

# Good News

For the People of  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Mount Dora, Florida**

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## Jun/Jul Highlights

- Jun 2 Movie
- Jun 3 CFP Stated Meeting
- Jun 6 Communion Sunday
- Jun 4 Preschool graduation
- Jun 16 Movie
- Jun 20 Father's Day Sunday
- Jun 30 Movie
- Jul 27 Stated Session meeting
- Jul 14 Movie
- Jul 28 Movie
- Aug 1 Communion

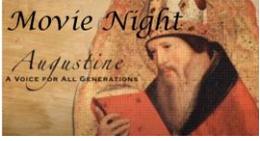
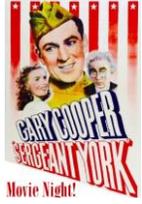


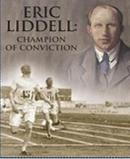
*PW May Gathering was a success with Bill Suchy presenting Women Pilots of WWII*



# JUNE & JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		8:00 am Men's Bible Study-MP	10:00 Preschool Chapel-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 3:30 Deacon Mtg-BH <b>7:00 pm Movie</b> <i>Perpetua Early Church Martyr-MP</i>	9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 2:00 pm CFP Stated meeting Via Zoom	Last day of Preschool	<b>9:00 am-1:00 pm Preschool Graduation Day</b>

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<p><b>June 6</b></p> <p><b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>5¢ a Meal</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am-2:00 pm Teacher workday – MP 9:30 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-2 Teacher workday 10:00 am Property Cmte-MP 1:30 pm A &amp; P Cmte – MP 3:00 pm Stewardship &amp; Finance-MP</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Mtg</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	11	12
<p>13</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S <b>Coffee Hour-BH</b></p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study-MP 11:30 am PW Dutch Treat Lunch-Country Club 1:30 pm A &amp; P Cmte – MP 3:00 pm Stewardship &amp; Finance-MP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Mtg <b>7:00 pm Movie</b> <i>Augustine, A Voice for Generations-MP</i></p> 	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	18	19
<p>20</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b> 8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Mtg</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	25	26 Phyllis Whitehead Memorial
<p>27</p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S <b>Coffee Hour-BH</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Mtg <b>6:00 pm Movie</b> <i>Sergeant York-MP</i></p> 	<p><b>July 1</b></p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	2	3 5-9 pm Mt. Dora Freedom on the Waterfront
<p><b>July 4</b></p> <p><b>Independence Day</b> <b>5¢ a Meal</b></p> <p>8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S <b>10:00 Mt. Dora Parade</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study – MP</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 am Staff Mtg 3:30 pm Deacon Mtg-BH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP</p>	9	10

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<b>July 11</b> 8:45 am Sunday School-MP 10:00 am Worship Service-S <b>Coffee Hour-BH</b>	9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	1:30 pm A & P Cmte – MP 2:00 pm MOF Cmte- CN 3:00 pm Stewardship & Finance-MP	11:00 am Staff Mtg <b>6:00 pm Movie The Fannie Crosby Story-MP</b> 	9:30 am Prayer Time- Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP		
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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,

What “they” said is coming true. “They” said that coming out of the Pandemic would not be sudden but would be a slow process. We see that happening as we slowly return to church and other activities. However, we realize that things will be different in the days ahead.

As far as the church goes; the future church will be different for all of us after the Pandemic. Let me pose some questions for you to think about as we return to our routines.

We have discovered ways technology has helped us through the sequestered days. Now that we have discovered the power of technology in communicating, how will it help the church into the days ahead?

God has made us aware of new ways of worship. How will worship and the gathering of church change for us into the future?

Fellowship, the gathering of the church family, will be more valuable. It is interesting to see worshippers “light up” when they return to the fellowship of friends at worship. We never really knew the value of in-person fellowship until we could not gather. How will this newly discovered joy of fellowship change our gatherings in the future?

We have seen more Believers stand up for their faith and be willing to count their blessings in worship. How has your faith changed and how will this affect your church work?

