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First News

Building Faith, Changing Lives,
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Prayer in the Midst of War and Crisis

What am I supposed to pray for at this point? How do I pray for peace when there is still injustice? I lean one way, why should I pray for those who lean the other way? It seems that I am praying for the impossible!

Prayer in the midst of war and conflict has always been difficult. At the writing of this article, it is the fifth day of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. By the time this article is published in the newsletter, who knows what will transpire in this war and in the world. While so many concerns are still being fought over, injustices committed, and lives lost, for whom and what do we pray?

First, we must acknowledge that we are **all** made in the image of God and **each** of us deserves human dignity worthy of respect.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

- Genesis 1:27

Second, we pray and work toward peace. This peace is a peace that requires continued effort. This effort will require personal sacrifice. There are costs associated which are economic, social, and personal.

*"**Peace** I leave with you, My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

- John 16:33

Third, we pray for the well-being and wisdom of all as we seek to live out the loving justice and the loving-righteousness of God. We pray for both Ukrainians who seek peace and justice and for Russians who seek peace and justice.

*Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;
love her, and she will watch over you.
7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.
Though it cost all you have, get understanding.*

- Proverbs 4:6-7

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Finally, in seeking peace, we do not confuse peace with the absence of conflict. Our faith requires that we confront injustice yet in means that are non-violent and faithful.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"[a] says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."[b] 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln was purportedly asked if God was on his side. "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side," said the President, "my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

We continue to pray for those suffering and those in pain, for the homeless and the refuge. We pray for recognition of our human dignity. We pray for wisdom, grace, and love for all. Our prayers during war and crisis must be prayers that affirm and validate the teaching and example of Jesus Christ. Our prayers are for peace. Our prayers do not remove accountability for unjust actions. Our prayers abdicate sin or give salvation. That is God's perve.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"[a] says the Lord.
- Romans 12:19

Continue to pray for both Ukrainians and Russians, and for wisdom and peace for all!

May God Bless You All.
Sincerely,

G. Timothy Womack

Blanket Sunday Thank You

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of myself and our Presbyterian Women officers: God Bless you! What a wonderful, successful event we had for our annual Church World Service blanket campaign! You did just what was asked! You reached out to people you will never meet and brought hope to those who are homeless, unemployed, the working poor and/or even the hopeless. We wanted them to know God had not forgotten them and neither has our wonderful First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach. Your concern and love is so appreciated. Stay safe and God bless.

In Christ, I am,
Sandy Thiel, Coordinator
Church World Service Blanket Campaign

P.S. It's not too late to consider sending in a donation even though the campaign has formally ended.



Worship, Music & Arts

Musician Spotlight: Dr. Bertie Centerbar

by Ginger Lagemann



Dr. Alberta E. Centerbar, a.k.a. "Dr. Bertie", grew up in a small town in New York State. From the time she was around 9 years old, she always knew that she wanted to become a music teacher. She began taking piano lessons in the 6th grade, and the rest is history! During her Junior year, she moved with her family to Fort Pierce where she attended and graduated from Dan McCarty High School. She attended Indian River Junior College and Florida Atlantic University (FAU) on music scholarships, earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Education. Upon her graduation, she returned to Ft. Pierce and started her teaching career.

For the next three years, Dr. Bertie taught third grade at Saint Anastasia Catholic school, as well as directing the 7th and 8th grade chorus. Since her Masters Thesis was on Music Therapy, she was asked to teach Special Education Music for the Saint Lucie County school district. Dr. Bertie said, "This was an exciting job working with the trainable, educable, and deaf children; as well as the physically and emotionally disabled children." During this same time, Dr. Bertie was working at First Methodist Church in Ft. Pierce as the youth director for 7th-12th graders. One evening while working with the youth, they mentioned they would like to have a choir again, but they didn't want to sing. They wanted a bell choir! Through many spaghetti dinners, ice-cream socials, and selling pound cakes, they raised enough money to purchase the equipment and instruments to get started. Eventually, they added a concert bell choir and performed often at church functions and services as well as throughout the community. Dr. Bertie was also the director of two children's choirs, the assistant director of the adult choir and the assistant organist. Fun fact: Dr. Bertie is self-taught as an organist - quickly learning out of necessity during her college years to assist with expenses.

