

# First NEWS T

First Presbyterian Church—Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ!

November 2017

## Be a G.I.F.T. to Others

*Growing in Faith Together*

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

II Corinthians 9:6-7

Time is consistent by its very nature, yet it seems as though time is flying by. The year 2017 is spinning toward its conclusion. With it comes those year-end celebrations; Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving offers us the opportunity to receive the “gift” of a harvest bounty. Christmas affords us the opportunity to give good “gifts” to each other through our kindness and affections.

Another year-end experience for many Christians is the year-end generosity campaign. This season is when the church raises awareness of its needs for the coming ministry year. This year at First Presbyterian Church our 2018 Generosity Campaign is simple and powerful. First Presbyterian Church is so thankful for the historic generosity of its members and friends. Having acknowledged this appreciation, a new year of ministry opportunities await.

The theme for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign is “G.I.F.T.”; Growing in Faith Together. The theme acknowledges that we are a “faith family” and that we support each other through the use of our time, talents and treasures. A family is committed together in good times and bad, in times of agreement and disagreement, when decisions are correct and when things need correcting. Families are focused on the well-being of its members. Thus, like an individual family, the church “Grows in Faith Together”.

During the first three weeks of November, you will be asked to prayerfully discern your personal and financial commitment to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach. You will receive a package sharing with you our hopes and dreams for ministry in 2018. The active officers are being asked to bring their “Estimate of Giving” Cards forward to place on the communion table on Sunday, November 5, as a visual symbol of their commitment to the church. Our members and friends will be given that opportunity on the following Sunday, November 12, during each worship service.

Your G.I.F.T. matters. Remember the boy who shared five loaves and two fish? It was a small gift in terms of value, yet the results were miraculous! The Apostle Paul reminds us, “Each of you must give as you have decided in your heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Please pray for our church and help us to realize the “G.I.F.T.” that is within us all!

Tim



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The first Sunday of each month is Communion.

The second Sunday is our 2¢ a meal offering.

8:00a.m. - Worship in the Chapel

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

9:10a.m. - Children's Sunday School (concurrent with Worship)

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

November 5, 2017

**"Humbled to Serve"**

Rev. C Michael York

Matthew 23:1-12

November 12, 2017

**"Sharing the Borders"**

Dr. Tim Womack

Leviticus 19: 9-10

November 19, 2017

**"When Gifts Are Undeserved"**

Dr. Tim Womack

Luke 17:11-19

November 23, 2017—Thanksgiving Day, 10am

**"The Joy of Thanks-Giving "**

Rev. C. Michael York

Psalms 126

November 26, 2017

**"On Whose Authority "**

Dr. Tim Womack

Ephesians 1:15-23

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Our Birthday Celebration Dinner kicks off the new season of our Wednesday Night Dinner schedule. Below are the delicious dinners that chef Terri Walters will be serving:



11/1 Hosted by Presbyterian Women

Salad Bar, Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,  
California Blend Veggies  
Birthday Cake

11/08 Hosted by Mission & Social Concerns

Fish Fry, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Mixed Veggies  
Ice Cream Bar – Make Your Own Sunday

11/15 Hosted by The Deacons

Baked Ham with Pineapple Slices, Sweet Potato  
Casserole, Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie with  
Whipped Cream Topping

11/22 No Dinner—HAPPY THANKSGIVING

11/29 Hosted by Church Life

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Tater Tots  
Lemon Cake



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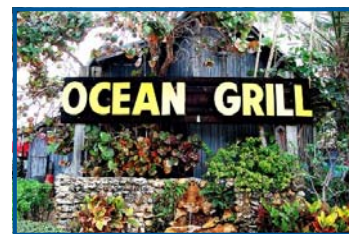
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Need one? Get one, wear one! Call or stop by the church office so we can get you a nametag.

## Older Adult Ministry

### MEET & GREET LUNCH

Join us for a holiday lunch, at the “round table” in the historic Ocean Grill restaurant, on Tuesday, November 28 at 12:00pm. You will enjoy great food and fellowship, along with the ambiance of one of Vero’s top restaurants! For reservations contact Anne Adams



### SHARED GRIEF LUNCHEON

Getting through the holiday season, without your loved one, is always challenging. But, you don’t have to walk through it alone. Join us for lunch on Monday, November 27 in ET Smith Lounge at Noon. Susan Long, our Faith community Nurse, will give you some tips on a variety of subjects to help you cope during the holiday season. Contact Anne Adams to reserve your spot. All are welcome...bring a friend!

