

Good News

For the People of
First Presbyterian Church
Mount Dora, Florida

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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
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LEGEND – BH Biery Hall, S Sanctuary, L Library, C Chapel, MP Multipurpose Room downstairs, LS Lakeside, CR Conference Room

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appointment.*

Randy Frieling, Director of Music &
Worship Arts

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

Barbara Grace, Administrative
Assistant

Mon-Fri 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sandy Lacher Assistant Secretary
Wed & Fri 9:00 am - Noon

Denise Jonnet, Accountant
Tue/Wed afternoon

Reception Volunteers

Linda Wise

Margaret Newlan

Ginger Adams

From the Pastor's Desk

After a long, hot summer, the sound of October is welcomed. We are hoping for cooler nights and more pleasant days to enjoy Florida life.

October is also welcomed at the church. Changes are coming...

We begin with **World Communion Day** on the third. This is the day we celebrate communion with other Christians around the world. We join Christians from lands where they are persecuted for their beliefs and yet they continue to be faithful. We join Christians from the traditions of European style, of Asian style and even with those down the street whose worship style is different than ours. We are all Christians and we worship the Lord God Jehovah at the table of Jesus Christ.

On the tenth we go back to the **two services** so many have asked for. The earlier service we call "The Well" begins at 9:00 a.m. We will be gathering in Biery Hall for a casual style of worship with contemporary music that appeals to so many and will be welcomed by those preferring that style. Then, at 11:00 a.m. we will begin the traditional worship. For over the past year we have been having the combined worship with both styles of music, the formal worship service will be a little more structured.

Sunday the tenth we will call "**Kickoff Sunday**" to fit with the season. We begin with both services and will remind all worshippers of the importance of volunteering to find a place of service. Most of the session committees need help. This will be your opportunity to find out where you can fit in to serve the Lord in your church.

The end of October finds us meeting on the 31st, traditionally Halloween. But, for us we will be reminded that this is the day that began the **Reformation** of the 16th century. We will focus on the basic theology that makes us unique. So, as you can see, the pleasant days of October will also bring changes for our church services. I hope each of you will prayerfully consider where you can find a spot to increase your involvement with this wonderful church and share your joy to others.

In love, HIS and mine, Mike

Music Notes from Randy

August was a great month to meet hymn writers, to hear their stories, and to sing their songs. After listening to your singing, I believe more of you should join the choir. We meet Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.



Get ready for our Ragtime Concert on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please invite your friends to listen to our Ragtime Band - John Lowe, Nicole Equerme, Cliff Shooker and Kasey Titkemeyer. We are very lucky to have such talented musicians. The concert **MIGHT EVEN** contain a joke or two...

Keep a Song in Your Heart! Randy

Membership, Outreach & Fellowship

Fall has finally arrived and many snowbirds have returned. Welcome back. We are very excited to announce that we have 10 new members that have joined our Church. On Sept 19 we welcomed them into our congregation and on Oct. 24 we will have a Coffee Hour after the 11 o'clock service to meet and welcome new members.

The second week of October we return to two services and we will have Coffee Hour every week at both services.



New member Meet & Greet on Sept 12

So please get a friend and offer to host a coffee hour. Make it simple and we will have someone there to make coffee.

We have a trip planned for October 28. We will be going to the Deland Airport for lunch and to watch sky divers. Please sign up at the Concierge desk. As always, we would love to have new people on our committee. Come and share new ideas.

Blessings, Ann Prince, Betty Lipp and Nancy Stafferi



(352) 735-2227

Ages 3-5

Amy Gustafson

Preschool Director

Available M-F

8:00 am – 3:00 pm



Prayer Concerns

Gayle Barnes (friend of the Bierys)

Tom & Bryan Biery

John Birmingham (Diane Madson's brother)

Warner Brown (Bridgewater)

Carie Casselberry (Judi Carlsen's sister)

Richard Dennis

Barbara Douglas (friend of Carolyn Cutler)

David Gray

Betty Greeley

Lucille Piper

Harry Phillips

Nancy Staffieri

Matt Tuhey (Illinois)

Susan Turner

Joy Wilund

Joyce Whitbeck

Melissa Yelvington

Dave Zander (Barbara's cousin)

Stewardship & Finance

Best Wishes to Bill and Elise Tuxbury

Bill Tuxbury has been an elder and co-chaired our Stewardship & Finance committee for several years, in faithful service to our church. Bill and Elise moved on September 1 to Birmingham to be closer to their daughters (Birmingham and Atlanta). We thank them for the years of love they have brought to our community and pray for their well-being and happiness in their new life!



