

Good News

For the People of
First Presbyterian Church
Mount Dora, Florida

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May Highlights

- May 2 Coffee Hour after Church
- May 4 PW Gathering
- May 5 Movie "Paul the Apostle"
- May 16 Coffee Hour after Church
- May 18 Stated Session
- May 19 "Polycarp"



Thank you to our Wonderful Work Party Crew!



Serve on a committee!



Help the church from your home computer. Be the back-up for setting the thermostats based on church use. (Can be a snowbird!)



Help the office by answering phones and greeting visitors



We are in need of a Church Historian. Someone who could sort through old photographs. Bonus if you can recall names of the faces you find.

May 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | May 1 Mt. Dora Taste & Craft Beer Fest 6-10pm |
| | | | 9:50 am Preschool-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30-5:30 pm Handbell practice-S 7:00-8:00 pm Choir practice-S | 9:30 am Prayer Group (in person)-L 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | | |
| 2 5¢ a Meal 8:45 Sunday School- MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S Coffee Hour-BH | 3 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg- MP | 4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study-BH 10:00 am DEN Mtg.-CR 6:00 pm PW Gathering- BH | 5 9:50 am Preschool-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 3:30 Deacon Mtg-BH 4:30-5:30 pm Handbell practice-S 7:00-8:00 pm Choir practice-S 7:00 pm Movie "Paul the Apostle"-BH | 6 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 12:00 noon National Day of Payer at Donnelly Park (Mike Andrews participating) 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | 7 | 8 |
| 9 8:45 am Sunday School-MP (new series starts) 10:00 am Worship Service-S Mother's Day | 10 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg- MP | 11 9:30 am PW CT mtg – BH 1:30 pm A & P Cmte – MP 2:00 pm MOF Mtg – BH 3:00 pm Stewardship & Finance-MP | 12 9:50 am Preschool-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30-5:30 pm Handbell practice-S 7:00-8:00 pm Choir practice-S | 13 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | 14 | 15 |
| 16 8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S Coffee Hour-BH | 17 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg- MP | 18 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – BH 4:00 pm Stated Session Meeting | 19 9:50 am Preschool-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30-5:30 pm Handbell practice-S 7:00-8:00 pm Choir practice-S 7:00 pm Movie "Polycarp"- BH | 20 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Day of Pentecost 8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S | 24 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg- MP | 25 | 26 9:50 am Preschool-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg | 27 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | 28 | 29 |

| | 30 | 31 | June 1 | June 2 | June 3 | June 4 | June 5 |
|---|----|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--------|--------|
| Trinity Sunday 8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S | | Memorial Day 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – BH | 9:50 am Preschool-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 7:00 pm Movie "Perpetua Early Church Martyr"-BH | 9:30 am Zoom Prayer Group 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP | | |

LEGEND – BH Biery Hall, S Sanctuary, L Library, C Chapel, MP Multipurpose room downstairs, LS Lakeside, CN Conference room

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends:

As my second month with you closes, I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed getting to know those of you I have met and I look forward to meeting more of you. You are indeed a good and healthy Church Family and I am privileged to serve God with you.

Several have asked about the process in the search for a new pastor. Let me outline the normal steps that will be taken in the future.

At some point the church will have what is called a mission study to determine what we will look for in the new pastor. This is often done on a Saturday as all members are asked to attend and takes up most of the day. Sometimes a church will conduct the mission study with a survey given to all the members and regular friends of the church.

When the session, the interim pastor, and other leaders in the church agree the time is right, the session will make a request of the Committee On Ministry (COM) of the presbytery to approve us electing a Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC). When this committee is elected, they will work through a brief training session and the presbytery will assign a liaison from the presbytery to assist them in their process.

The first thing the PNC will do is to fill out a Church Information Form (CIF) that reflects a true picture of the church. When this is completed and the session signs off, it will be sent to the denominational office to be circulated to potential pastors who are looking to relocate. At this point the PNC will begin gathering names of possible candidates.

When the PNC, after viewing numerous Pastor Information Forms (PIFs), determines that one name or several names stand out, they will contact the candidates to determine if they are interested in being considered. This is followed with an interview of the candidate(s) and if all agree, a candidate is put under focus. The candidate and family will be invited to visit the church and the geographical area.

