

## This week at FPC

### September 13 - 19, 2023

In Ocala we dodged a bullet two weeks ago when Hurricane Idalia came up the Gulf coast and made landfall at Keaton Beach. Church members with homes and condos along the Gulf coast were affected, but in Ocala we are ok. If you have damage and need help please call the church office.

There was flooding in St. Petersburg and other coastal communities, and a lot of destruction in Perry and other towns. There was a lot of wind damage to churches in Georgia.

I've attached the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network newsletter to this weekly newsletter for you to read if you are interested. You can see how churches are helping churches after the storm. You can read about help from college students too.

The money you gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter supports the work of Presby-

terian Disaster Assistance. Thank you for that support. We don't take up a lot of special offerings at our church, but we give through our offerings and church budget to support the work of the larger church here in Florida and around the world.

Last Sunday we heard from Mrs. Turk, a missionary to Madagascar. We heard what she and her husband are doing together to teach better farming techniques and healthcare and hygiene. We also had a great hymn-sing with participants from four area Presbyterian churches, blending our voices to praise God and fellowship together.

Over the next six Sundays we'll be talking about stewardship and giving. Thank you for all the giving you do, God is at work in many ways in Florida and around the world.

Walk

## FOOD DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH

### Sunday, September 17th, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

It's hard to believe summer is almost over and the children are back at school. As prices of food, paper goods, etc., continue to increase, many of our families in the community are in great need. With 44% of our county residents living at or just above the poverty level, and paycheck to paycheck, one minor event can put a family in financial distress.

If you are unable to participate on that day, you may bring your donations to the church office. We also accept monetary donations. Some suggestions for food and hygiene items that have been requested by Interfaith are:

#### FOOD ITEMS:

Canned Vegetables/Fruit Spaghetti Sauce Dry or Canned Beans Canned Meat  
Canned Soup Peanut Butter/Jelly Macaroni & Cheese Pasta and Rice

#### HYGIENE ITEMS:

Shampoo/Conditioner Deodorant Shaving Cream/Razors Bar Soap Body Wipes  
Diapers, all sizes Toothpaste/Toothbrushes Feminine Products Combs Toilet Paper

Thank you for your generosity!



**SUNDAY!!**

## SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

### PRIME TIMERS' LUNCHEON IS BACK!

All SINGLES/WIDOWED 65 YEARS AND OLDER

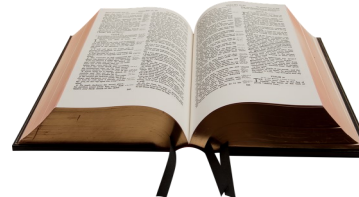
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## GRIEF SHARE

A new 13 week session of Griefshare has begun. Sundays 3:30 p.m. in Room 1.



#### Adult Sunday School

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

Attention Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade girls, a new Girl Scout troop is forming at our church for you. Troop 43930 will meet on Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Email: [troop4390@gmail.com](mailto:troop4390@gmail.com) for more information.



# girl scouts



### 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/>

## FALL YOUTH RETREAT

CAMP MONTGOMERY- STARKE, FL  
OCTOBER 6-8



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OCALA

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AT CAMP MONTGOMERY FOR THE FALL YOUTH RETREAT "ON THE WAY".

WE WILL PLAN TO LEAVE FROM THE FPC PARKING LOT AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH AROUND NOON ON SUNDAY.

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 22 TO GUARANTEE A T-SHIRT

REGISTER: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/ACA951RCMZPZC1Q05](https://forms.gle/ACA951RCMZPZC1Q05)

CASH OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OCALA

### PRAYER LIST

**The Arango family** (on the death of their mother)  
**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**Tania Blackwell**  
**Andy Carlisle**  
**Ella Charnley**  
**Shirley Cochran**  
**Mina DiGeronimo**  
**Mary Engle** (cancer diagnosis, wife of Doug)  
**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**  
**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)  
**Evelyn Longo** (recent surgery)  
**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)  
**Tanya Sayre** (daughter of Mary Kaufmann)  
**Bob Timmer**  
**Barbara Tortora and The Tortora family**  
**Ann VanDenburgh** (new concerns)  
**William Wright**  
**Jeffrey Yawn** (grandson of Betty Williams)

### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

God's Saving word: Wisdom			Saturday	Sept. 16	Matthew 22:15-33
Wednesday	Sept. 13	Matthew 15:1-20	Sunday	Sept. 17	Matthew 22:34-46
Thursday	Sept. 14	Matthew 20:1-16	Monday	Sept. 18	Matthew 25:1-13
Friday	Sept. 15	Matthew 22:1-14	Tuesday	Sept. 19	Matthew 25:14-30