

Good News

For the People of
First Presbyterian Church
Mount Dora, Florida

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora
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January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 5¢ a Meal 9:00 am The Well Service-BH 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School-MP 11:00 am Worship-S Please stay to put away decorations	3 Preschool holiday & teacher workday 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study-MP 10:00 am DEN-CR	5 10:10 am Preschool Chapel-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 2:45 new Deacons-BH 3:30 pm Deacons- BH No choir practices	6 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	7	8 8:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast-MDCC 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Officer Training - MP
9 Baptism of the Lord 9:00 am The Well Service-BH 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School-MP 11:00 am Worship-S Coffee Hour-BH	10 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	11 1:00 pm A & P-MP 2:00 pm MOF-CR 3:00 pm Stewardship & Finance-MP 5:00 pm Mission-MP	12 10:10 am Preschool Chapel-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30-5:45 pm Hand Bells-S 7:00-8:30 pm Choir-C	13 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	14	15
16 9:00 am The Well Service-BH 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School-MP 11:00 am Worship-S Coffee Hour-BH	17 Preschool holiday MLK Day 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 1:30 pm Preschool Board-Library 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	18 8:00 am Men's Bible Study-MP 9:30 am CT Mtg.-BH 11:30 am PW Dutch Treat Lunch-MDCC 4:00 pm Stated Session Meeting-- Examination of Officers	19 11:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30-5:45 pm Hand Bells-S 7:00-8:30 pm Choir-C	20 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	21	22
23 9:00 am The Well Service-BH 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School-MP 11:00 am Worship with Installation of officers-S Coffee Hour-BH	24 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	25 9:30 am PW Circles	26 10:10 am Preschool Chapel-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 4:30-5:45 pm Hand Bells-S 7:00-8:30 pm Choir-C 7:00 pm Movie, "The Christmas Candle" - MP	27 9:00 am Prayer Time-Zoom 11:30 am Fellowship Lunch 7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	28	29 34th Annual Gathering of PW in CFP via Zoom

LEGEND - BH Biery Hall, S Sanctuary, L Library, C Chapel, MP Multipurpose Room downstairs, LS Lakeside, CR Conference Room

Save the date: Sunday, February 6 - Annual Meeting after 10:00 am Combined Service

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Office Hours

M-F 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Office Staff & Schedule

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

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

Ginger Adams

Margaret Newlan

Linda Edwards

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends:

The month of January is named for the ancient god Janus, who supposedly had two faces, one that looked forward and the other who looked into the past.

That's pretty close to where we are today. We are just starting to clean up after Christmas while we look to the plans for the new year.

We have had a fabulous advent and Christmas with so many joining for the special worship services. We are so grateful for those who worked so hard to make this year special. The choir, the bell choir, the musicians, and the soloists all did a fabulous job. I am so grateful to the staff who worked hard to make the season so meaningful and enjoyable.

Others are to be thanked for their part: those who provided food for our fellowship event, those who purchased Christmas decorations and flowers, those who decorated...on and on, so many did so much and all of us are grateful for your work and for making the holiday season so meaningful.

Personally, I want to thank you for so many greetings and expressions to Anne and to me for a happy Christmas, and for the gifts and thoughtful words. You are a delightful church family

Now comes our new challenge. The new year is full of opportunities and challenges. We all look forward with a renewed sense of hope. "Things will change for the better," we wish. We all look forward to the end of the pandemic, to a more peaceful exchange between our political leaders, we anticipate that inflation will settle down, we want the enemies of our nation to cease arming themselves and come to the table for future peace, and we look for the homeless to be housed, the hungry to be filled, the suffering to be healed.

Like the meaningless wishes over a birthday candle, we have blind hopes and wishes, but, maybe it is really not meaningless. If we all did our part the world would be better. We can begin by working toward peace between ourselves, we can bring peace when we express kindness and love for those with whom we have disagreements or recover after our feelings are bruised. We are God's people of love, let us, this year, seek to exercise points of love to others, our friends, our neighbors, to strangers and especially to our families.

We look forward with hope and a renewed commitment, but we do it by responding to the beautiful Christmas message of God's love that came down at Christmas.