Stewardship

Stewardship season is coming in November. 2021-22 is an important time for our church – one of growth, a new dawn and new leadership. Next month's newsletter will have more details on the 2022 campaign.

Bob Downer, Chair – S&F committee

Property Committee

- The fire and burglar alarm systems are being replaced with a new monitoring system which uses FM radio rather than cellular. The old was constantly giving false alarms due to momentary interruption of power to the building. Our new system will save us \$4,200 per year.
- The kitchen dish sanitizer hasn't worked in years and has been removed.
- The porte cochere project is getting ready to start soon. All approvals from City of Mount Dora have been granted. (Alan Cheek has been working on this for over 3 years!)
- The memory garden is looking better, more plans are in process to enlarge the area and replace older plants.

Preschool Ministry News

Arrrrr Mateys! Our preschool was invaded by Pirates! I must say that they were very cute pirates. This month is jam packed with fun themes and activities. We have community helpers coming for an in-house field trip. We will have the Fire Department, Police Department and even doctors coming to talk to the students about safety, having a fire-safe spot at home and about good health.

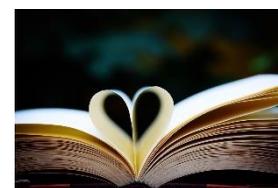
Together with our wonderful parents we are doing our very best to keep sickness out of our preschool. Please continue to pray for us to stay healthy and have a wonderful school year!

Grace and Blessings, Ms. Amy Gustafson



Discipleship, Education & Nurture

Sunday school will be showing *The Chosen*, season one, the story of Jesus Christ, digging deeper into the lives and context of the people and events of the gospels. Meet Jesus, Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and Matthew. Each week will air one episode. Class begins with discussion, including thought-provoking questions to watch for during the show. Because of the length of each episode, we will start earlier at 9:50 am. and end by 10:50 am., so that anyone can make it to the 2nd service afterwards.



Men's Bible Study of *Joshua* will be on the first and third Tuesdays of the month 8:00 am. Berry Long coordinates: (407) 257-7807. Books are available at the Concierge Desk for \$10.00.

Prayer Time Zoom will be at 9:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Alberto Montes to participate, Sunandfun57@gmail.com **Please note the new time!**

Presbyterian Women

Welcome to Fall! As many of our snowbirds are returning, many of our events will start to return to a more normal feel! We always miss their company and good ideas!

We hope to continue with Dutch Treat lunches - the third Tuesday of each month. This follows the CT meeting. We will continue going to the Country Club until attendance is better. I hope we will have volunteers to continue the tradition and sign up for the restaurant of your choice!



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



Military & Foreign Service

CPT Adam Albright, Chemical Corp,
 Ft. Bliss, TX (Lois & Denton Albright's grandson)
 ILT Dylan Davis (& Jen), Fort Hood, TX
 (Betty Colby's granddaughter)
 MAJ Brad Jones
 MacDill AFB with Marine Forces Central Command
 MAJ Margaret Jones, Marine Corps Recruiting Station Tampa
 (Ginger & Joe Adams's 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)



When Nick and I joined the church, we knew very quickly that we had chosen something very special. Now I know it for certain. We had such support during the years we have been with all of you. The last few months we have felt so loved and cared for. Everyday cards and letters arrived and Nick and I both wanted to see and hear every one of them. The girls and I made sure he did.

I cannot thank you enough for all the love and care you have given to this family. Our children and grandchildren have recognized your love and I feel sure that they will pass it on someday. That will bring joy to me. Thanks again for all you have done to help us through this trying time.

Pat Nichols and Family

Presbyterian Women continued

The Gathering was well attended. The food and decorations were wonderful! Thank you to Naomi and Martha circles for all your hard work. Demonstrations for gorgeous wreath-and jewelry-making were well received. If you have ideas for future programs, please contact Marti Downer or me.

Next year, we will be losing our treasurer, Bunny Wadell. Please consider stepping up to help our group thrive! Bunny will train you and offer assistance when needed! We are also hoping to find a co-moderator to work with Marti



Downer. This is a wonderful group to work with. Don't be bashful!

