A Fresh Start



At the beginning of June, FPCVB hosted the "Families with Children at Home" with a Low Country Boil at the Womack's. It was a great time to celebrate with our young families this side of COVID. The COVID we are now experiencing is like a summer thunderstorm: almost dissipated, yet still dangerous! So, we gathered to celebrate this time of transition.

We have great families with children in our church. It matters that they participate in our worship and our church's ministries. It is the intention of FPCVB to grow this area of our ministry! While we know that, based on our community, we will always have a strong majority of older adult members, we need these young families for they bring energy and joy and excitement for all of us. During August, FPCVB will engage in an intentional "invitation" event extending multiple weeks, beginning on August 8th.

August 8th is our 2021 Rally Day Celebration. We celebrate heading back to school and beginning new routines as students and parents. As we appear to be on the "other side of COVID," our theme this Rally Day and during the weeks to follow is "A Fresh Start!" We are in a unique season of new opportunity and new potential! Our spiritual, faith and moral lives have all been under assault and now is a perfect time to strengthen these areas of our living. There seems to be a renewed interest and hunger for fellowship and community, and faithful and sincere, kind conversation. We want to offer support and encouragement for this fellowship and faith development.

The "Fresh Start" theme will be intentionally focused upon during the three weeks following Rally Day. Each Sunday, our worship will be intentionally focused on the needs and participation of our young families. There will be special events for our children and youth. There will be parent and adult fellowship and studies. The music selected and the accompanying instrumentation will be spectacular!

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The goal of this three-week focus is to celebrate our young family ministry and to provide everyone a reason to invite other young families to join with us during this focused time and beyond. We believe that our Christian theology of love, faith, understanding, and knowledge is needed in the lives of families more than ever. We are also asking you to invite your neighbors, friends, and families to this special emphasis being August 8th! We will be aggressively advertising this event series and we are excited to welcome our guests who will become friends and fellow disciples.

So please remember . . .

- 1) Join us for this special themed event series,
- 2) invite others to join us for this special time, and
- 3) pray for the success of this endeavor!

Our hope is to reach more young families to share the power of our ministry and to be faithful to our mission statement of "Building Faith, Changing Lives, and Sharing Christ!"

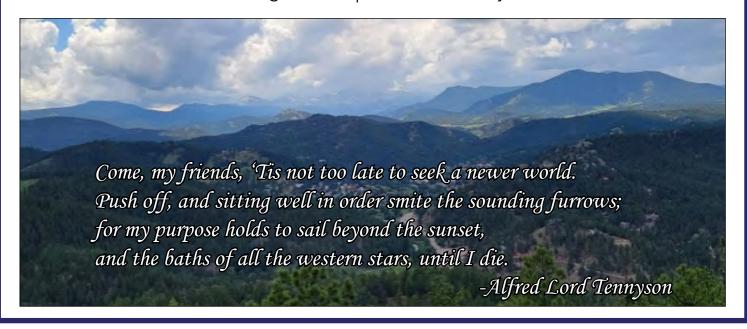


Thank you for your help, participation, and prayers! May God bless.

Sincerely,

Tim Womack

P.S. Keep an eye open for our Music Evangelism Emphasis this Fall 2021, and our "Older Adult Evangelism Emphasis" in January 2022!





Worship, Music & Arts

The Youth Orchestra is ready for their Colorado Tour!

The Aspen Invitational trip has made a slight change of plans in the last few weeks. Our trip organizers have pulled out all of the stops to make sure our Orchestra students receive an incredible educational, musical, and spiritual experience in the Rocky Mountains.





We are delighted to announce that not only will our students attend the Aspen Music Festival as participants, they are also effectively on a Colorado performance tour! Through the graciousness of two wonderful churches in Colorado, our students will be given fantastic performance opportunities that will benefit the music programs at each church.

