



First NEWS

"Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ"

June 2019

Church is "In" for Summer!

When I was in middle school and high school, I was not one of those who lamented the end of the school year. In May, we began the countdown to the end of the school year. Inevitably, when that final bell would ring we would celebrate with our classmates, say goodbye to our favorite teachers and staff, and sing, for all to hear, the one line of the song that we knew, "School's out for summer!"

Alice Cooper may have struck a chord with young students. Yet, with Christians in the summer, we need to change the lyrics ever so slightly, "Church is IN for Summer." This summer is a time to continue to grow in faith and life.

Our summer hours are designed to offer an earlier worship option so our members and guests can take advantage of long summer days. This summer we are celebrating special Sundays and offering several sermon series.

June *Communion, Pentecost and Father's Day*

In June, we celebrate communion on the first Sunday, June 2. On June 9 we celebrate the birthday of the church as we join for Pentecost. On June 16 we worship God while recognizing our fathers and their influence on our lives.

July *Luke's Travel Guide*

For many families, July is a month of travel, so we will examine what the Gospel of Luke has to say about our travels and our spiritual lives. Like a GPS or map guiding us on long journeys, Luke guides our spiritual lives wherever we may travel: Sending, Serving, Listening, and Praying.

August *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

In August our worship will be developed by examining the beautiful theology of some of our most endearing hymns. "Great is Thy Faithfulness" will examine the faithfulness of God in the midst of the most trying personal situations and circumstances. During August, we will sing modern hymns and lots of the great, traditional hymns that have brought so much joy to so many.

School may be out, but the church is "In!" Come celebrate with us! Come gather guidance! Come and honor great music and traditions! As you might expect in Florida this time of year, this summer will be bright!

May God Bless,

Tim Womack



WORSHIP

DOCTORAL SEND-OFF CONCERT HONORING JACOB CRAIG



Join us for a very special June 9th concert (4:00PM) at First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, "An Oxford Ovation." This is a celebration concert for the service, the leadership, and the academic achievement of Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts at First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach. This special event will not only celebrate his ministry with our congregation but also celebrate his service to the community.

This performance will feature the chancel choir, the bell choir, and the orchestra of First Presbyterian Church. Also celebrating will be the Vero Beach Pipe and Drums, the Silvertones, the IRE Choir, and many other guest musicians. This clearly will be a very special and festive afternoon.

At the concert an offering will be accepted for the purpose of supporting Jacob as he concludes his doctoral program at Oxford University, England. We are excited that he has been accepted for such a prestigious course of study and we wish to support him in his concluding course work, study and travel. Many of us know what it is like to travel abroad. We know that it is not an inexpensive proposition. All proceeds from the offering will be used to support Jacob in this very special endeavor.

If you wish to make this a tax free gift, make your gift to First Presbyterian Church and in the memo note: Jacob's Oxford Trip.

This will truly be an amazing endeavor for our beloved music director and we look forward to many years of his continued leadership, growth, and dedication to our congregation and community.

MISSION



First Presbyterian Church participates in a build for Habitat for Humanity on the **first Saturday** of each month. Helping hands are encouraged to come and participate as you can. The workday begins at 7:30 am at the build site and ends at 12 noon. No tools or supplies are required; they have it all. Simply bring your own personal water bottle and a willingness to work! The Habitat for Humanity worksite is located off of Oslo Road and 20th Ave SW in the Waterside community. We are excited to be working hand-in-hand with Habitat for Humanity and with each other.

Call or stop by the church office to get more information or contact church team coordinator Jeff Morgan!

DISCIPLESHIP

YOUTH HEADED TO ANDRETTI THRILL PARK

Summer is Here!!!! Our Youth group is celebrating school being out for the summer by going to Andretti's Thrill park!



Super Speedway track, F1 track, Jr. Indy track, Spinning Coaster, Andretti 360, Drop N Twist Tower, Rookie Row, Wave Rave boats, Majors Mini Golf, Lazer Tag, Ropes Course, Andretti Edge climbing wall, Batting Cages.