She met Richard "Dick" Centerbar on the tennis courts in Ft. Pierce in 1981, and they were married in November of 1985. With his support, Dr. Bertie embarked on a journey to earn her Specialist and Doctorate degrees (EdD) in Educational Leadership. She began teaching School Law, School Finance, and Leadership classes for FAU. She was also hired by the FL Department of Education to serve on the teams to develop the questions for the required State Certification Exams for teachers. After a 28-year career as an educator with St. Lucie County Schools, along with her work in Special Education/Music Therapy and working for the state of FL,, Dr. Bertie retired in 1999. She and Dick started traveling throughout the United States as well as several trips to Europe. They also spent 3 months each fall in the NY Adirondack mountains.

Dr. Bertie became a member of First Presbyterian five years ago. When she first started coming, it was when Judith Taylor was the Music Director. She would play the organ for all of the Christmas and Easter cantatas, and came to worship several times along with Dick. One Sunday after Dick passed away in March of 2015, Dr. Bertie decided to attend FPC again for worship and immediately felt welcomed. She was surprised that so many people were asking where her husband was! One of the ushers said, "I am going to tell Jacob you are here." Jacob came down after the service and said he would like to meet to discuss the music program at FPC. From then on Dr. Bertie was hooked, and enjoys working with the Chancel Choir, Handbell Ensemble, and playing piano and organ. A year later, Jacob offered her the job as the Administrative Director for PRIMO School of Performing Arts. Not surprisingly, it was a perfect fit; using both her music and leadership degrees.

When asked about her favorite part of being at FPC, Dr. Bertie said, "Jacob is such a talented, kindhearted and caring person. It is an honor to work with him. ... The members of the choir and bell choirs have become my family. Now that Peter is on board, he too has become a part of my extended family and I enjoy working with him with bells. I am truly blessed to be able to use my musical talent in worship and to the Glory of God."

Although Dr. Bertie has had 21 years of perfect attendance in the Methodist church, she is now proud to call First Presbyterian home. Dr. Bertie would like to extend her sincerest thanks to Dr. Tim, Dr. Michael, and all of the staff who always provide her with support and encouragement!



Generosity & Stewardship

Dear First Presbyterian Members and Friends,

We are currently in need of one or two additional team members on the Generosity and Stewardship Committee. Shirley Douglas, who has so generously contributed many years as a committee member, has resigned to spend more time on some other missions within our church. We thank her for her longstanding contribution to the committee and will miss her.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

We often use the word 'stewardship,' in regards to money. While stewardship does include our use of money, the word is more general. The concept of stewardship probably gives us the most foundational understanding of our relationship to God and our resources. Our Lord owns everything. Jesus calls Christians to be stewards of what is His, and we are responsible for how we manage it. There is much in our lives the Lord calls us to steward. At First Presbyterian Church, we talk about Time and Talent, in addition to Money. Participating in the life of the Church through committee memberships is one way to wisely use your time and talents as a Christian.

If you have a desire to get more involved in the life of First Presbyterian Church, and help the Generosity and Stewardship committee, we would welcome you. Please contact Linda Masterson through email at LindaMasterson1@gmail.com or via phone at (949) 637-6115. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Masterson

Chairperson, Generosity and Stewardship





Discipleship

NEW!!

Small Discussion Group for Men

We are looking for 6-10 men who would like to discuss any topic that has Christian, Biblical, Moral or Ethical substance.

Meetings will be on **Mondays beginning April 11th, 2022**
3:00-4:00pm

E.T. Smith Lounge

For more information, contact Frank Iodice at Lfrankbi@cs.com or (772) 778-3437

Opportunities to Volunteer for our Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry is a wonderful way to open the door for volunteering in the church. Teaching Sunday School or helping with Vacation Bible School is always so fun to see the perspective from a child's point of view.

When you volunteer for Sunday School, you usually are needed one or two Sundays in a 3 month period. Currently, I am looking to fill spots for March, April, and May. I divide the children into two groups based on grade level: PreK-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade. All materials are furnished including teacher-friendly lesson plans and Children's Bibles. The plans are well designed for all users regardless of your experience. We use the Sparkhouse Curriculum. For me, teaching the children has explained and made me think of familiar Bible stories in a new light.

Vacation Bible School is June 6-10 from 8am to noon. Please take a look at your calendars to see if this is a time you can serve. You can volunteer in many capacities with VBS from teaching, to checking in/out, to being a group leader. The theme this year is Food Truck Party by Cokesbury. We use a rotation system where kids move to the different areas: Bible, Mission, Art/Crafts, Science, Music, Snack/Recreation. Group leaders walk with the children as they rotate through the areas. Children who are 3 years old or 4 years old are taught in self contained rooms and do not rotate but still have all of the same fun.