Christ Episcopal Church will be hosting our students in Aspen for their masterclasses, private lessons and clinics. Some of them have been invited to perform special music, preludes, offertories, and postludes for Sunday Services in between intensive lessons and masterclasses. On Monday, August

2nd, the First Presbyterian Youth String Orchestra will give a free concert to the community at 7pm in the church's beautiful sanctuary, boasting this stained glass cross sunburst window and pipe organ.

Following the group's intensive performance work in Aspen, our group of young musicians heads east-bound through Glenwood Canyon toward the ski town of Breckenridge for a soul-inspiring 8-mile out-and-back hike to Mohawk Lakes, about 12,000 feet above sea level. The hike provides for gorgeous views of the Continental Divide, amazing waterfalls, beautiful lakes, and fields of wildflowers.

The next day our students will travel to Denver- but not without a stop for an exciting Whitewater Rafting trip down the Clear Creek in Idaho Springs and some Colorado BBQ for lunch. That evening they'll explore downtown Denver and take in the sights of the mile high city while finding something fun for dinner on their own.

The final full day of the tour will include experiencing a spectacular sunrise at Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, a delicious breakfast (donated by a friend of the Music & Arts Department), and a 6 mile hike through the foothills of the Rockies. Lunch will be on their own while exploring historical downtown Littleton, followed by a quick dress rehearsal before their final tour concert at 7pm, hosted by Grace Presbyterian Church in Littleton. This beautiful church's location will provide a breathtaking sunset over the Front Range of the Rockies while our students give their finale concert. It should prove to be extra special as we



plan to include a special announcement regarding the location of their next big international adventure in 2023! There also *might* be another performing group in attendance. "Mum's the word", though, and our students will just have to wait and see what kind of magic is waiting for them.

Everyone is ready to go and looking forward to an amazing trip! We hope to share lots of pictures and stories upon our return. Jacob and the Youth Orchestra would like to especially thank all those who have supported them through donations toward this wonderful educational experience.



Our Knights have found their armor!

Another fantastic VBS week is in the books, and this year couldn't have been any better! After missing out on VBS last year due to the lockdown, our kids were ready and raring to go for a week of fun, friends, and fellowship.

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invited children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Our children took on the role of brave Knights and began their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They explored Old and New Testament stories and discovered different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation— at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and found out how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Dr. Fred Foy provided some great photos from highlights of the week- including a fun storytime and a crazy science class with...

Jake Strang: THE MAD SCIENTIST!



Discipleship



4th of July Celebration

Sunday, July 4th 5pm-7pm

Join us in the north parking lot on campus for fellowship, food, and some outdoor games! We will have chicken, drinks, and desserts. Please bring a side to share!

RSVP here no later than Thursday, July 1st.

Summer Music Camps: July 19th-23rd

Bible Blast Music Camp 9:00am to 12:00pm, daily Kindergarten through 5th grade

Fee: \$50

Mallets and More

Monday - Thursday: 12:30pm to 2:00 pm Friday: 10:30am to 12pm 4th - 6th Grade Fee: \$25

A daily snack will be provided.

Students attending both camps should bring a bagged lunch.

<u>Bible Blast Music Camp</u> children will be involved in singing, drumming, playing and all forms of music making as we look at Bible stories through music. Each child will make their own musical instrument as a craft project. On Friday, July 23rd, the campers will perform for family and friends at 11:30am in McAfee Hall.

<u>Mallets and More</u> is an opportunity for students to play some advanced music on mallet instruments and world drums. On Friday, July 23rd, the campers will perform for family and friends at 11:30am in McAfee Hall.



To register, please **CLICK HERE**

For more information, contact Janine Jones, Children's Choir Director (772) 696-1271 or email <u>janinejones@firstpresvero.org</u>

More exciting things to come!

August 8th - Blessing of the Backpacks

Have your child bring their backpack to our 10am or 11:15am service for it to be blessed before the start of the school year. We will also offer a blessing to our educators!

September 1st - QUEST returns

Wednesday afternoon QUEST Kids Club returns for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Contact Carie Robbins for more information at childrensministry@firstpresvero.org



Update from our Madagascar Missionaries

Dear Friends.