June 8th, 8:45am - 4:00pm. Cost is \$15.00. Friends are welcome; RSVP to Jacob Strang, Youth Director, ASAP at jacobstrang@firstpresvero.org or 772-643-7737.

DISCIPLESHIP

VBS 2019

We're going on an exciting voyage June 10-14, 8:45am-12:00pm!

As a voyager on a journey through space, we'll explore where God's power can take us while we discover the wonders of God's universe! VBS is open to children 3 years old (as of 1/1/19) through entering 5th grade this fall. To see if there is space available, please contact Robyn Thompson in the church office at 772-562-9088 or robyn@firstpresvero.org.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We only need to fill a handful of volunteer spots for this year's out-of-this-world VBS!

- Group guide – travel with a group of kids through the rotations
- Check-out – assist with parent/guardian check-out in the lobby of CCL
- Rotation/Activity Helper – Assist the rotation leader at any of the following stations: Crafts, Missions, Games & Snacks or in a preschool room
- Decorating and Set-up team

Please contact VBS Coordinator, Robyn Thompson, via email at robyn@firstpresvero.org or by calling the church office at 562-9088, ext. 122 to volunteer or for more information.

BIBLE BLAST MUSIC CAMP IS JULY 22-26, 2019



Kids Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for a summer music camp July 22-26, 9am – 12pm daily.

Summer music camp will include singing, drumming, playing all forms of music making as we look at Bible stories through music! Each child will make their own musical instrument too. On Friday, 7/26 at 11:30am, the campers will perform for family and friends to finish this fun-filled week with a “bang!” Cost to attend is \$40.00 per camper.

Contact Janine Jones, Children's Choir Director at 772-696-1271 or Robyn Thompson, Membership and Communications Coordinator, 772-562-9088, ext. 122 for more information.

Registration forms are available in the church office or online at www.firstpresvero.org in the EVENTS section.

WEAR ME!

As a friendly reminder, we encourage our members and regularly attending guests to wear your name badges any time you're on campus or attending an FPC function. It's extremely beneficial for many reasons! If you do not have a name badge, kindly stop by or call the church office. We will gladly get you one.



JUNE 2019

SUNDAYS @ FIRST PRES

June 2, 2019
“Unity in Christ”
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack John 17:20-26

June 9, 2019
“Resident? Alien?”
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Acts 2:1-21

June 16, 2019 - Father's Day
“Open Hearts”
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Romans 5:1-5

June 23, 2019
“Who Do You Think You Are”
 Rev. C. Michael York Galatians 3:23-29

June 30, 2019
“Freed From, Freed For!”
 Rev. C. Michael York Galatians 5:12-25

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES (THROUGH 9/29)

8:30 a.m. - Worship in the Chapel with Communion
 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:10 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (concurrent with Worship), held in the Children's Wing of the Center for Christian Life

OTHER SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

1st Sunday of each month we serve Communion (at 10 am services). It is also the Sunday we hold our “Wholeness & Healing Gathering” in the Chapel after our worship service has concluded.

The 2nd Sunday of each month we collect a “2¢ a meal” offering—which is an ohms offering rooted in the tradition of placing a few cents in a jar or can at every meal as an expression of thanks for everything we have received. The offering raises awareness and funds for the fight against hunger.

The 3rd Sunday is “Membership Sunday,” or “Joining Sunday,” where members of the Session and other church leaders meet with those who desire to join the church. This gathering is held in the Chapel after worship services.