## Children & Family Ministry

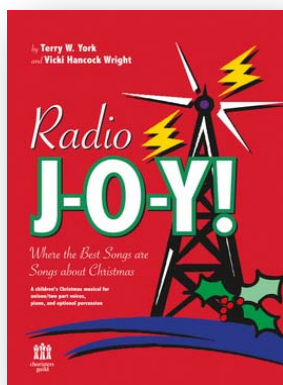
### CHRISTMAS PARADE!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2, and meet us for the annual Vero Beach Christmas Parade! Hot chocolate and holiday treats will be enjoyed as we fellowship with our Church Family. We will gather at 4:30pm at our usual spot....across the street from the VB Hotel & Spa. If you are planning to attend or volunteer for this fun event, contact Anne Adams.

### ICE @ THE GAYLORD PALMS



Plan on joining us on Thursday, December 21, as we travel to Orlando to see “ICE” at The Gaylord Palms Hotel. This year’s theme, “Christmas Around The World”, is depicted within two million pounds of carved ice sculptures. Immediately following we will enjoy “The Cirque Show”, a holiday themed aerial acrobatics performance, in the Atrium of the hotel. Your cost includes admission into ICE: Seniors \$21, Adults \$24, Children/Youth \$10 and Toddlers under 4 years of age are free! Lunch and shopping, in the dozens of shops and restaurants in the Gaylord Palms, is on your own. We will depart at 9:00am and return around 5:00pm. To reserve your spot contact Anne Adams by December 10.



### CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Don’t miss out! Mark your calendar for December 10th at 6pm as the children of First Presbyterian Church present this year’s Christmas Pageant, Radio J-O-Y, where the best songs are songs about Christmas! Join us in McAfee Hall for this special event and be sure to stay for an ice cream social afterwards!





### CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

One challenge caregivers frequently experience is trying to do it all and do it all alone! If you are a caregiver, we would like to invite you to join us on Monday, November 6, at 10:30am in E.T. Smith Lounge. Led by Susan Long, our Faith Community Nurse, this group is designed to help caregivers reduce stress and deal with emotions such as anger, guilt and depression. For more information and registration please contact Anne Adams. We plan to meet monthly!

### NURSE'S NOTE

Happy Fall! Office hours for November will be every Thursday from 11 AM to 1 PM in the Heritage Room just off the library located in the Geitz Music Suite, except on Thanksgiving. Please stop by or call for an appointment time at 386-847-6435. I will be checking blood pressures, as well as being available for a chat.



### DIABETES HEAD TO TOE

The Faith Community Nurse, Florida Eye Institute, and A Healthier Me are partnering to bring you a seminar on November 17 from 9 AM to 2 PM featuring a panel of three physicians discussing “Diabetes from Head to Toe.” Special presentations will include “A Perfect Plate: Downsizing in an Oversized Food World,” a food prep demonstration and, perhaps even a Zumba demo. This will all take place in McAfee Hall and will include screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, vision, and blood sugars. The VNA mobile clinic bus and Alzheimer’s/Parkinson Virtual Dementia Tour bus will also be on site. This event is open to the public! Lunch will be provided. See you there!!



### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

Here at First Presbyterian Preschool we are looking forward to November! We will be celebrating an early Father’s Day on Friday, November 3rd. Donuts with Dad is always a fun time and our students love creating fun crafts to show their dads how special they are! Thanksgiving will play a big part in our school life in November. We have so much to be thankful for! From our Preschool family to yours, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



## ANGEL TREE NEWS - MORE WAYS TO SPREAD THE LOVE!

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Luke 2:10). We need all the people of 1st Pres. to help spread great joy that we, as Christians experience as a result of Jesus’ birth! There are numerous ways to partake in sharing God’s love.



When the Angel Tree is rolled out before the congregation on November 19th, it'll be full with new tags and ornaments!