The Pandemic has brought to the forefront our racial divide, our inherited privileges, the injustices in society, the pain of the poor and hungry of the world and the unnecessary suffering of many. How will our mission for the church change in practice?

Just some things to think about.

In Love, His and mine,

Mike

## Thank You

Dear Session & Church Family,

I sincerely want to thank all of you collectively, and each of you individually for your love and support over the years, and for my recent two part (due to COVID) "Roast & Toast". Both events were memorable and ones I will truly treasure the rest of my life, just as I treasure having been your pastor for these many years! We had quite a run!

In particular, the session proclamation, designating me "Pastor Emeritus", and renaming the Fellowship Hall "Biery Hall" are all so very meaningful. Thank you again! All the special touches, including the decorations and the wonderful cake are so appreciated!

I believe our decision to delay the larger gathering with a meal until more could be vaccinated and safely attend was proven wise. What a delicious and appropriate meal it was! And what fun we had! The budding stand-up comics among us, my skits and "shenanigans" mixed in with Carolyn's and Randy's were so enjoyable.

I continue to hear and receive heart-felt notes, cards and letters from so many as well as those that were expressed that day. I will also always enjoy Emily's wonderful painting of me at the church with my "retirement ride". And of course, last but not least, I so greatly appreciate and thank you for the most meaningful retirement check-love gift which will greatly help us in the next chapter of life.

I recently wrote in my bio update for my seminary class reunion how abundantly blessed I was to be able to serve "such a positive, loving and mission-minded church" Indeed, it has truly been a blessing!

Now, I am grateful for Mike's able and faithful leadership during this interim period. I continue to pray for you, worship with you online, and see some of you socially.

As you look to the future, I am sure it will also be bright and that God has good things in store for a "new beginning" at FPCMD just as He did in 1986!

God Bless you all.

With Gratitude and love,

Tom Biery (Pastor Emeritus)



## Discipleship, Education & Nurture

Three **movies** will be shown in June: *Perpetua* on 6/2, *Augustine* 6/16 and *Sargent York* (at 6:00 pm) on 6/30. Two movies shown in July: *Fannie Crosby* (at 6:00 pm) on 7/14 and *Eric Liddell* on 7/28. After *Fannie Crosby*, there will be a "sing-along" with Randy Frieling on piano at 7pm. Movies are at 7:00 pm except for *Sargent York* & *Fanny Crosby* in the multi-purpose room with a light snack provided.

**Sunday school** continues with the Rocknesses leading *Ezra* and *Nehemiah*, about rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. Then starting July 11<sup>th</sup>, Alberto Montes will lead a study based on Ann Lotz's book and videos "Jesus in Me". 8:45am. Multi-Purpose Room.

**Men's Bible Study** continues with the study of *John's Letters*. 8 am. **Multi-purpose Rm.** First and Third Tuesdays of the month. Don Lewis is coordinating (while Berry is absent). 352-385-2662.

**Prayer Time** Zoom only at 9:30am. Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Alberto Montes to participate. [Sunandfun57@gmail.com](mailto:Sunandfun57@gmail.com)

**The Book Nook** - The book discussion will be on *Encounters with Jesus* by Tim Keller. \$10.00 per book. Sign up at the Concierge Desk. We will know before June whether there is enough interest to run this program. Multi-Purpose Room 10 am. June 8, 22 and July 13, 27; August 10, 24.

In His service,

Emily Lewis & Alberto Montes

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

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



**HUNGER IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD** – The Second Harvest Food Bank has determined that in 2020, one in three children in Lake County went to bed hungry. This means that over 19,000 children aren't being fed daily like your children or grandchildren. Now that school is over, these children no longer have the school lunch program. How can we help alleviate hunger? A compassionate way is to support the mission of Lake Cares. They have organized a collection of peanut butter and jelly for the Summer Children's Feeding Program. The peanut butter and jelly you so generously donate will be made part of the meals that are packaged weekly by Lake Cares and given to the school aged children. **We will have baskets inside and outside the concierge door for the month of June.**

If you don't have time to shop, a monetary donation is always greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to the church and marked "**Mission – Peanut Butter & Jelly**".