When the PNC feels confident that they have found the proper candidate, they will inform the presbytery who will then do some further research on the candidate to determine that indeed this candidate is a good one.

The next step is for the PNC to call a meeting of the congregation. At that meeting the PNC will present the name and biographical information to the congregation and they will vote on the candidate. If the call of the pastor is approved and the terms of the pastoral call are approved, the candidate will be presented to the presbytery for examination at their next meeting.

When all that is done, a date to begin will be established and both parties will begin the process for the move and the settlement of the pastor and her or his family.

In the meanwhile, I ask you to pray for the church as we go through this process and that God will guide us to determine the right time to proceed and will prepare the pastor for us, that he wants us to have.

In love, HIS and mine, Mike

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Rev. Dr. Mike Andrews

*Tue & Wed in the office, Thu by
appointment.*

Randy Frieling, Director of Music &
Worship Arts

*Randy's schedule varies, he is out of
the office on Mondays*



Carnations for Mom

On Sunday, May 9th you will have the opportunity to Honor/Remember your Mother with a carnation. The floral presentation during the Worship service will include pink carnations for living Moms and white carnations for Moms who have passed on.

This ceremony is being sponsored by the Presbyterian Women to raise money for their mission projects. Find the order form with your bulletin or at the Concierge desk. Last day to order is May 4th

Missions... Around the Corner... Around the World...



*Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has
received. 1 Peter 4:10*

Thanks!!! Thank you for supporting the Purple Bag Can Do Drive. At last count, we had delivered over 950 pounds of food and detergent to our food banks. And we had 3 more weeks to go! Wow! You all are amazing!

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive – Every year in June we collect peanut butter and jelly for our food banks to help with feeding the kids who are out of school and no longer receiving a free lunch. If you watch the sales, peanut butter is often “buy one get one free” so you can take advantage of that to stock up for the June drive.

A Word from Sebber Banda – Sebber tells us that Mozambique has relaxed its rules and now 50 people can gather, so she has resumed the leadership training events there. Work there also continues on rebuilding the manse for Reverend Valentim who oversees many churches in Tete Province. Sebber’s children are still at home from school and hoping to resume studies soon.

Agape Ministries – After 27 years of dedicated, faithful service, Jan Chess has retired and Agape has a new leadership team. The ministry is up and running smoothly with a few more hours for clients to come in. They have partnered with My Local Thrift Store who are providing the clients with free clothing as needed.

Submitted by Elizabeth Long

Barbara Grace, Administrative
Assistant
Mon-Fri 9 am – 3 pm

Sandy Lacher Assistant Secretary
Wed & Fri 9-Noon

Denise Jonnet, Accountant
Tue/Wed afternoon

Reception Volunteers
Linda Wise
Margaret Newlan
Ginger Adams



(352) 735-2227

Ages 3-5

Renet McCall

Preschool Director

Available M-F

8:00 am – 3:00 pm



Property Committee



Property Committee shouts out a BIG thank you for all who participated in sprucing up our church. What a wonderful church family we have!

The committee has discussed:

- Leveling of surface of parking lot
- Roof repair needed over the SE corner door of Biery Hall
- Acoustics in Biery Hall
- Porte cochere (covering for vehicles at entrance)
- Finalizing a project list to be prioritized based on budget review.

Bill Robbins is working on reviewing all property maintenance contracts and itemizing expenses. This will allow the committee to see if there are any opportunities to save money and help to prioritize projects. This is in coordination with Bob Downer of Finance Committee who is working with all committees to reduce our operating costs relating to the building and grounds. We are actively looking for a church member to be a backup on the Google thermostat system. Once trained, it involves about one hour a week on the computer. Any interested parties should contact a Property Co-Chair or Barbara Grace in the office.

Blessings, Bill Robbins and Barbara Zander, Co-Chairs

Membership, Outreach & Fellowship



At our last meeting we reviewed the procedure for welcoming new faces. When a visitor is first recognized, they are given a gift bag located in the Concierge desk. We try to get names and addresses so that a welcoming letter can be sent. A phone call is made letting them know we hope to see them again and invite them to any activities our church is holding.