- 1) Angels will be hung on the tree that will represent a gift for a child in need (Salvation Army/Samaritan Center) or a resident (Grace Rehab/Palm Gardens/Meals on Wheels recipients)
- 2) Fish will be hung on the tree to support self sufficiency for individuals who might need some support throughout the year. Examples include: gift cards for gas for an individual who is looking for a job, gift card to Walmart, target, payless for an interview outfit or work attire (Samaritan Center and Salvation Army), this may also include gift certificates for safety items or fire detectors for families to ensure their families are safe (Healthy Families).
- 3) Hearts will be hung on the tree for ALL members of the church—share the greatest gift you have—love. A note, picture, drawing, of hope and love will often reach someone who is lonely, grieving, struggling in a way that truly exemplifies the good news of Jesus’ birth.

We need ALL of the people to join in and grab an angel, fish, and/or heart so we can continue to spread the good news of great JOY in Indian River County! We kindly ask that your gifts/donations be brought back to church no later than December 10th.

As always, thank you for your support. Any questions please call: Beth Dingee @ (203)528-8005.

## Arts & Music “Notes”

### EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MUSIC & ARTS DIRECTOR

I am writing to describe an amazing educational opportunity that has been made available thanks to Ralph & Cheryl Schregardus. Many of you may be familiar with the career of Diane Bish, and what an asset she has been over the course of her life to excellence and inspiration in music. Her program “The Joy of Music” is one I grew up watching, and has been essential in bringing outstanding music to a wide variety of people across the globe. She is quite possibly one of the greatest organists of the 20th century, and she has the rare ability to promote the organ and classical music in a way that was accessible not only to the typically small base of organ lovers, but accessible to an enormous array of people in engaging and interesting ways. Every program and performance of hers reminds the audience that not only is classical music still relevant today, it is culturally significant and rooted throughout the world in rich heritage that allows people to be proud of what their culture offers. Through virtuosity, collaboration, and travel, Ms. Bish has shown time and again that music has the ability to unify people by reminding them of the very best versions of themselves. This year from November 29-December 6, Ms. Bish will be performing and hosting a Christmas Market and Cathedral Tour from Nuremburg, Germany to Budapest, Hungary. I am incredibly fortunate to be able to accompany her and the Schregardus’ on this tour, and I cannot express how excited I am at this opportunity to speak with her, and to learn from her incredible experience and abilities.

- Jacob

### NOVEMBER 12, GOSPEL CHORAL FESTIVAL

This concert will be at 4pm on Sunday, November 12 in McAfee Hall. We are so proud and excited to host and present a community-wide collaboration of choirs in a Gospel Music Festival. This concert will feature guest conductor and clinician Dr. James Brown of Troy University, and will feature a wide variety of gospel music from different periods. Collaborations will be with many local choirs in the community as well as musicians.

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# Mission and Social Concerns

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY - SAMARITAN CENTER SOUP BOWL



Thursday, November 2 in McAfee Hall

11:30am-1:30pm

Samaritan Center provides long-term transitional housing to homeless families in Indian River County. While in residence, each family goes through a comprehensive, highly structured step-based program with onsite 24-hour-a-day case managers that help develop the life skills needed for successful reintegration into mainstream society.

The facility is located on a landscaped five-acre plot with ample parking, a playground and recreational space in Vero Beach. Each family is assigned to their own room or rooms depending on family size. Samaritan Center's capacity is nine bedrooms or twenty-six residents. There is a communal dining room, kitchen, lounge and bathrooms for families to utilize throughout their stay. Meals are prepared for the residents daily.

Programs offered families staying at the Samaritan Center include emotional support, parental training, medical referral, mental health counseling, life skills workshops, finance management, domestic skills training and ultimately-hope for the future of both the adults and children who make Samaritan Center their temporary "home". Participation in the Center's savings program is mandatory for families staying at the Center. In this program, 75% of all resident income within each family system is applied directly to a savings account in preparation for a housing solution upon that family's graduation from the Samaritan Center. The ultimate goal of the program is to equip residents in such a way as to end their homelessness and reunite them with independent living in the community. Admission is open to families of all faiths.

Dear Friends,

I have recently returned from a 3 day conference in Orlando, regarding my new mission to Madagascar. The conference included members from Madagascar, including the President of the church, Rev. Irako Ammi, the liaison from PCUSA for South Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Madagascar, Dr. Doug Tilton. Also there were our dear friends Dr. Dan and Elizabeth Turk, who are now serving in Madagascar and members of the committee from all over the US. I watched and listened in amazement as the concerns and problems of Madagascar were discussed. We met as a unit from 9:00AM to 9:00PM. The outbreak of bubonic plague in recent weeks was a major concern, the country being one of the poorest of the poor. Education concerns, conservation efforts, social issues, and human rights were just a few items discussed.