If teaching is still out of your comfort zone, we would love for you to contribute in other ways such as filling Easter eggs in April, rocking a baby in the nursery, donating baby items, legos, or other toys, and we are in need of a rocking chair to rock the babies.

If volunteering in Children's Ministry is something you are feeling called to do, please contact me anytime at childrenministry@firstpresvero.org

With Grace,

Carie Robbins

Director of Children's Ministry



Confirmation

Youth in 7th, 8th, or any who have not yet participated and would like to be confirmed are invited to join me as we begin the program. Confirmation classes start March 6 and will run for 8 weeks (taking a Sunday off around Spring Break). May 22 will be our Confirmation Sunday. The classes will take place on Sunday mornings from 10:45am to noon. We will use *Professing Our Faith* curricula to help guide the journey of Confirmation. Please let me know if you have any questions or know anyone who would like to guest teach.



Mission

Health Symposium sponsored by Justice & Honor

The Justice and Honor Committee, under the umbrella of the Mission Team, is sponsoring a Health Symposium, focusing on mental and physical health during these difficult times. Mental health is indeed important for us all.

This event will feature our own Anne Posey, LMHC, NCC, who is the Regional Director for the Behavioral Health Center at Cleveland Clinic here in Vero Beach. She will address the toll that the pandemic has taken on the mental health of so many and offer helpful ways to cope with the stress. We hope to address vaccine hesitancy as well.



Anne Posey, speaker

There will be a light lunch on **Sunday, March 13th, at 12:00pm** following the 11:00am service. Anne will speak and answer questions as we enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by *Blessed Mana*.

The luncheon is free, but please call the church office at (772) 562-9088 to let us know you are attending so we can prepare enough food for everyone. We hope to see you there!



Please consider becoming a Food Angel

Habitat Food Angels are needed. Volunteers from our church are helping to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Providing a mid-morning snack of cookies, cakes, and healthy snacks for the volunteers is much appreciated. Please contact Bob Gormas at 772-999-3161 or babbs6@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Feeding our Neighbors

During the 4th Wednesday of the month, volunteers are needed to help package fresh, canned, and frozen foods which are then delivered to the residents of Sunset Apartments nearby.

This happens at the Gifford Youth Achievement Center (4875 43rd Ave. Vero Beach.) Volunteers should arrive at 8:30 am. The dates are March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, Aug 31.





Mission

Helping Children through Reading

We need volunteers to Read with 2nd grade Children at Dodgertown Elementary School. Volunteers may read with children in the morning (11:45) or in the afternoon (2:25 to 3:15pm) any day of the week. There are volunteer forms in the back of the sanctuary. For more information call Carol Smoyer at (772) 567-0929 or email clsmoyer@bellsouth.net

Sharing God's Love with Food and Kindness at Easter

Spring is a time of planting and hope for new life. You have blessed our neighbors with clothing, food and school supplies just in the last few months. However, it seems there is a never-ending need for food. A full shopping bag only lasts a family a few days and for a family that doesn't know where the next paycheck may come from there is a food crisis every day. It is hard for us to imagine when we see such abundance in our grocery stores that there could be empty shelves in anyone's kitchen. Yes there are many organizations that have food pantries for families in need but there are many more families that are in a constant food crisis and may have to make hard choices of paying the rent or the electric bill.



We pray that your generosity will continue as we ask your help in providing Easter food bags to our neighbors in need. Those neighbors include Dodgertown Families, Elderly residents, and Gifford Families. We will be handing out our church's blue bags on Sundays during the month of March with a list of requested food items inside.

Please be as complete as possible. Food items will not be sorted and no other food items will be added to the bag. What you place in the bag is what the family will receive. A \$15 gift card to Walmart from the Mission Team will be attached for families to purchase their choice of a ham or turkey. Multiple bags will be given to larger families. The bags may be returned to the sanctuary any Sunday up to and including **Sunday, April 10th** after which we will be delivering this food. So, you have several weeks to shop and fill your bags... keep a look out for those Publix BOGOS! May your generosity be a blessing to you and to the neighbors you help.