For additional information, please visit the church website: www.firstpresvero.org.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30AM Worship - Chapel 10:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 11:00AM Service of Wholeness & Healing 11:15AM Youth Group	3 8:30AM Preschool Camp 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 11:00AM Ruth Circle 7:00PM AA	4 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 8:30AM Preschool Camp 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 6:30PM Al-Anon	5 7830AM Preschool Camp 12:00PM Overeaters Anonymous 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 6:00PM Al-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir	6 8:30AM Preschool Camp 11:30AM Orchestra Rehearsal	7 8:30AM Preschool Camp 12:00PM Al-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	8 ALL DAY - Set up for VBS 8:45AM Youth to Adnretti Thrill Park 10:00AM FPC Quilt Group
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Monthly Ministry, Committee or Talent Team Meetings:

- Deacons - 1st Tuesday; 4:30pm; Earnshaw Rm
- Discipleship - 2nd Tuesday; 1pm; Baines Room
- Fellowship - 2nd Wednesday; 11:am; Baines Rm
- Finance & Policy - 1st Thursday; 3pm; Earnshaw Rm

- Heritage - 4th Thursday; 10am - Baines Rm
- Hospitality - 1st Monday; 3pm; Heritage Rm
- Missions - 2nd Tuesday; 1:30pm; Earnshaw
- Personnel - Tuesday prior to Trustees Mtg; 3:30pm; Baines Rm, as needed
- PW Team - 1st Monday; 1pm; Adult Activities Rm
- Session - 3rd Thursday; 6:50pm; Earnshaw Rm

- Trustees - Monday of the full week prior to Session; 3pm; Earnshaw Rm
- Worship - 4th Thursday; 4pm; Earnshaw Rm

Subject to change, at the discretion of each committee/ ministry team, as needed.

FELLOWSHIP

MEET 'N GREET DINNER

Please join us for Meet 'n Greet fellowship as we enjoy LUNCH on JUNE 18, 2019, at 11:45 a.m. Our next restaurant adventure will be at the Wave Kitchen & Bar at Costa d'Este Beach Resort & Spa, 3244 Ocean Dr, Vero Beach. RSVP by signing up in CCL or contacting Deb Alich at 772-999-3644 or daalich@comcast.net not later than June 11. All are welcome!!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEXT MEETS ON AUGUST 5

Presbyterian Women is taking a brief summer break and will not meet in June or July. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 5th, at 1:00 p.m., in the first-floor Activities Room of the Christian Life Center. Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we look ahead to fall!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR "BIRTHDAY OFFERING"

Our deep appreciation to all who joined us in commemorating their lives' many blessings at the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering. The carefully vetted ministries supported by this annual offering can – and do – change lives. Your generosity at that very special Wednesday Night Dinner enabled us to forward \$495 to the Presbyterian Church (USA). On behalf of this year's beneficiaries, we thank you.

WANT TO "FIELD TEST" A NEW BIBLE STUDY?

Have you participated in our monthly Circle studies? If you have, you may want to consider joining a new group here at the church that will be evaluating the first draft of a Horizons Bible Study course to be published in March, 2021. The study will focus on the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. This group will meet from August through mid-December to review and react to each lesson. Feedback on this draft study – its clarity, its flow, its strengths and weaknesses – will then be used to revise the text. This is a wonderful opportunity to help shape a Bible study that will nurture the faith of Presbyterian women throughout the U.S. Sound intriguing? The group is forming now, with Lucille Craig already onboard as leader. To learn more, contact Deb Alich at 772-999-3644 or daalich@comcast.net.

FIRST ROUND OF CHARITABLE GIVING ANNOUNCED

Supporting worthy causes is a core mission of Presbyterian Women. Accordingly, twice a year we distribute the funds netted by Christmas Tree Lane, which in 2018 totaled \$16,400. Our first round of donations, totaling \$8,855, went out in May to these six organizations/missions: United Against Poverty, Friends After Diagnosis, Shining Light Garden Foundation, Literacy Services of Indian River County, Naphtali House in Nairobi, and First Presbyterian Church Pre-School. Applications for our next round of funding – slated for early September – are now being accepted. If you have a charity you wish to be considered, please contact Deb Alich (772-999-3644 or daalich@comcast.net) or Susie Nystrom (517-403-7308 or susienystrom@gmail.com) for an application or more information.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR PLEDGE LETTER?

Some 333 pledge letters seeking support for the day-to-day operating expenses of Presbyterian Women have been mailed. If you haven't received yours and wish to, please contact Deb Alich or Susie Nystrom. We are grateful beyond words for your support of this organization. Your donations are tax deductible and will be judiciously used right here.