I ask for your prayers for this country and for all of our missions. Recently CNN aired a special on Madagascar. I pray that all of you will take one hour of your time to watch this show. If you have Comcast/Xfinity service, it can be watched On Demand by searching for The Wonder List with Bill Weir. Madagascar: The Richest Poor Country in the World will appear in the list under Season 4, Episode 2. Please take the time to watch this show as it will explain some of the issues our missionaries are facing in this country.

I want to thank each of you for all of your support of my mission to Abraham Kriel Children's Home in South Africa. Now God is calling me to Madagascar. I pray for your continued support for me to this new country in need of support and awareness. My travels begin on the 13th of November as I head to my sister's in Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving and to celebrate her birthday. Then I'll leave for South Africa on the 5th of December, where I will be reunited with Mariska, I will be able to take Mariska on holiday, when we return from holiday, I will leave the 1st of February for Madagascar, where I will volunteer at an orphanage and also work with street children. My time table from here will be according to God's time, but I will travel to visit Dr. Fred Foy and Dr. Cecily Strang in Kenya to see their work and to help in the new rescue center for young girls. I pray to go on to Odessa, Ukraine, to visit with Dr. Robert Gamble and his mission for the street children of Odessa. I ask for your prayers on this journey. Please, Please take the time to watch the CNN report on Madagascar that is my prayer.

In His Service,  
> JoAnn Wheeler



# Presbyterian Women

## SET ASIDE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 FOR CHRISTMAS TREE LANE!

For the Presbyterian Women, a special joy of the Christmas season is honoring the birth of our Lord by raising money for charity. And Christmas Tree Lane Co-chairs Joan Irvine and Maggie Fleming say this year's fundraiser – to be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, Dec. 2nd – is shaping up to be “the biggest one yet.” Two floors of the Christian Life Center will be transformed into a bustling holiday center, filled with stocking stuffers, gift ideas, bargains galore, and yummy holiday goodies.



The outstanding raffle item is a gorgeous queen-size quilt, flawlessly handcrafted by our Quilting Circle ladies. The quilt will be on display and raffle tickets available at a side table as you enter. (Tickets may be purchased in advance through the church office.)

The first floor will open to Handmade Treasures, with its American Girl dolls & clothes and other handmade articles. An expanded Unique Boutique will feature a host of gently used items at irresistible prices. To ease your holiday entertaining, Mrs. Claus' kitchen will offer a tempting selection of homemade baked goods and candy, as well as the coveted Louisville pecans. Also on this level will be the Candy Cane Café, where you can relax and perhaps partake of a light snack.

Again this year, Cookies-by-the-Pound with its fabulous homemade cookies will be on the second floor. (Cookies sell out fast so come early!) The Artisans' Gallery with its exquisite handicrafts by our own talented church members will be upstairs as well.

A glamorous new 2nd floor venue, Fairy Hair, will enable you to add silky sparkle to your locks. (Think Mommy 'n Me or Grandma 'n Me.) Sandra Reinoso from Kaleidoscope Hair of Vero Beach and our own Robyn Thompson will work their magic at the two stations.

## LADIES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON TICKETS GO ON SALE NOVEMBER 6

Christmas Tree Lane's elegant Holiday Luncheon at 12 Noon will be catered by Wild Thyme of Vero Beach, whose reputation promises first-rate cuisine. On the menu are marinated chicken breast, rice pilaf, green beans almondine, rolls, and trays of finger desserts. Luncheon tickets are a non-refundable \$30, of which \$15 may be tax-deductible. Tickets will be on sale from Nov. 6 – Nov. 20 and must be purchased in advance through the church office.

## UNIQUE BOUTIQUE NEEDS YOUR ITEMS

Your gently used or new items are urgently needed for the Unique Boutique, which has expanded quarters to fill this year. Desired are jewelry, Christmas decorations, kitchen items, accessories like purses & scarves, artwork, and gift/decorative items. Please remember: no clothes, shoes, or electronics. Kindly drop your items off at the church office as soon as possible so that we can price and organize.