Food Items (that have been requested)

Canned Vegetables (choice of 3 or more): string beans, sweet peas, candied yams, sliced or whole canned potatoes lima beans, canned corn

Dried or boxed foods (choice of 3 or more): bag of dried black beans, pinto beans, boxed mashed potatoes, bag of rice, corn bread mix

Canned fruit: (choice of 2 or more) peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, prunes

Pasta: (choice of 1) egg noodles, macaroni and cheese mix,

You could add canned tuna fish or canned chicken



Mission

United Way of IRC is Seeking volunteers to help evaluate non-profits!

United Way of Indian River County has two upcoming opportunities to help your community by using your mind. Both opportunities will have in-person and virtual options.

Governance and Fiscal Review Committee

- Review of agencies that have requested funding (review internal operations)
(Timeframe: February-March 2022)

Citizen Review Process

- Review of programs that have requested funding.
(Timeframe: April 2022)

Do you have...

A basic concern for the well-being of all members of the community?

An interest in the non-profit agencies that provide essential human services in Indian River County?

A sense of curiosity about how United Way-funded partners operate and deliver service?

A willingness to contribute time and talent to assist United Way in its stewardship responsibility?

Become a CRP Volunteer with the United Way!

Interested? Want to find out more about our Citizens Review Process? Contact us today, we will be happy to speak with you about CRP!

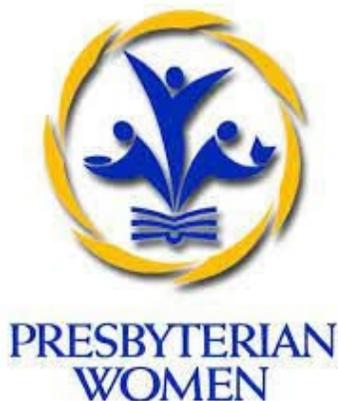
Sign up Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZTC2SVT>



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Presbyterian Women



The 2022 Presbyterian Women Board Members

Co-moderators Sue Coffey and Debbie Lindsey, Corresponding Secretary Judith Taylor, Recording Secretary Floy Turner, & Treasurer Maggie Fleming

Nearly sixty Presbyterian Women attended our first Lunch and Learn event "Leading from our Hearts" on February 7th. A luncheon of soup, salad and desserts were provided. The heart theme extended to fresh flowers on the tables along with bags of chocolate favors. Attendees were asked to submit ideas and suggestions as to how our organization can help the women of our congregation. We are looking over the information that was collected and appreciate your input. Please send recommendations you would like the board to consider to Sue Coffey suecoffey07@gmail.com or Debbie Lindsey debbie.lindsey.ne@gmail.com.

Our next regular monthly meeting will be held **March 7th at 1PM** in the Adult Activities room in the Center for Christian Life. All are welcome to attend.

Grace Circle honors Patsy Helseth

On Monday February 14th, the Grace Circle Bible Study honored Patsy Helseth, a charter member of our congregation who recently passed away, by having tea during the lesson. Scottish Shortbread and various chocolates were provided. The lesson "Ruth and Loyal Love" from the study "What My Grandmothers Taught me" was perfect for Valentines Day as we honored Patsy and remembered the people in our lives who have guided and supported us. Retired professor Jane Thompson led the discussion.



Patsy Helseth



Presbyterian Women

Profile of a Presbyterian Woman: Dr. Louise Feroe

By Joan Irvine

Meet one of our newest Presbyterian Women, Dr. Louise Feroe. She holds a Ph. D. in Philosophy and is married to retired Presbyterian pastor, Russ. Louise is an example of "The Power of One", whose actions have touched and changed the lives of many. And, similar to many of us, Louise's journey to First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach, is filled with unique circumstances and fortuitous timing.

Born and raised in southeast Pennsylvania, Louise's parents were first generation German immigrants. She also has an older brother. The family attended the Presbyterian Church where she was baptized and confirmed and was active in youth activities. She attended Wheaton College in Massachusetts as a philosophy major, but enjoyed taking electives particularly in the sciences. In her sophomore year, she was working as a lifeguard at a pool that Russ managed and their fate entwined to a marriage just after her graduation! That began a series of moves for the Feroes. They started out in New York City, where Russ attended Union Seminary and Louise worked on her Ph. D. with the Graduate Faculty of the New School University. After his ordination in 1971, Russ was appointed to his first church in the Warren township, NJ, where daughter, Elizabeth, was born. Then they made their way to Reading, PA, where son, Peter, was born. Louise continued to teach part-time while finishing her Ph.D.