If you see someone new, please say hello and see if they might want to participate in our church activities. This is the best way to help our church grow so please continue to show how friendly we are. When a visitor comes regularly, a name badge is ordered, this helps us all learn more about each other. Please invite and bring a friend to church!

Coffee Hour will resume twice a month. We are keeping it simple and safe. These are the tentative dates: May 2 & 16, June 13 & 27 July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22. We all enjoy the fellowship at Coffee Hour, and we can use your help. Contact Nancy Staffieri to see what date would work for you.

No trips are planned for the summer but will resume in the Fall. Our next meeting is July 13 in the Conference Room at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join the Membership Committee.



Prayer Concerns

Gayle Barnes (friend of the Bierys)
 Bryan Biery
 John Birmingham (Diane Madson's
 brother)
 Lois & Warner Brown
 Richard Dennis
 Betty Greeley
 Bob Hezlep
 Barbara Higley (Linda Wise's mom)
 Phyllis Lay
 Doug Mitchell
 Nick Nichols
 Rod Pinder
 Lucille Piper
 Harry Phillips
 Jack Rhoads
 Matt Tuhey (Illinois)
 Susan Turner
 Sylvia Ward
 Joanne & Paul White (friends of
 Sara Ware)
 Phyllis Whitehead
 Joy Wilund
 Joyce Whitbeck
 Melissa Yelvington



Blessings, Betty Lipp, Nancy Staffieri and Ann Prince

Presbyterian Women



Mark your calendars and join us for the May 4th Gathering at 6 pm. It will feature Bill Suchy as he shares his program about Air Force women and the role, they played in WWII. Look forward to a salad dinner and dessert.

We honor and cherish our Mothers and Fathers with carnation sales on Mother's Day (May 9) and Father's Day (June 19). Look for the insert in the church bulletin so that you can recognize them with your donations!

The Ruth House Tea will be held on September 11. If you would like to sponsor a table for 8, please contact Ann Prince.

Women who are in participating in a circle group should hear from a circle leader in May because the groups have been reorganized. If you are newley interested in participating, contact Linda Hezlep.

Dutch Treat Lunches will continue in the summer. May through August, the lunches will be held at the County Club at 11:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Enjoy the summer with your family, friends and vacations. Covid hampered many of our plans and festivities last year. We will resume church activities in September beginning with our first lunch Gathering on September 28.

Safe travel and have a blessed summer, Linda Hezlep, Moderator

Meet a Member!

Bill Robbins In his own words:

I was born in Miami and lived there until 2006 when my wife Betsy and I moved to Mount Dora. When Betsy died 3 years later, Tom Drake recommended that I have the funeral service at FPC. This was my first contact with the Church and I have enjoyed being a member ever since. A few years later I became an Elder and am currently serving a second term, each time as co-chairman of the Property Committee. The Church is a very friendly group of people and I have made many friends here over the years.

My activities for fun are almost all related to boats. When we first moved to Mount Dora, my original project was to restore a 1950 ChrisCraft and then last year I completed an 8-year project to build from plans a 26' mahogany speedboat with a John Hacker design from 1922. With membership in the Sunnyland Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society I am currently editor of the *Sheerline*, our quarterly, 50-page magazine. I also enjoy being a member of the Mount Dora Yacht Club where there are quite a few members from the Church.

Membership Outreach Fellowship (MOF) Committee will be inviting members to share a little about themselves in upcoming issues.



Military & Foreign Service

1LT Adam Albright, Chemical Corp,
Ft. Bliss, TX (Lois & Denton Albright's grandson)

1LT Dylan Davis (& Jen),
Fort Hood, TX
(Betty Colby's granddaughter)

MAJ Brad Jones and
MAJ Margaret Jones, Marine Corps
Recruit Depot, Parris Island,
SC
(Ginger & Joe Adams niece & nephew)

LtCol. Sean E. Marshall, US Air Force
Kadena AFB, Okinawa and
SSGT Keven C. Marshall, US Air Force
Whiteman AFB, MO (son & grandson of
Karen & Gary Marshall)

Stewardship & Finance

Did you know that you could make your donations right from your investment funds? If you do so make sure your investment company puts your name on the paperwork that goes with the check. This will help our bookkeeper.