Please take time to look at the scrapbooks made by Jan Kolb, our new historian. They are in Biery Hall above the Library cart They are so special and really over the top!

Thank you, Jan.

Many blessings, Linda Hezlep, PW moderator

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

PAPER DRIVE Thanks so much for all your wonderful donations of paper supplies! The food banks and Open Door will be so grateful to receive your generous gifts!

NEWS FROM TETE Sebber is doing well. Her son Adam is home doing online college classes. Her daughter Nancy is attending college in Zambia. Sebber is also in Zambia for some nursing recertification. Covid cases are expanding ... please pray for the safety of Sebber's family.

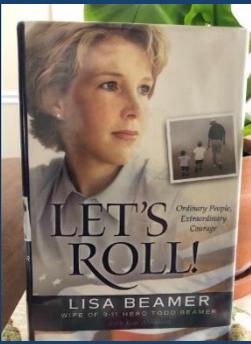
The pandemic has prevented operating at full speed with the Holistic Evangelism Project, but we have been able to accomplish quite a bit, including building a manse for a church and building toilet blocks at two schools in rural areas. We resumed leadership training in March and provided masks, soap, sanitizer, and hand washing machines at the training center and also at some schools and churches. This training was going well and we were having larger than usual attendance, but there has been a resurgence of the virus and the government announced that groups should discontinue gathering, including schools and churches. Our preferred Malawi driller has not been allowed to cross into Tete Province, but Sebber found a driller in Tete who agreed to drill some wells for us this year. 5 wells have been completed, and we plan to drill 4 more. The need is so great, and the gift of clean, living water is a dream come true for these villages. Think of the happiness and relief felt by the women and girls who will not have to walk so far now to fetch water. Your support helps to make all of this work possible, and it is greatly appreciated! Please pray that the people in Tete Province will be spared the effects of this pandemic and that life will return to normal for them.

Meet A Member!

Don and Emily Lewis both grew up in Ohio. They both came from large families and, after marrying, lived and worked in Toledo and Cincinnati. Emily worked as a graphic designer. Don taught geography at the University of Toledo, then took early retirement to work at his avocation, rental real estate. They owned and



managed several apartment buildings in Toledo. In 2000, as snowbirds, they moved to a winter home in Mount Dora, attracted by its festivals and variety of activities. As Sunday morning walkers, they would pass by First Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora, and one day a church member literally "hooked" them into the sanctuary from the sidewalk. Emily knew other church members through the Center for the Arts, where they all volunteered as gallery sitters. In 2008, Don and Emily moved permanently to the area. Don loves to read and watch Big 10 football. They enjoy having their daughter, Barbara Grace, and son, John, living close by. In her retirement, Emily finally got time to paint, and she keeps an art studio in Mount Dora. For 15 years, Emily and Don have felt devoted to First Presbyterian Church. They both have worked as deacons and elders. Don is an active member of Men's Bible Study and Emily is in Presbyterian Women. They consider First Presbyterian as home and love the fellowship and deeper faith walk it has provided.



We'll be starting up our monthly **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** in October and it will be **Saturday, October 9th, 2021, at 8:30 am.** It will be at the Country Club of Mount Dora Club House and the price will be **\$10.00.**



Dear Friends,
I want to thank so many of you for your prayers, well wishes and expressions of love and support with my recent hospitalizations and recovery. Time and two upcoming follow-ups with the doctors will tell. As I write this, I am feeling better and hopeful of a full recovery! Apparently, I can't handle the "stress" of retirement! I worship with you on-line and appreciate Mike's ministry and pray for you as God continues to bless First Presbyterian Mount Dora!

Gratefully, Yours in Christ,
Tom Biery



CHURCH CUSTODIAN NEEDED

General church maintenance for 12 hrs/week
Contact Barbara Zander for more information,
Brandyz123@aol.com or
407-491-3313

The Librarian's Corner

This past September 11th marked 20 years since the American tragedy of 9-11. To commemorate this day, the book *Let's Roll! Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage* by Lisa Beamer is the featured book this month. Lisa is the wife of 9-11 hero Todd Beamer. Todd and other brave passengers on the ill-fated United Flight 93 attempted to recapture the hijacked plane that may have been headed to the White House. Instead, it crashed in an open field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, taking the lives of everyone on board. It is a story of courage, faith, tragedy and hope. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil..." (23rd Psalm).