When the young family moved to Ossining, NY, Louise taught part-time at Mercy College. At this time, the State of New York, still reeling from the massacre at Attica Prison, enacted new prison reform bills. Mercy College, located near Sing Sing Prison, began a program that allowed inmates to earn college degrees. They needed teachers willing to go to there. Louise stepped up and taught political philosophy, and quickly experienced the impact of Jesus' command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit those in prison. Classes had as many as 32 students, but Louise contends that she was never worried because the corrections officers were outside monitoring and the men themselves understood the value of this education. Soon, she moved to the college program in the Women's Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, NY. After seven years, Mercy College advanced her to administer all the programs for 10 state prisons and 1200 students. When federal funding for this innovative program was eliminated, Louise ran it for an additional year so that the students in it could graduate. One of her most poignant memories is of two female inmates who graduated through this program. After they served their sentences, each continued with her education and heard their own Ph.D. For twenty-five years, Louise worked in administration at Mercy College starting as Dean for Academic Administration, the Academic Vice President (Provost) and finally as President of the College for 4 years.

With children grown and approaching retirement, Russ moved to interim ministry, serving several churches in the New York and Connecticut area. Louise worked for the Connecticut State University System, and later participated in various national projects supporting students' academic success through college. This effort enabled them to travel throughout the US while Louise did consulting work in Kentucky, Texas, California, Idaho, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and more.

Russ was asked to perform a destination wedding in Vero Beach, and with the urging of friends who retired here the Feroes made the decision to retire and become full-time Florida residents. They shopped for a church but felt a pull and comfort level at FPC unparalleled with other churches. Just before the restrictions from COVID were implemented, they joined our church family! Despite worshipping virtually for nearly a year, Louise enjoyed the Year of the Bible program led by Dr. Michael and was inspired by the different perspectives elicited with the discussions. She is looking forward now to more involvement in the church and meeting more church members. We welcome Louise!



Fellowship



Wednesday Night Dinner

Fun, food, and fellowship on Wednesday Nights

Dinner begins at 5:15pm in McAfee Hall, an offering of \$7 per meal will be accepted. *Please let us know that you're coming no later than noon on the Monday before.* Please register via Realm by clicking the date you plan to attend below, or contact Lisa Jeffra, lisaj@firstpresvero.org, in the church office.

Reminder: On the first Wednesday, we celebrate all of the birthdays for the month!

Please note: There is NO DINNER on Wednesday, March 2nd.

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| <p><u>March 9th</u> Hosted by Trustees</p> <p>"Johnny Marzetti" Chicken Casserole Carrots Salad Bread and Butter Birthday Cupcakes</p> | <p><u>March 16th</u> Hosted by Presbyterian Women</p> <p>Pancakes Hash brown Casserole Sausage Links Fresh Fruit Chocolate Chip Cookies</p> | <p><u>March 23rd</u> Hosted by Hospitality Talent Team</p> <p>Charcuterie Salad Peach Cobbler</p> | <p><u>March 30th</u> Hosted by Deacons</p> <p>Ham Scalloped Potatoes Rolls Salad Scotcheroos</p> |
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Join the Young at Heart Ministry for our March Joy trip!

Jensen Beach, Conchy Joe's, & The Elliot Museum
Monday, March 07, 2022
Departing at 10:30am
Returning by 3:00pm



YOUNG AT HEART
MINISTRY

FPCVB is excited to begin anew the "Young at Heart" Joy Trips. Our March Joy Trip will leave FPCVB and travel to Jensen Beach along the river on Indian River Blvd. (Ft. Pierce). We will eat lunch at Conchy Joe's (Conch Fritters!), and then cross the causeway to the Elliot Museum. Following our docent lead museum tour, we will return to Vero Beach along A1A.

Space is limited!

You can register [online via Realm](#), by emailing lisaj@firstpresvero.org, or by calling Lisa at the church office: 772-562-9088 x 122.



Presbyterian Men's Corner

Philip LoGiudice: Processing a Personal Relationship with Christ

By Stanford Erickson



Phil and Holly LoGiudice first became aware of First Presbyterian Church when they attended a musical concert at the church conducted by Dr. Jacob Craig, First Presbyterian Church's Director of Music and Arts. Soon they began attending church services. Holly joined the choir and Phil became involved in ushering, the Safety and Security Committee and the Men's Fellowship. In 2019, Holly and Phil became members of First Presbyterian. Phil now serves as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church and is a vice president of the Men's Fellowship.