Greetings from Orlando! Hopefully, we will be able to get back to Madagascar by the end of the summer. PC(USA) still has a travel ban for personnel until the end of June, and Madagascar is not allowing anyone in due to a recent surge in COVID cases. We have enjoyed being close to family. Our daughter Frances graduated in May from Rollins College as a teacher. Our son Robert completes a Masters' degree in Counseling and Art Therapy from Adler University this summer. Madagascar is still greatly affected by COVID. In early March, a 2nd surge of cases filled hospitals, and led to renewed restrictions on travel and gatherings to try to contain the spread of the disease. On Graduation Ceremony, May 8th, 2021 May 8, Madagascar received a first lot of 250 000 doses of Astra



Dan & Elizabeth with Frances at her

Zenica COVID vaccine. The expiration date for these vaccines is June 18th so there are ongoing efforts in Madagascar to encourage people to get vaccinated. With Madagascar now in the midst of winter and with vaccination rates very low, further spread of COVID-19 is likely.



Farmers learning to graft mango trees

We continue to communicate several times a week with our colleagues. In February and March when COVID restrictions were relaxed, the Fruits, Vegetables, and Environmental Education (FVEE) program was able to hold several trainings. At the most recent training, 50 people from the town of Tsarahonenana learned how to grow and graft fruit trees. All told, in the past few years, the FVEE has trained over 150 farmers. Recently, nursery operations began at the new mango nursery at the Mandritsara FJKM seminary. In February, the FJKM AIDS Committee participated in FJKM's 2nd annual Val-

entine's Day week-long conference that uses presentations, skits, and prizes to promote healthy relationships for singles and married couples. Youth and adults attended, all wearing facemasks and being socially distant. The AIDS Committee trainings for seminary students were on hold during the COVID-19 spike but are scheduled to resume June 18th. The Health Program is working on keeping the FJKM dispensaries supplied with needed protective materials and COVID medicines as they continue to care for patients.

For more information, please see our newsletters and updates at the PC(USA) website. Thank you so much for all that you are doing to support us and our ministry with the FJKM. Please continue to remember Madagascar and the FJKM church in your prayers as they go through this COVID crisis. Your prayers and support are God's love in action.

> Peace in Christ, Dan & Elizabeth Turk

Dan & Elizabeth



School Uniforms for Dodgertown



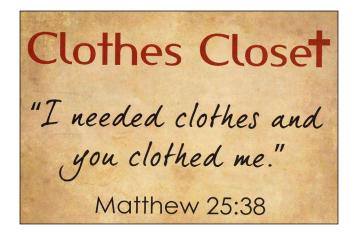
Dodgertown Elementary is considered to be "Title I", with 90% of the student body living below poverty level. We are helping to start a "clothes closet" for students in need of uniforms, and are ready to start receiving donations!

The school needs all sizes: Small sizes (6-7), medium sizes (8-10), large (10-12, 14-16) and XL (16-18) are accepted!

Shirts must be a *collared polo shirt* of any color (no logos). Students may wear pants, shorts, jumpers, skirts, skorts, or capris. Bottoms must be **Navy**, **Khaki**, **or Black** only (no jeans or "cargo"pockets). Shorts/jumpers/skirts/skorts must be midthigh to knee length or longer.

School begins on August 10th, 2021. The school colors are Red, White, and Blue.

You can help by either buying uniform items from Walmart or Target, or by making a donation to First Presbyterian with "school uniforms" in the memo. You may bring uniforms to church on any Sunday and there will be a basket in the back of the sanctuary to receive your donation. During the week, uniforms may be brought to the church office.

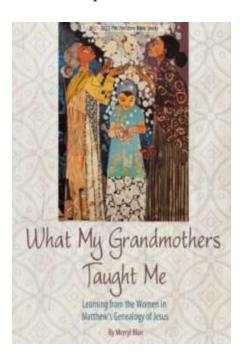


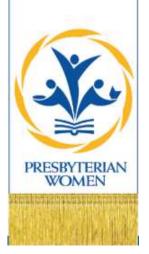


Presbyterian Women

Save the Date!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY presents





Facilitators:

Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive Presbyter Connie Herr, First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach

A LIVESTREAM BIBLE STUDY EVENT

Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

We celebrate that our own Connie Herr will be a facilitator!