Thanks to all that are keeping your pledges up to date.

| Financial Results for March | | Year to Date |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Total Income | \$40,643 | \$102,646 |
| Total Expense | \$43,382 | \$115,843 |
| Difference | (\$2,739) | (\$13,197) |

Bill Tuxbury, Stewardship & Finance Committee

Discipleship, Education & Nurture

Two movies will be shown this month: *Paul the Apostle* on May 5th and *Polycarp* on May 19th. A light snack will be provided. Movies will be shown every other week until the end of September.

Sunday School is at 8:45 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room. The class, "Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit", will conclude on May 2nd. It has been a delightful experience to study and learn with Ron Hanna and Art Yates. On May 9th, please join Miriam and Dave Rockness, who will lead a new study on Ezra, Nehemiah and Ester and rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem.

Men's Bible Study is at 8:00 a.m. in Biery Hall on the first and third Tuesdays. Berry Long coordinates Bible discussion (407-257-7807). The study is on *John's Letters*. Books still available.

The Prayer Group meets on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Alberto Montes to Zoom before Monday (sunandfun57@gmail.com).

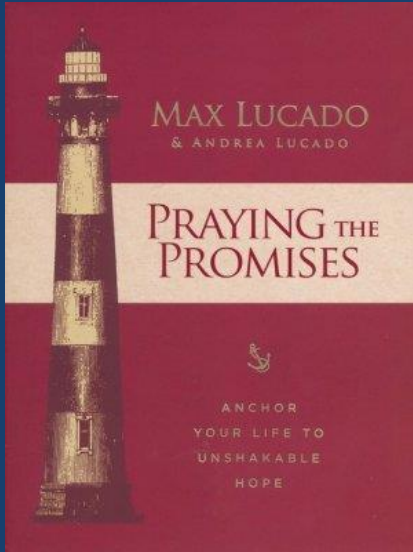
In His service, Emily Lewis & Alberto Montes

Music Notes from Randy

The month of April was extremely busy for the music department---rehearsals, Maundy Thursday, rehearsals, Easter, rehearsals, Spring Concert---and have I mentioned rehearsals? I am so thankful for everyone who sings in the Chancel Choir, rings in the Jubilate Handbell Choir and plays in our Band every week. I'm also thankful for a congregation who listens and supports our music program. We are a very fortunate church!



Keep a Song in Your Heart! Randy



Library Corner Book Review

Hello! It's your Librarian with an awesome book, *Praying the Promises*, by Max and Andrea Lucado. First, before we begin, we must agree on a few things: One, that our God is an awesome God (Ps. 47:2); Two, that God is able to do whatever He promises (Romans 4:21); and Three, all the promises are "yes" in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20).

So, batter up!! What is your favorite promise from the Bible? (Only about 7,500 to pick from.) Following the example of this book: read it, think about it, find some similar verses, pray about it back to God, and distill it into an "I will" kind of statement. I'm not going to say anymore except to quote Peter, "(God) has given us His very great and precious promises, so that we can participate in the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). Need I say anymore? Happy reading.




First Presbyterian Preschool Preschool Ministry News

Excitement is in the air for next school year! We already have 61 students registered. Voluntary Prekindergarten is on a waiting list and there are only a handful of 3-year-old spots remaining. 2021-22 will be our rebound school year.

Congratulations to Ms. Amy Gustafson! She has been one of our teachers since 2013. This year makes her 8th school year. This summer she will be working closely with Ms. Renet McCall and taking over as Preschool Director in August. Ms. Renet will stepdown but remain a K3 Teacher and mentor.

Our May learning themes will be: Summer & Oceans; Sports; as well as preparing for Graduation. We will be reviewing the alphabet; numbers through 30; colors; and shapes. VPK will be reviewing and learning more about short and long vowel sounds.



Blessings, Renet McCall



Thermostat Controller
Church Historian
Office help
Serve on a Committee