Phil was born and raised in San Francisco, California. "I was essentially raised in the Roman Catholic Church, was an altar boy, graduated from St Elizabeth's Catholic grade school and a public high school," Phil says. "But the personal relationship with Christ taught by the Presbyterian church and the involvement of the laity in the operation of the church have helped me grow as a Christian," says Phil. "Looking back on my life, I have been pleased with most of the decisions I made, thinking I made good decisions. Today I am aware that God looked after me in helping me make those good decisions."

Although he did well in school, the draft was in effect. So, Phil chose to join the U. S. Navy. The Navy gave him the opportunity to continue working in computer operations. Phil took college courses before the military and after he was discharged in December 1969, but his computer and interpersonal skills provided instant and advanced employment in computer and data processing at various companies in the San Francisco Bay Area. After three years at Watkins-Johnson Company in Silicon Valley, Phil took a job in 1980 at Stauffer Chemical Co. in the Financial District of San Francisco where he was employed as Assistant Computer Operations Manager. Stauffer was acquired by Chesbrough-Ponds, Inc. in 1984 and he was asked to transfer to its corporate data center in Trumbull, Connecticut. He and his first wife with their two children, Vincent, and Daniel, relocated to Connecticut.

"My life has always been something of a roller coaster," Phil says. "Once I was in Connecticut and doing well with Chesbrough-Ponds, it was sold to Unilever, a British-Dutch Company in 1987." For the next 25 years, Phil steadily advanced in his career with this British-headquartered company, rising to the rank of Manager of Change Management for North America and part of a global team.

"Although I had taken various college courses, I always considered myself autodidactic or a self-taught learner," Phil says. "Classic and antique cars always have been a major interest to me, and I've taught myself to be a fairly good mechanic. But in 1995, I determined I wanted more, I wanted to get my college degree and, although I had a very demanding job at Unilever, I began taking courses at Albertus Magnus College, and obtained a B.S. in Business Management degree in 1997." In 2004, after their sons were on their own, the marriage ended.

"Looking back now, God was very considerate of me because five years later I met my wife Holly and we married in 2012," Phil says. "After I retired from Unilever in 2014, Holly and I decided to relocate to Vero Beach. Holly's father lived there and as we came down to visit him over the years, we appreciated that Vero is a very livable and relaxing community."

In addition to all of Phil's involvement with the church, he belongs to the Indian River Region, Antique Automobile Club of America. He is the club's secretary and publishes a monthly newsletter. For the last three years Phil has volunteered with the Space Coast Honor Flight in Melbourne, Florida, and Holly recently joined the team.

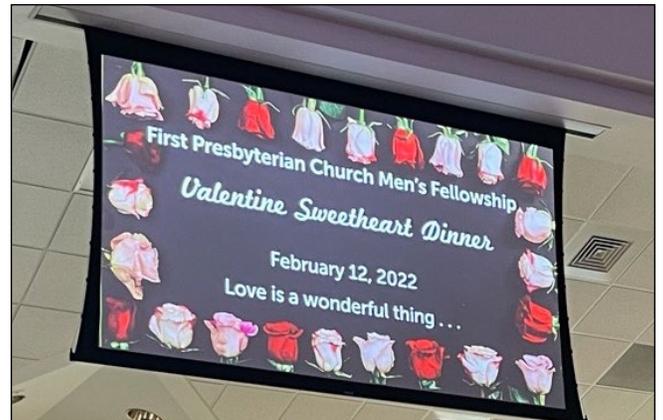


Presbyterian Men's Corner

Presbyterian Men's Sweetheart Dinner

Saturday, February 12, 2022

A wonderful time was had by all as the Men of First Presbyterian honored the women in their lives with a complimentary Valentine's Day "Sweetheart Dinner", complete with delicious food and fabulous entertainment. About 125 people attended. Music was provided by the Ray Adams Trio with soft jazz and some favorites. Each table had a flower arrangement with six roses so the ladies could each take a rose home. Everyone raved about the whole evening - delicious food, excellent entertainment, and very nice decorations. The Sebastian River High School girls softball team provided the service under the direction of Linda Zellweger. Please plan to join us next year on February 11th, 2023!





News and Notes

Upcoming Events for our Children's Ministry

We're getting ready for VBS

This year, Cokesbury's "Food Truck Party" Vacation Bible School program will take place during the week of June 6-10, 2022.



