



# FIRST NEWS

“Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ”

May 2023

## Volunteering: Moving from Success to Significance

The month of May offers many special and wonderful celebrations. There is Mother’s Day, which is always special. There are lots of graduations, and we celebrate the honors received and the new opportunities in life. There is Memorial Day when we remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms of our country. There is Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

We also celebrate all those who are part of the church. And we celebrate their contributions. During April and May we have focused on the need for volunteers. We are in a time in the life of our church when we need our members to volunteer their time and energy and talents to others. There are lots of reasons to volunteer, and there are lots of needs to be satisfied during May you will be offered many opportunities to volunteer for your church. Below is a list of 10 reasons why it is always a good thing to volunteer for your church.

1. Volunteering at My Church Has Given My Life Greater Purpose
2. Volunteering at My Church Has Given Me Broader Perspective
3. Volunteering at My Church Has Given Me Lifelong Friendships
4. Volunteering at My Church Has Given Me A Healthier Self-Image
5. Volunteering at My Church Helps Others
6. Volunteering at My Church Has Made Me More Generous
7. Volunteering at My Church Taught Me How to Make Better Decisions
8. Volunteering at My Church Makes Me A Better Thinker
9. Volunteering at My Church Has Given Me Lasting Influence
10. Volunteering at My Church Will One Day Result in A Greater Reward

First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach needs your support, your time, and your talent. As we serve others, we affirm what Jesus asked of us in Matthew 25, that, whenever we care for the least of these our brothers and sisters, you have cared for me. So, look for ways that you can serve. They can be small gestures, or they can be noble acts of ministry. Pray for how you are being led to participate and volunteer.

For those who are retired, most of those who retire to Florida begin their retirement by focusing on themselves (golf, travel, fun, etc.). Soon it is realized that there is more to life. To retire in comfort to Florida we have been successful. Yet, how do we move from *success* in our former life to **significance** on our retired life. The answer: Volunteer! Make a difference. Serve others and in so doing, we serve Christ. Volunteer!

May God bless and have a blessed May.

*Tim Womack*

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian are as active as ever. We continue to welcome new participants (technically all of the women in our church are considered Presbyterian Women!).

Wear your name badge - helps as we get to know one another!

JO WHEELER shared her Ukraine experience at our information-rich April meeting. We thank her for bringing messages about the displaced families as it affects women and children. We were all moved as she spoke of her heartfelt journey.

**MAY MEETING MAY 1ST** - The next general meeting will be held in the Earnshaw Room. It is the annual end-of-season Roundup. All when are welcome. Bring friend, make a friend!

**THE UNIQUE BOUTIQUE** portion of Christmas Tree Lane is already on our radar! This is a huge feature of Christmas at First Pres - a proud yearly tradition to raise money for PW's charitable giving. All hands on deck! See important note below:

Drop-off times: Mon. 9-11, Thurs. 1-3 in the Women's Activities Rm at the CLC.  
from now until Thanksgiving. Donations have to be categorized and priced which is a huge task and time consuming. Avoid last minute giving.  
Note: no electronics, clothes, shoes, damaged items, please.

**MONTHLY LUNCHEES:** Many thanks to Ann Faunce and Jane Millar for leading Grace Circle this year. It has ended for this season but their popular Olive Garden lunches will continue on the 2nd Friday of each month. Next lunch is May 19th, 11:30AM. No business, just fellowship. All are welcome!

**FPC TO HOST PW CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY BIBLE STUDY AUG. 12th.** This mid-summer event will showcase our church and our Pw and we will want to be prepared for it. More information to come. Mark your calendars to help us, please! Thanks to Co-Chairs Beth Pritchett and Maggie Fleming. More info to come.

# MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

## Presbyterian Men's Fellowship - J. Andrew Burnam, M.D.

The men of the Presbyterian Fellowship always refer to the good doctor as "Dr. Andy". He was born in the small town of Cordele, Georgia. His parent's families had migrated to Georgia from the Carolinas. Andy was raised in a large Baptist church that was part of the Southern Baptist Convention and he described it as a busy and wonderful experience in his Christian life. When it came time to attend college, Andy decided on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where many family members had attended in the past.

He met his future wife, Gloria, while attending a summer school class in physics. She had been attending Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. Her father, a physician, liked to say that "one is not properly educated without a course in physics". Soon after that Andy entered medical school at Chapel Hill and Gloria transferred to North Carolina to complete her senior year. They married in 1960. Gloria was reared in the Miami Shores Presbyterian Church and that would influence their future in Christianity.

