER LIST

Rev. Ed Albright
Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Tania Blackwell
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Mina DiGeronimo
Ruth Fraser
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Sharon Grier (mother of Lee Anne Drake)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Tola Hass
Andrea Mogg Jacque
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)

Evelyn Longo
Celine Mack
The Martin family (Judith, Jason, Nadia and Lisa and Lukas [diagnosed with cancer])
Chris and Peyton McLoney Brown
Ron McMillin
Gloria Miller
Albert Peek
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Rob Reimer (former member, released from hospital)
Erik Reiss
Frank Roberts
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Tania Sayre (daughter of Mary Kauffman)
Renee Timmer (new diagnosis)
Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family
Ann VanDenburgh
William Wright
Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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God's Saving word: Justice and Peace			Saturday	Oct. 21	Isaiah 33:1-24
Wednesday	Oct. 18	Isaiah 11:1-9	Sunday	Oct. 22	Isaiah 42:1-17
Thursday	Oct. 19	Isaiah 25:1-9	Monday	Oct. 23	Isaiah 56:1-12
Friday	Oct. 20	Isaiah 32:1-20	Tuesday	Oct. 24	Isaiah 58:1-14