## CALLING ALL BAKERS AND COOKIE-MAKERS

Thanks to the many wonderful ladies whose culinary efforts are SO appreciated, Cookies-by-the-Pound always pulls in the crowds and the fledging Mrs. Claus' Kitchen had a successful debut last season. A few reminders: All cookies MUST be in disposable containers (labeled with cookie name) as we are not able to return containers. Items for Mrs. Claus' Kitchen (cakes, cupcakes, brownies, homemade pickles, relishes, jams, whatever your homemade specialty) must be ready to travel. Please: No whip cream; nothing refrigerated.



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# SUSAN GROOM—PROFILE OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

By Ann Faunce



Susan Groom Horner (she just uses Susan Groom) is PW's new head of the Unique Boutique at Christmas Tree Lane. She worked last year on the committee for Bette Walsh who had supervised The Unique Boutique for many years and wanted to step down and be a worker, not the chief. With a 42-year career as an interior designer, Susan looks like a good replacement.

Susan was born and raised in Bristol, Tennessee. She and her family were members of the First Presbyterian Church. She spent many summers at both Banner Elk Presbyterian camp and at Montreat in Black Mountain. Susan's grandfather, the Rev. H.H. Jones, was a Congregational minister in Stuart, Florida. While there, he

founded several churches in the Stuart/Palm City area. During WWI, he wanted to

help the war effort and was assigned responsibility for manning the Jupiter Lighthouse. He moved his family into the Lighthouse residence. Susan's dad told many stories about rowing across the inlet each day to attend school.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee, Susan moved to Miami. There, she went to work for Richard Plumer Design Studio. During her 18 years of employment by Richard Plumer, she moved to Vero Beach and opened and managed a branch office for the firm.

In 1990 Susan married Joe Groom, left Richard Plumer Design, and moved to Key Largo. She purchased Island Interiors at Ocean Reef in 1991 and owned and managed the firm until 2015, when she sold the business.

Sadly, in 2003, both Joe and Susan's mother passed away. Susan's Dad and her father-in-law were both still living, each well into their 90's. Joe had a sister, Marvelle, who lived in Atlanta and was married to Chuck Horner. When she passed away in 2005, Joe Groom Sr's care was assumed jointly by Susan and Chuck. After 2 years of looking after Joe Sr, Susan and Chuck fell in love and married. Joe Groom Sr was pleased. At the wedding, Chuck's son Chad made the toast to his new Mom -- Aunt Susan!

Chuck retired from IBM and was living in Atlanta. After the wedding, Chuck sold the Atlanta home and moved to Key Largo. In 2015, when Susan retired, they moved to Vero Beach and settled in Cache Cay. They spend summers in Maggie Valley, NC, and winters in Vero Beach, FL. After moving to Vero, Susan and Chuck started looking for a church home and visited many before making a decision. Thankfully they decided to join First Presbyterian!

Both Susan and Chuck love to travel and are always looking forward to the next adventure. Chuck's hobby is photography, which works well with their travels. Additionally, Susan plays bridge (she just started taking classes at the VBBC) and makes pottery at the Art Museum. Both love to read and Susan enjoys the Cache Cay book club. Susan is currently on the board of the Treasure Coast Pilot Club, a service organization whose name came from the riverboat pilots leading you down a true course ever. Susan and Chuck are members of the VBYC.

Bette Walsh says of Susan, "In the short time I've known Susan I've found her to be a wonderful asset to FPC. She's smart, funny and motivated to do a great job, which she will undoubtedly do managing our Unique Boutique at CTL. We're very blessed to have her and husband Chuck with us!"

Luke 6:31 is Susan's go to scripture: "Do to others as you would have them do to you".

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER!

1 Mr. Ernst Schaaf (Ernie)  
2 Mrs. Norma Decker  
2 Mrs. Judith Taylor  
2 Ms. Julie Chappell  
3 Ms. Gayel Holt  
4 Mrs. Violet Spencer (Vi)  
4 Mrs. Sally Marquardt  
4 Mrs. Ann Faunce (Ann)  
5 Mr. Cameron MacMillan (Cam)  
5 Mrs. Mimi Rutland  
7 Mrs. Anita Pew  
7 Mr. George Douglas  
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## SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Unique Opportunity in our Art Gallery

# *“Art Tour & Tea”*

Join us for a special tour of the Galleries at First Pres, Wednesday, November 29th 3-5 pm.

Meet all three of our artists with works on display. Learn of their processes.

**Watch them paint!**

Judy Burgarella

Mary Segal

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Stay and sip on a relaxing “cuppa tea” in E.T. Smith Lounge.

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