This will be an overview of the 2021-2022 PW Horizons Bible Study. This will be a Zoom event; details will be provided once received from the Presbytery.

Inviting all women to the Earnshaw room to participate together with lunch, Or, you may join from home.



Presbyterian Women

Profile of a Christian Woman: Carolyn Toohey

by Elaine Heeren

Many a lasting friendship got its start in the FPC choir. For this month's profiled lady, joining the choir back in 1990 led to a relationship even more profound: a marriage of soulmates between Carolyn and soloist John Toohey.

Their romance quickly blossomed. Sharing a love for music, they tried out for the Theatre Guild's staging of "Oklahoma." During a long weekend off from rehearsals (John in a major role, Carolyn in the ensemble), the pair flew to Las Vegas to be wed. On the wall behind the justice of the peace, a photo caught Carolyn's eye. When queried about it, he said it was "a place you've never heard of." You guessed it. The photo was of Vero Beach!



Carolyn, in fact, knows Vero Beach better than most. Born and raised here, she's watched Vero grow from "a little sleepy town" to "a cultural hub" affording "every opportunity." Carolyn's parents had moved here from Ohio when her entomologist dad was transferred to Vero to study the impact of insects on cotton and other crops. The 5th of 6 children, Carolyn enjoyed a lively family life and regularly attended Community Church.

After graduating from Vero Beach High School, Carolyn went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in criminology from Florida State University. "I was going to save all the juvenile delinquents of the world," she quipped. Her career path changed when Nova Southeastern University offered another way to "make a difference" via a Master's program in speech-language pathology offered in Fort Pierce. For the next 22 years, Carolyn worked in the local school system, helping children overcome speech and language difficulties. In later years, in private practice, she dealt with medical issues, with clients ranging from autistic children to adults suffering from strokes, cognitive deficits, cancer, and end-of-life issues. Carolyn considers herself "very blessed" to have worked in a field that "fills your heart."

Early on, Carolyn married, and while the marriage didn't last, she feels fortunate in her three sons and 5 grandkids who are "the joy of my life." With both she and John are retired now (Carolyn in 2018, John at end of 2020), the Tooheys continue to raise their voices to the Lord on Sundays and look forward to new adventures. Carolyn also sings with a trio that calls itself the "Almost Andrew Sisters" or "The Trio." The group has entertained at assisted living facilities, Polo Club games, and other venues, as well as at First Presbyterian. Carolyn has high praise for the music program under Jacob Craig and says she "learns a lot" from Dr. Tim and his guiding messages.

Carolyn cites the affirming 23rd Psalm ("The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want . . .") as her spiritual touchstone. And we applaud this upbeat, musical lady for her many years serving as a good shepherd here on earth, improving quality of life for countless children and adults. Thank you, Carolyn!

Fellowship

Meet 'n Greet Luncheon for the Young at Heart

Tuesday, July 20th 12:00-2:00pm



Green Marlin Restaurant 1475 US 1, in Vero Beach (formerly Outback Steakhouse)

Calling all Foodies!

Come one, come all for great food and fellowship with the Young at Heart Ministry.

Register by <u>Clicking Here</u>, call the church office, or contact Deb Alich at (772) 999-3644, or daalich@comcast.net

Wednesday Night Fellowship Returns September 1st

We will begin our Wednesday Night Fellowship time on September 1st. We look forward to gathering together again around the table for fellowship, worship, and growing our faith.

If you would like to help host these weekly gatherings, please contact Rev. Michael York at michaelyork@firstpresvero.org.



WHAT IS REALM?

Our events have never been easier to sign up for! And the best part? Having a REALM account is FREE, and it helps you stay up to date on what's going on in the life of our church.