PILLAR: FINANCE

Treasurer's Report for April 2019

Gifts for the month of April totaled \$119,312. Giving year-to-date is slightly ahead of the budget. Special music on Palm Sunday and Easter worship services were outstanding. Expenses to date are under budget by approximately \$30,000.

Our cash balance is in good shape as we head toward summer, however, giving tends to decline over the next few months. First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach offers donors the ability to contribute via our website. There is a tab on the home page labeled "Give Online". Simply click on the tab and follow the process to complete a transaction or establish a periodic contribution plan. This is a very convenient way to continue our financial support throughout the summer.

Scott Westermann

Treasurer

Dear Members and Church Friends,

How can we "Secure the Future" of our beloved First Presbyterian Church? How can we ensure that our wonderful Ministries continue beyond our stewardship of giving of our Time, Talents and Treasures? Our current Operating Budget relies heavily on a small number of major donors. Therefore, we must look beyond and to the future.

One of the best ways to secure First Presbyterian is by giving the gift that keeps on giving in perpetuity – a gift to our Endowment Fund, which is held in perpetuity with 3 – 5% withdrawn annually to help fund our ministries. Funds are not withdrawn if principal would be invaded. This ensures that your gift keeps on giving in perpetuity.

Just imagine if our current endowment of \$2.6 million were \$5.0 million or more. Please consider all of this as you make current and future donations. Most importantly, please remember the legacy you may leave via your Estate Planning.

Sincerely,

Allan Bixby and Scott Westermann

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor
Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor
Rev. Graham Bingham, Min. of Congregational Care
Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts
Jacob Strang, Youth Director

ELDERS

Class of 2019

*Hilary Dobson, Carol Goodfellow, Terry Long, *Bob Satola, *Bob Stuart

Class of 2020

Carol Campbell, *Steve Harrison, Steve Nystrom, Noel Thompson

Class of 2021

Deb Alich, *Harvard "Bud" Johnson, *Carol Marks, Kari Palmer

*indicates Elder/Trustee

Clerk of Session - Connie Herr

Treasurer - Scott Westermann

Director of Development - Allan Bixby

Trustees-at-Large

2019 - Carol Beaty; 2020 - John Reed; 2021 - Melissa Shine

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2019

Nancy Allerman, Karen Boylan, Glenn Conn, Kenneth Foster, Rod Keefer, *Susan Long, Rebecca Palmer, Gloria Raines

Class of 2020

Peter Coe, Churchill Cooke, Maggie Fleming, Sally Lowndes, Barb Schwin, Susie Stoughton

Class of 2021

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

*indicates Moderator

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Happy Birthday June!

- 1 Alissa Bates
- 4 Joan Kay
- 5 Carmen Franek
- 5 Margo Hamilton-Stynchcomb
- 5 Kim Conn
- 6 Bob Stuart
- 6 Phil Schwin
- 6 Cyndee Wood
- 6 Bill Burrows
- 7 Roger Swanson
- 7 Erin York
- 7 Meg Dingee
- 8 Libby Thompson
- 9 Kenneth Foster
- 10 Nancy Rumford
- 10 Dave Stewart
- 10 Jonny Womack
- 12 Violet Moyer
- 12 Trel Adams

- 12 Lorna Oswald
- 14 Mary Husman
- 14 Mary Ann Renz
- 15 Virginia Ostrander
- 15 Cherrie Schreiber
- 15 Susan Foster
- 15 Erin Franko
- 16 Cindy Welford
- 17 Ann Risinger
- 17 Robbi Peirce
- 18 Nancy Forlines
- 18 Mike Goodfellow
- 19 Jim Newman
- 20 Carolyn Snyder
- 20 Linda Johnson
- 20 Mary Blair
- 20 Stephanie Womack
- 21 Ben Humphries
- 24 Gilbert Metz, Jr.
- 26 Carol Smoyer
- 28 Joel Shine
- 30 Susan Horner