Volunteers are needed!

Sign up today as a Sunday School or VBS volunteer!

Confirmation Sunday is May 22nd

Classes begin on Sunday, March 6th, at 10:45am and will run for 8 weeks.

Please contact Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministry, for more information on volunteering, VBS, Confirmation, and more! childrensministry@firstpresvero.org.

Bible & Book Studies

Dr. Tim's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10:30am
In-Person, or via LiveStream
[Click here to join](#)

Dr. Michael's Book Study:

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction
Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom
[Click here to join](#)

Presbyterian Women's Grace Circle

Monday, March 14th, from 11:30am-1:00pm
Earnshaw Room in the Center for Christian Life

Contact Ann Faunce at bafaunce@gmail.com, for the zoom link. Chapter 5 of the Horizons Bible Study for the 2021-2022 year will be covered - "Ruth and Loyal Love", led by Dr. Jane Thompson. The first hour will be the study, followed by a time for fellowship and lunch together. Please bring your own lunch.



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First Presbyterian Church Vero Beach



Notes and Notes

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Monthly Ministry, Committee, and Talent Team Meetings

Please contact your team leader directly to confirm the status of each meeting. *All meeting dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of each committee/ministry team, as needed.*

Deacons - 1st Tuesday; 4:30pm
 Discipleship - 1st Tuesday; 1pm
 Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday; 11:30am
 Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am
 Hospitality - 1st Monday; 3pm
 Mission - 2nd Tuesday; 2pm
 Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm
 PW Coordinating Team Board - Last Wednesday, 1pm
 Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm
 Trustees - Monday of the week prior to Session; 3pm
 Worship & Music - 1st Thursday; 4pm

March Birthdays

- 1 - Nancy Marquardt
- 2 - Douglas King, Julie Pelletier
- 3 - Carol Goodfellow, Debbie Lindsey,
Tamara Kai Yamazoki-Gray
- 5 - Susan Horner
- 6 - Jeanie Valentine
- 7 - Chuck Husman
- 8 - Jean O'Connor, Doris Springmyer
- 10 - Bonnie Keeler
- 11 - John Dearman, Susie Long
- 12 - Virginia Allen, Richard Thomas
- 13 - Theresa Kelso
- 14 - Edie Collins, Mike Snyder
- 16 - Claire Sembler, Luella Stiansen
- 17 - Pat Goodfellow
- 18 - Jean Hopkins, Kira Kai Yamazoki-Gray
- 20 - Churchill Cooke, Charlie Harvin, Nick Kaiser,
Darol Keefer, Shirley Norton
- 21 - Bobbi Walker
- 22 - Don Dussing, Amy LeBlanc
- 23 - Josie Harmon
- 24 - Barbara Bryant, Dr. Jacob Craig, Dorothy Linn,
Beth Sembler
- 26 - Ryan Nelson
- 28 - Joyce Geller, Chloe Winslow, Jack Winslow
- 29 - Jeffrey Morgan, Herb Wright
- 31 - Warren Goodell, Gail Sousa,
Cathy Westermann



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Sunday Worship Times

8:30am in the Chapel

9:30am & 11:00am in the Sanctuary

We are pleased to offer childcare for all services. Our children's Sunday School runs concurrent with our 9:30 AM service. **We will also be having Fellowship Time with coffee and cookies on the patio after all worship services.** The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday. If you would like one of our fellowship cups, please call the church office, and we will see that one gets delivered to you. In addition, you may also procure your own elements.

We welcome you to join our Church family!

Anyone who is moved to join our church family is encouraged to contact our pastors anytime!

Pastries with the Pastors - 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9:30am service

Membership Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the month after each service

All meetings take place in the Chapel.

For more information please contact the church office.

Scriptures and Sermons

March 2, 2022 (Ash Wednesday)

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Psalm 51:1-17

Cost of Discipleship: Confession

March 6, 2022

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Cost of Discipleship: Trust

March 13, 2022

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Psalm 27

Cost of Discipleship: Courage

March 20, 2022

Rev. Dr. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

Psalm 63: 1-8

Cost of Discipleship: Praise

March 27, 2022

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Psalm 32

Cost of Discipleship: Praise



"For God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Aside from our regular Sunday Service giving opportunities, your offering can also be accepted via mail or in person via the secure dropbox just outside of the church office door.

Did you know that you can also give an offering online?

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