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE** – Triangle Elementary School will be starting up again August 10 and they need our help. So many of their students cannot afford the supplies they need which leaves the teachers having to supply basic supplies for their students. We will be collecting school supplies for Triangle Elementary School once again beginning in **July**. The following items are needed:

- Crayons –8 or 16 to the box
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- **Blunt** children's scissors
- Pencils
- Erasers – large block or pencil toppers
- Folders – with prongs
- Spiral notebooks – **wide**-ruled
- Loose-leaf notebook paper – **wide**-ruled
- Hand sanitizer – large bottles
- Tissues
- Dry erase markers

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## Membership, Outreach & Fellowship

Enjoy summer fellowship at Coffee Hour in Biery Hall. Coffee Hour will be on June 13, 27 July 11, 25 August 8, 22. It's great to see friends in person again. In the Fall we are looking forward to having more activities. One new event will be involving groups of dinner for 6. More information to follow but it will be a great way to get together, meet new people, share faith, food and fun in a home or at a restaurant. Not a Bible Study, just a time to be yourself,



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



have fun, and enjoy some food. Other events include seeing a play, lunch out, the Apopka Wildlife Drive and a Paddleboat cruise on Lake Dora. If you visit a place this summer and think it would be trip others might enjoy let us know. Gift bags are ready for new faces. Inviting friends to our Church is the best way our Church can grow. Our next meeting is July 13 at 2:00 in the Conference Room. We hope to see you soon.

Blessings to you. Respectively submitted by Nancy Staffieri

## Preschool Ministry



Our 15th preschool year is almost over, the students have learned so much. We are so proud of them. On Saturday, June 5th, we will have separate classroom/grade level graduation ceremonies.

## Music Notes from Randy



This month the Jubilate Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir have been sight-reading a lot of new music in our rehearsals. To stay current in the church music world I get to read piano, organ, choral and handbell music almost every day. I enjoy reading—and I'm sure both choirs would love to read music every day! But at some point, we have to choose and learn the music for worship. This is what takes a lot of our time—constantly reviewing our parts. I am so thankful for everyone who gives up their time to be involved in the music program. I am also thankful to all of you who listen and support music at our church.



## Prayer Concerns

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



### Military & Foreign Service

CPT Adam Albright, Chemical Corp,  
 Ft. Bliss, TX (Lois & Denton  
 Albright's grandson)  
 1LT Dylan Davis (& Jen),  
 Fort Hood, TX  
 (Betty Colby's granddaughter)

There is a new series called Midweek Music on First Presbyterian's Facebook page. Please share this with your friends, relatives and colleagues.

I am already planning music for next year. Keep a Song in Your Heart!  
 Randy

## Property Committee

A very successful workday took place April 17. Twenty members came out to work and accomplished several projects on the grounds and inside the buildings. Co-Chair Barbara Zander organized the operation.



In the kitchen the large refrigerator needed a major part replaced and we are continuing to monitor it to be sure this solved the problem.

Major repairs are needed to the sprinkler and injection irrigation system on the patio. Outside irrigation system also needs near constant oversight and a program is being drafted to take care of this continuing problem.

The complete package of electronic parts that operate the tower chimes suddenly fell off the wall in the balcony. Steve Price came to the rescue and repaired the stressed wiring. Denny Winship will remount the brackets.

Blessings, Bill Robbins and Barbara Zander, Co-Chairs

## Stewardship & Finance

We need to give a big thank you to Fred Lipp and Bob Downer for the work they did in putting in an application for PPP funding. They spent time putting data together and submitted it to the bank. The bank approved our application and funded our request in the amount of \$61,138. It should be noted that part of the funds goes to the preschool and it is all to be used for salaries.



Summer is here and for those of you going north please remember that the church still needs your contributions throughout the summer. Have a great summer and we see you in the fall.