In love, HIS and mine, Mike

Property Committee

As yet another year draws to a close, we are grateful for our beautiful church the Lord has provided us through the generosity of our congregation. We had many obstacles to overcome this year; replaced four out of ten air conditioners; ordered a new ice maker; and in an effort to cut costs we changed our lawn care service and exterior pest control; addressed thermostat issues; added handrails to the Pastors pulpit; hired a new Building Manager and church custodian; and the list goes on. Projected for the New Year will be replacement of the remaining air conditioners, construction of the porte cochere, roof and column repairs, and parking lot repairs. We thank our committee for all their efforts in continuing to maintain and beautify our church, and wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Blessings, Bill Robbins and Barbara Zander, Property Co-chairs

Stewardship & Finance

May the Lord be with us all in this time of new beginnings as Church Family. May the Lord be with you & yours in 2022 bringing Happiness, Health, & Prosperity.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11

Financial Results thru November 2021

	Year to Date 2021
Operating Income	\$378,265
Operating Expenses	\$371,048
Difference	\$7,217

We also benefited from a federal Payroll Protection Plan loan for 2021 to help the church in these times of pandemic issues and transition of pastors.

Bob Downer, Chair, Stewardship and Finance Committee





(352) 735-2227

Ages 3-5

Amy Gustafson

Preschool Director

Available M-F

8:00 am – 3:00 pm



Angel watching over a Shepherd



Prayer Concerns

Lois & Denton Albright

Gayle Barnes (friend of the Bierys)

Bryan Biery

John Birmingham (Diane Madson's brother)

Nancy Brundage (Linda Ash's mother)

Lynsie Cantwell Conn

Carie Casselberry (Judi Carlsen's sister)

Richard Dennis

Amanda Gray

Betty Greeley

Harry Phillips

Nancy Staffieri

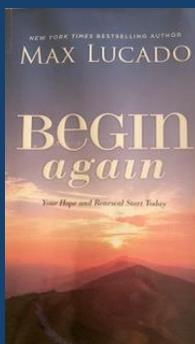
Matt Tuhey (Illinois)

Susan Turner

Joy Wilund

Joyce Whitbeck

Melissa Yelvington



Discipleship, Education & Nurture

Sunday school on January 2nd we begin two separate Ray Vander Lann series entitled, "Promised Land" and "Prophets and Kings". We will see how God's chosen people settle into the Promised Land and influence the rest of the world. Our understanding of God's word will deepen and grow through the study of the people and events of the Bible in their geographical, historical and cultural contexts. Each lesson is independent.



We hope you can join us for these lessons led by Ray Vander Laan, whose enthusiasm for the Bible is joyful and extremely contagious! --- Berry Long

Men's Bible Study on *Joshua* on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 8 am. Berry Long coordinates (407) 257-7807.

Prayer Time Zoom at 9:00am. Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Alberto Montes to participate: sunandfun57@gmail.com.

The movie "The Christmas Candle" will be at 7pm. on Wednesday, January 26th in the MP room. Light snack provided.

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

The Alternative Christmas Market was a **huge** success, thanks to so many of you! At last count, we took in over \$25,000! Many folks who purchased gifts in honor of loved ones expressed great satisfaction with this alternative way of giving. Every ministry rep we talked to was so grateful to be there and some said it was the highlight of the year for them. It all happened thanks to your extreme generosity and your interest and support of these precious ministries. Special thanks to Ann Prince for once again providing a delicious "snack" and special thanks to Randy Frieling for his beautiful piano playing. Thanks to the Presbyterian Women for their partnership with a delicious Mission Bakery. Thanks to the members of the Mission Committee who worked hard to make it a success. Many more thanks to those of you who helped who are not even on the committee! And most especially, thanks to all of you who purchased gifts for the ministries. You have shown once again that our congregation is a loving, caring, giving congregation!

Presbyterian Women

This was such a busy time of year, with everyone is making plans with family and friends, shopping, cooking, and traveling. It was easy to become distracted and forget the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus.



The Gathering was well attended. The homemade salads and goodies were fantastic! The program with Randy Frieling and Amy Becker was very special. The Lord works in many ways. Amy's story was very moving.

The Alternative Christmas Market and bake sale were a big success. Mary Magnusson wants to send out a big "thank you" to the women who baked and cooked for this mission. We all look forward to it every year and it would not be possible without many hands making for light work!

Thank you to Randy Frieling for making our church a music paradise. The special music for each service, the Men's Breakfast, the Gathering and the Christmas Concert on Dec. 15 were all heavenly!

In January we resume normal activities. CT will meet Jan. 18 at 9:30 am. Bible study Circles will meet Jan. 23 at 9:30 am. Please join us!