Your friend, Maryann Severino

Welcome

The Session met on Sunday, morning September 19 for the purpose of receiving new members. We are delighted to introduce the following new family members.

Judi Carlsen joins us by Affirmation of Faith. She is a new resident, living in Hunter's Green in Mount Dora.

Linda Edwards also has been attending for some time. She is transferring her membership from First Presbyterian of Eustis. Having previously served as an Elder, Linda is retired and living off Old Eustis Rd. in Mount Dora

Rebecca and Cliff Elsperman live on Veranda Way in Mount Dora and are new residents. Rebecca is joining by transfer of membership from Bon Air Presbyterian of Richmond, VA where she previously served as an Elder. Cliff is joining by Profession of Faith.

Christine Gartner is transferring her membership along with her sister Mary Nolte. She has been living in the area for some time and is transferring from First Presbyterian of Eustis. She has been active in her church. She lives on Abaco Drive in Tavares.

Jan Kolb has been active in some of the church's activities for some time. In fact, she is helping research some of the history of the church. Jan is transferring her membership from Great Bridge Presbyterian Church of Chesapeake, VA. She and her husband live on Deer Island.

Mary Nolte, Christine's sister is a retired teacher. She and her husband live on Orchid Way in Howey In The Hills. Mary is joining by transfer of membership from First Church of Eustis.

Hilda and Robert Oliva have been worshipping with us for several months. These natives of Cuba are joining us by Reaffirmation of Faith. They live on Suzanne Drive in Mount Dora.

Ed Payntor is a familiar face around the church since he has been in our choir for some time. He lives on Morningside Drive in Mount Dora. Ed is transferring from Central Christian Church in Anderson, Indiana.

What a joy to welcome these folks. Please get to know them in the days ahead.

Roving Pirates

It was a relatively quiet Friday at the Church office when there was a distant rumble from down the hall that quickly grew into a series of growls. It sounded like a crew of pirates: "ahrrrrrg, ahrrrrrg, grrrrr." It really was a band of pirates...from the church preschool! They were decked out in bandanas, tattered shirts, cardboard swords, and they were having their way with us. One of the bolder ones came into the doorway of Barbara Grace's office and gave his fiercest growl: "grrrrrrr." A few minutes later, thinking better of his performance, he reappeared and with a straight face explained, "We're not real pirates."



MUSIC ARTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MOUNT DORA

2021-2022

All are Welcome, free admission

October

Ragtime

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

19

A night of Ragtime featuring works of Scott Joplin, Zez Confrey and others. Featuring the Well Band with Randy Frieling, Kasey Titkemeyer, John Lowe, Nicole Equerme and Cliff Shooker.



November

Hope and Healing

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

30

A Winter Service of Reflection and Devotion. This service of music, scripture and prayer brings light into the darkness and offers hope to all.



December

Christmas Concert

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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Christmas at First Presbyterian featuring the Chancel Choir, Jubilate Handbell Choir, and Soloists to put you in the festive mood.



December

Christmas Eve

Friday at 7:00 p.m.

24

Christmas Eve is a special time for all. We celebrate with a Service of Lessons and Carols with the Chancel Choir and the Orlando Brass. The Service ends with Silent Night and candlelight.



February

Piano & Organ

Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

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Pianist Randy Frieling and Organist Herb Buffington featuring Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Fun for the whole family!



March

Handbell Festival

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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Handbell Festival featuring area handbell choirs. Fun, joyous ringing of favorite music.



April

Maundy Thursday

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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Maundy Thursday is a service of darkness before the light, featuring readings with characters from the cross and music by the Chancel Choir.



April

Easter

Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 pm

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Alleluia! He Is Risen! Two special Easter Services. Featuring the Orlando Brass at 9:00 a.m. and the Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m.



April

Spring Concert

Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

24

An afternoon of music with the Chancel Choir, Jubilate Handbell Choir and Soloists. Featuring Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*.



May

Music of the Church

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

17

Music of the Church featuring Tiffany Coburn, Janelle Woodyard, Kasey Titkemeyer and Randy Frieling. A night of new and old favorite songs.



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