Once Andy completed his M.D. at UNC, he entered the surgical internship program at Duke University Hospital. Their first child, Mark, was born at that time. It was while he interned that Andy realized his main interest was otolaryngology, the study of head and neck reconstructive surgery. After completing a year of surgical specialties, especially plastic surgery, he entered the otolaryngology program and completed his studies in 1968.

Andy had been in the U.S. Naval Reserve program for medical students during his years at university and upon graduation, he was obligated to complete his Navy service. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, California which was a large teaching hospital. Then in 1969 he was deployed to Vietnam aboard the USS *Repose*, a hospital ship. While based in Vietnam he treated acutely injured American soldiers and took care of many injured Vietnamese soldiers and civilians. Many of the cases required reconstruction. There were head and neck cancers and congenital defects as well.

After discharge from the Navy, Andy and Gloria moved to Miami, Florida where Andy joined the University of Miami School of Medicine faculty. He worked in the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. They picked Miami as their future home due to the great climate that supported their interest in outdoor activities, especially tennis. Their second son John was born there in 1972.

Because of Andy's interest in the surgery specialties, he was soon board certified in both facial plastic surgery and cosmetic surgery. From the Miami School, he moved on to private practice and moved his family to Ft. Myers, Florida where he would eventually retire. During his career he was a member of multiple professional societies and published many papers regarding reconstructive surgery.

After retirement the family continued to live for 15 years in Ft Myers. In 2013 Gloria and Andy moved to Indian River Estates in Vero Beach which was known as a great retirement community. During the Covid pandemic, Dr. Andy wrote a weekly column in the Men's Fellowship newsletter that Rod Keefer published. His column always provided many great ways we could stay safer from the virus. He was a big proponent of Vitamin D3 among other things. Many of us were comforted by his advice and I know I personally benefitted! Andy continues to attend the Tuesday breakfasts now that we are back to 'normal' as far as Covid is concerned.

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Department of Music & Arts presents:

# *So this is Love...*

*A vocal recital by Patrick J. Stella*

*Celebrating 50 years of marriage*

*Saturday, May 6, 2023*

*2:00pm*

*FPC Sanctuary*

Local vocalist and dedicated husband, Patrick J. Stella, will present *So This is Love*, a recital to honor his wife and their 50-year marriage on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 2:00pm. The concert will take place in the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church, 520 Royal Palm Boulevard in Vero Beach. Admission is free to the community.

As the son of a professional vocalist, Pat Stella is no stranger to performing. He grew up singing with his father, joined choir in high school and eventually took to performing as a vocalist in nightclubs around Chicagoland. While in college, he toured with a 23-piece jazz band until he was drafted for the Vietnam War. After his deployment, he returned home in 1973 and married the love of his life, Sheila. Pat had to give up performing at this point due to conflicts with touring and the desire to start a family. Through the years, Pat and Sheila built a successful company in Nashville, TN, eventually selling it in 2014 and retiring to Vero Beach in 2020. Patrick and Stella will be celebrating 50 years of marriage together in May 2023.

The recital program chosen by Stella will tell a story of he and his wife's relationship through song. Dedicating this recital to his wife, it is his gift to her to show his love and appreciation for 50 years of her continual love and support. In a world where long-lasting marriages seem to be a thing of the past, this recital is a refreshing and heartwarming reminder that love and marriage can still endure the test of time. Please join the Stellas in celebrating their Golden Anniversary by attending this beautiful tribute to their life together. Song selections include: *Beware my Foolish Heart*, *That's All*, *Wind Beneath my Wings*, *The Way You Look Tonight*, *Stand By Me*, and more. Accompaniment will be provided by professional studio musicians on drums and bass, as well as Dr. Jacob Craig on piano.

For more information, contact Ginger Lagemann, Music and Arts Administrator, at (772) 562-9088 or [ginger@firstpresvero.org](mailto:ginger@firstpresvero.org).