### Financial Results for April 2021

	Financial Results for April	Year to Date
Total Income	\$44,719	\$147,366
Total Expense	\$40,755	\$156,789
Difference	3,964	(\$9.423)

Bill Tuxbury, Stewardship & Finance Committee

## Presbyterian Women

We honor and cherish Fathers with carnation sales for Father's Day (June 19). Look for the insert in the church bulletin.

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

## Military & Foreign Service Continued

MAJ Brad Jones

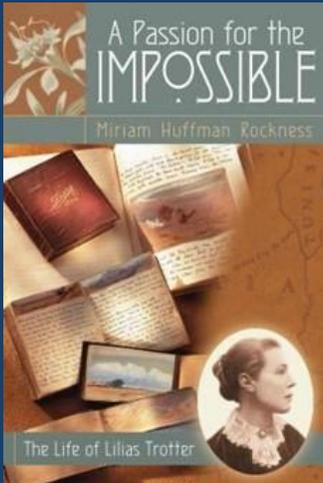
MacDill AFB with Marine Forces  
Central Command

MAJ Margaret Jones, Marine Corps  
Recruiting Station Tampa  
(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)



Please Welcome New  
Members Bob & Mary Jane  
Leon



“A reminder that HE is always with  
us.” – photo by Alberto Montes

(Presbyterian Women continued) Circle groups have been reorganized. If you are newly interested in participating in a Circle group, contact Linda Hezlep.

Dutch Treat Lunches will continue in the summer through August. The lunches will be held at the County Club at 11:30 am on the third Tuesday of the month. We will resume church activities in September beginning with our first lunch Gathering on September 28. In preparation for the Gathering, we will resume CT meetings beginning Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

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

## Library Corner Book Review

Hello! It's your Librarian with another awesome book entitled, *A Passion for The Impossible*, by our dear friend, Miriam Rockness. This book is a biography about a young English woman, Lilius Trotter, who lived and worked as a missionary to the Muslims in North Africa from about 1888 until her death in 1928. Trotter in many ways became the trademark of how to do missions among the Muslims; all from a woman who was deemed not physically fit enough to serve because of the condition of her heart. Trotter wrote many wonderful things throughout her career and many of her best things from her sick bed. The Sevenfold Secret, to help reach the mystical Sufi Muslims, was almost instantly a "best seller". Some of those last works are still being used today. A couple of thoughts; God's timing is not our timing, and He is strong when we are weak. So, we have a lot of talents and experience here in our little church family; who is to say that our best days for His kingdom aren't ahead of us, and not behind?

## Meet A Member!

Alberto Montes is often seen with a camera in his hands. Taking pictures is a favorite pastime. He says, “Photography relaxes me and helps me see better the beauty of God’s creation. I like to go wherever I can get a good picture or two.” He recently went to New Smyrna Beach to take in an “awesome “midnight space launch from Cape Canaveral.

Alberto has mostly lived in Maryland and Georgia, growing up outside Baltimore and later working in an exciting career. His favorite part of his job was working alongside “superb people from different backgrounds.” The unique energy and talent of his team of coworkers he says, “Helped me see why so many winning sports teams don’t repeat, because the combination and chemistry are hard to duplicate from year to year... a lesson to any group, I think.”

What brought Alberto to Mount Dora after retirement? He recalls, “We moved here because we had family nearby and my in-laws were living with us at the time.” Since joining the church in 2018, Alberto has come to appreciate the openness, understanding, and caring of the people in our church. He says, “Jesus and John the Apostle stress that we love each other. The Church is how the world knows we love God...the more different we are, the more of a challenge it is, but that’s how we grow in Christ and grow in our understanding of Him and His love for us.

“Among other things, Alberto serves as church Librarian, helps choose the movies for movie night, Co-Chairs the Education Committee, and enjoys engaging people in friendly conversation. Sometime, if you happen to be visiting with him, ask him what a “Topeka-Rican” is.