Several invitations have been sent out to everyone via email to access their church profile in our new database and communication system called REALM. If you did not receive it or were unable to complete the sign-up process, please contact Pastor Michael York. Once registered, you will receive all notices and invitations, be able to add to your profile or update your photo, and communicate with others inside our system. You can access this database from anywhere via your secure link! We are also working on a "User Guide" for everyone.



Greeters for Sunday services

A sincere thanks to the 18 people who have recently signed up to volunteer as greeters on Sundays! For more information and to sign up, Contact Phil LoGiudice at: philguilford@gmail.com or (203) 507-0008.

"First Year Friends" needed for new members!

The role of the First Year Friend (aka sponsor) is to be engaged with a new member in order to acquaint them with the life of the church. First Year Friends talk on the phone, go out for coffee or a meal, or attend events with new members to help make them feel at home. If you feel called to serve as a First Year Friend to a new member of our family, contact Deb Alich, Membership Coordinator, at daalich@comast.net or (772) 999-3644.



July Birthdays & Celebrations



Celebrate with us! Sunday, July 4th 5pm - 7pm

North Parking Lot across from the Sanctuary (See page 5 for more information)

Happy Birthday!

- 3 Savannah Womack
- 4 Jillian Conway, Oscar Diaz, Ernest Frazier, Shirley Powell
- 5 Jane Millar, Helen Nugent, Austin Palmer
- 6 Bob Byrket, Pat Pritchett, Cheryl Schregardus, Cathie Ziegler
- 7 Ted Archibald, Gary Carmichael
- 8 Jewell Algood, Toni Evanguelidi, Ginny Gowell
- 9 Joe Farleigh, Anne Fredlock
- 10 Kaitlin Simmons
- 12 Betty Geller, Sybilla Hunt, Ruth Morton
- 13 Jennifer Jones, Phil Risinger, Ruth Thomas
- 16 Anne Malsbary
- 18 Deb Alich, Chas Coxson, Paul Dingee
- 19 Ted Miller
- 20 Dave Lee, Mitch Palmer
- 21 Arlene Foote, James Murphy
- 22 Ruth Anderson
- 23 Chris Loftus, Kari Palmer
- 24 Joyce Black
- 25 Betty Fitzsimmons, Jack Knauss, Ken Spencer
- 26 Andree Asselin, Elaine Heeren, Betty Marsh, Mary Nordstrom
- 27 Ken Otto
- 28 Isabel Power, Melissa Snyder, Mona White
- 29 Evelyn Bates, Karen Boylan, Sue Coffey, Ann Day, Meredith Hager, Pat Holzworth
- 31 Sahamara Ewing, Katy LeBlanc, Marge Stevens

News and Notes



Ongoing events for those seeking Membership

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 10am service Membership Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the month after each service

Those seeking membership are encouraged to meet with the pastors and elders during these events. The introduction of new members also takes place on Membership Sunday during the new member's chosen service time. All meetings take place in the Chapel.

For more information please contact Deb Alich, Membership Coordinator, at 772-999-3644, via email at daalich@comcast.net, or call the church office at 772-562-9088.

Opportunities for Youth Discipleship



QUEST returns on September 1st!

Contact Carie Robbins for more information and to sign up! childrensministry@firstpresvero.org

Sunday School - Sundays during the 10am Service

Youth Ministry M&M's (Mugs and Musings)

Weekly on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm located at: *Coffee House 1420*, 2001 14th Ave. in Vero Beach On the northwest corner of 14th Ave. and 20th St. in the heart of Downtown Vero Beach



Mission Trip Opportunities

Are you interested in a Mission Trip? The Mission Talent Committee is looking into several options for a regional and international mission trip. The regional trip might be as close as the Florida Panhandle to help with Hurricane Recovery through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We are also exploring international opportunities in Guatemala, Cuba, and South Africa.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Rev. Michael York at michaelyork@firstpresvero.org.