**Patrick J. Stella**

*Presents:*

*So this is love...*

**Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage**

*Join Patrick and friends as he tells  
the love story of a lifetime in song*

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

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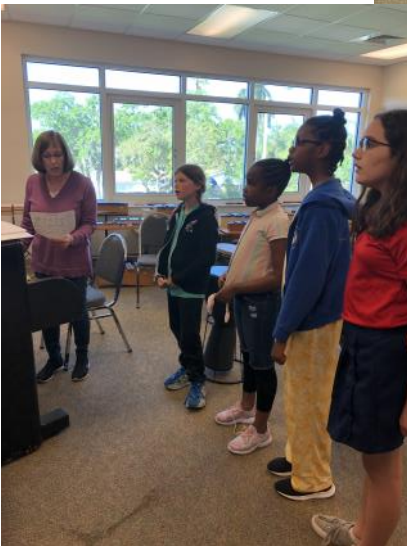
# DISCIPLESHIP

## What is Quest?

Quest is a Wednesday afternoon gathering of children from public and private schools. First Presbyterian Church offers this time as a service to our community as many parents are working during after school hours. Quest strives to teach students how to be respectful and responsible and enjoy life. It is a time for kids to have outdoor time in our playground, snacks, art, music and Bible stories. The kids are secure and happy with a regular schedule and leadership by Ashley Wright, who grew up in First Presbyterian Church!

She is helped by Janine Jones and Peter Mahtani, our music teachers. Deb Pierce and Ann Faunce teach Bible stories and how faith is applied in their lives. Jamie Penza, Ansley Whigham, Samantha Lambert, and Jada Hep-  
pern are our high school volunteers.

Many children come to FPC by word of mouth...the best publicity there is! Below are photos of the kids that tell you better than a 1,000 words!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY!

2 Claudia Bobseine, Barbara Fazekas, Linda Weisbecker, Anne Zabcik, Jim Zabcik  
4 Mavis Graves  
5 Jayline Gomez, Rodney Keefer, Melissa Shine, Janice Ward, Pat Wempe  
6 Bob Christiansen, Judy Gagne, Joseph Jones, Ansley Palmer  
9 Frank Keeler, Carol Marks, Joseph Pew, Joan Yukins  
10 Floy Turner  
11 Joe Dolby, Betsy Hess, Anne Posey  
12 Scott Berran, Sue Harris, Ralph Lewis  
13 Ted Allen, Eden Chilberg, Sandy Clark, Nancy Kauffman, Priscilla Payne, Ralph Schregardus, Hope Shine  
14 Clyde Gordon, Logan Pelletier  
15 Skooter TenEyck  
16 Lucy Guisto, Robyn Thompson  
17 Stephanie Austin, Catherine Burton, Beannie Silverstein  
18 Allan Bixby, Louise Feroe, Lynn Miller, Arly Urbauer  
19 Bud Johnson, Karen Sylvester  
20 Stacy Gabbard, Dorothy Kingsbury, Barbara Reed  
21 Linda Masterson, Ronn Rhodes, Lola Shine  
22 Peter Ritchie  
23 Lucille Craig  
25 Devin Peirce  
26 Stephanie Nagel, Mark Peirce, Jamie Penza  
27 Peter Coe, Judy Everett  
28 John Colmey, Kathleen Dennis, Amy MacMillan, Janet Thompson  
29 Joan Hobson, David Morgan, Jan Satola, Jim Wolfe  
30 Chuck Horner, Barbara Lang  
31 Kiera Black, Beth Pritchett

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

### May 3

Cinco de Mayo night—Chicken Chimichanga's, Mexican Street Corn, Salad Bar, Churro Bars

### May 10

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Loaded Baked Potato Casserole, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert

### May 17

Turkey Tetrazzini, Southern Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad Bar, Dessert



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Holly Adams, Minister of Congregational Care  
Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence  
Dr. Jacob Craig, Director of Music & Arts  
Peter Mahtani, Assistant Director of Music & Arts  
Ginny Bauer, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Pastors  
Kimberly Ball, Financial Administrator  
Lisa Jeffra, Administrative Assistant

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## **MAY SERMONS & SERVICES**

*Rev. Dr. G Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor*

**May 7, 2023**

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Gifts from Jesus: "A New Command"

Rev. Holly Adams, Min. of Congregational Care

**May 21, 2023**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Gifts from Jesus: "Unity"

Rev. Russ Feroe, Guest Minister

**May 14, 2023**

Psalms 122

Gifts from Jesus: "Peace"

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor

**May 28, 2023 - Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21

"Even the Cretans"

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence

**Sunday Worship Times**

8:30am in the Mighell 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 9:30am service.

We will also be having Fellowship Time with coffee and cookies after all worship services.

The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday. If you are worshipping from home via LiveStream and 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.