Stay safe and Happy New Year!

Linda Hezlep, Moderator

The Librarian's Corner

Happy New Year! The holidays are sweetly fading into our memories; and now, because we are human, we approach the new year with guilty resolve. It is 2022, and we will finally... (fill in the blank). In this month's recommendation, Max Lucado, Christian author of over 100 books, offers a way forward. The title of his book is *Begin Again, Your Hope and Renewal Start Today*. In it, he recounts personal stories meant to encourage us to trust God and rely on Him for guidance. God is a God of fresh starts. No matter what the goals are for the new year, we can ask Him to help us along the path. *I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal.* - Philippians 3:13-14. This book received a 5-star rating on Amazon and is available at the W. T. Bland library.

Your friend, Maryann Severino



The Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday, January 8th at 8:30 am at the MD Country Club. Price is \$10.00. Please contact John Sullivan by 1/5 at 352-383-2100 or daisydogi@aol.com



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)



Preschool Ministry News

Our 16th Annual Christmas Concert was a success! The Children did a fantastic job sharing their angelic voices with us all. We are so proud of them! A special thanks to Ms. Kathy Allen, Mr. Randy Frieling and Mr. John Lowe for working so hard to help get the children ready to perform.

After the concert we had cookies and milk with the man with the big red suit. Yes, Santa himself came to spread some Christmas cheer! The children were all so excited to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Thank you, Santa (aka Mr. Denny) for taking time out of your busy schedule to come and spend time with us.

The teachers have been working hard helping the kiddos make Christmas goodies for their families. We are looking forward to spending time with our families over the holiday break and hope that all of our preschool families do the same.

Wishing you all the Happiest New Year! Grace and Blessings, Ms. Amy Gustafson

Music Notes from Randy

A new year-2022. Out with the old, in with the new. Out with all of the old music from this semester and in with all of the new music for next semester (I say 'semester' so the choirs think they are still in school.). We have an exciting new year planned, so mark your calendars.



Sunday, February 13 at 3:00 pm: Herb Buffington, organist and Randy Frieling, pianist. This will act as the pre-show for your Superbowl Parties!

Saturday, March 5 at 3:00 pm: Handbell Festival Concert.

Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm: Spring at First Presbyterian. This concert will feature the Chancel Choir, the Jubilate Handbell Choir and Soloists.

Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm: Music of the Church featuring Tiffany Coburn (Voices of Liberty), Janelle Woodyard., Kasey Titkemeyer and Randy Frieling.

So please mark your calendars for our 'new' concerts. 2022 will be a great year! Keep a Song in Your Heart! Randy

Membership, Outreach & Fellowship

Happy New Year Church Family. May we see the end of the pandemic this year. This is a perfect time to join a new committee. We would love to have new people come and share ideas for Fellowship and Outreach. We also need hosts for Coffee Hour. Ask a friend to host with you. Sign up at the Concierge desk for Coffee hour and a trip to the Boondocks for lunch on January 27. We will meet at church at 11:30 am and caravan to Howey in the Hills for lunch. This is a good way for new members to meet people in a casual setting.

Wishing everyone a Blessed New Year.

Blessings, Betty Lipp and Ann Prince co-chairs MOF

Meet A Member!

Hello, I'm Jan Grieco. First of all, I'm from Northeastern Pa., but moved to Pittsburgh in the late 60's to be a Flight Attendant for Allegheny Airlines. After a 25-year career, I retired when the airline was USAIRWAYS. I met my husband David, who was a captain with the airline, and we were married 42 years before he passed away in 2019. At the time of our retirement, we owned and operated a 150-acre beef cattle farm, and a small mobile home park. I stayed on the farm for a year after the death of David and decided I needed to be around family. I have a brother and his family who live in Deland, and they encouraged me to move. About a year ago, I told the neighboring farmer and his wife that I was planning on selling. A week later, they brought their attorney and we sat at the kitchen table and worked out a deal. The first of January 2021, we had the closing and I started packing and downsizing.

Mount Dora looked like a special place, so I put a down payment on the Lakeside at Waterman, and plan on moving in July 2022. I presently rent in the Mount Dora area.

This church was the very first church I visited, and I knew from the start I felt a connection. The friendly people are over the top and caring. I have joined the choir (Randy makes me laugh), PWV, and became a member in November. It is important to me to have a church family and a place to go to continue my spiritual journey.