News and Notes

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Fred Foy Strang,

Min. of Congregational Care

Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence

Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts

Jacob Strang, Youth Director

Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministries

ELDERS *indicates Elder/Trustee

Class of 2021

Deb Alich, *Harvard "Bud" Johnson,

*Carol Marks, Kari Palmer

Class of 2022

*Jerry Garrett, Phil LoGiudice, Bonnie Nolan,

*Carol Smoyer

Class of 2023

*Allan Bixby, James Ewing, Linda Masterson,

*Cindy Rogers

Clerk of Session - Keith Martin

Treasurer - Scott Westermann

Director of Development - Allan Bixby

Trustees-at-Large

2021 - Melissa Shine

2022 - Bob Satola

2023 - Will Kirk

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2021

Scott Berran, Sue Coffey, Michael Goodfellow, Charles Hancock, Jan Satola, Floy Turner

Class of 2022

Mary Bingham, Reita Byrket, Keith Martin, Barbara Reed, Richard Thomas

Class of 2023

Lucille Craig, Shirley Douglas, Jenifer Foster, Robin Perry, Mimi Rutland, Bob Stuart

Monthly Ministry, Committee, and Talent Team Meetings

Please contact the committee/ministry team leader directly to confirm the status of each meeting regarding the continuation of online-only teleconferences or in-person meetings.

All meetings 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; 4pm

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



Weekly Bible Studies and Prayer Opportunities

Dr. Tim

Tuesdays at 10:30am In-Person, or via LiveStream

Click here to join

Pastor Michael

Tuesdays at 7:30pm via Zoom

Click here to join

<u>Devotional & Prayer</u> <u>with Dr. Fred Foy</u> Fridays at 10:00am via Zoom

Click here to join

Get connected

bus over to riversideconcert @ 7pm

May 26-Family Day4-6pm

Yard games, blow-up obstacle course, a giant dart board, and a movie. We will have yummy snacks including Chick-fil-A!!

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VBS

Check us out on facebook
First Presbyterian Church
Vero Beach

invites children to be strong by

remaining with God and

sharing God's love

Knights of North Castle
June 7-June 11 from 9 to noon

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- @firstpresverobeach
- jacobstrang@firstpresvero.org
- childrensministry@firstpresvero.org
- E Children, Youth & Families Y - Grades 6-12
- Questions?

Dont Hesitate to Call! Jacob - 772-643-7737 Carie - 812-583-3888

Family Park Day

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May 23 - Casting Crowns
We are meeting at the church at
5:00pm for pizzal and take a

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9am-4pm

Cost \$10

6th-12th

JUNE 5th -Andrett's!

Meeting up in the late afternoon at riverside to enjoy the 4th of july fireworks and local food trucks

Y River Ranch -Youth Retreat

Polk County, FL - where we will kick back and relax in the beautiful, great wide open, glamping, worship and small groups, Saturday night rodeo and horseback riding 6th-12th

Y Mugs and Musings

Meet Thursdays from 3-5pm Coffee House 1420 Downtown Vero Beach

Blessing of the backpacks

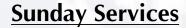
Celebrating the return back to school with an in church blessing followed by a movie and indoor picnic @ McAfee Hall - August 8



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8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:15am

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.

Each week, as you are able, continue to bring food items to support the work of our Mission Talent Committee. We will make sure that these food offerings go to those in need in our community.

We continue to offer both Livestream and in-person services. For those of you who do not feel comfortable attending an in-person service in the sanctuary, we honor your decision, and we look forward to having all of you attend worship via Livestream on the church website or our Facebook page.

July Scriptures and Sermons

To hear the latest sermon over the phone, call (772) 206-3548

July 4, 2021

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 "God's Grace is Sufficient" July 11, 2021

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor
Ephesians 1:3-14
"We Are Chosen"

July 18, 2021

Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor Ephesians 2:1-10 "God Gives Us Life" July 25, 2021

Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor Ephesians 3:14-21 "Putting Down Roots"

"For God Loves a Cheerful Giver"

Our in-person offertory procedures have changed, and we wanted you to know that 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?

Click here to be directed to our secure portal.

Or, use your smartphone for easy mobile giving! Text "Firstpresvero" to 73256 and follow the prompts!