



First NEWS

"Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ"

May 2019

A Year of Worship

Advent! Christmas! Epiphany! The Baptism of the Lord! Transfiguration! Ash Wednesday! Lent! Palm Sunday! Maundy Thursday! Easter! Pentecost! Reformation Sunday! All Saints Day!

MLK, Jr. Weekend! Valentine's Day! Mission Sunday! Youth Sunday! The Kirking! Mother's Day! Memorial Day Weekend! Father's Day! Independence Day! Labor Day Weekend! Veteran's Day! Thanksgiving!

All these dates or themes are critical to the Christian year. It takes effort and energy to plan a worship experience that is meaningful, expressive, energetic and faithful. Every year for the last four years, the "ministry planning staff" has participated in a Worship Planning Retreat. At this retreat we plan the scriptures to be used, the hymns to sing, and the special offerings for the various worship opportunities throughout the year. We plan from June through June of the following year.

As we prepare for this year's Worship Planning Retreat, which will begin on May 13, we invite you to share with us your thoughts to help us in our worship planning. As we review the last year's services, we seek to make upgrades for the coming year and determine what new opportunities lie before us. Your help will be crucial in giving us new ideas for worship. Many of you are seasonal and worship at other churches for part of the year. We would like to know what worship services you have particularly enjoyed. We would like to know what experiences you have had that have been particularly meaningful to your Christian journey. We would love to know what you would like us to offer that maybe we have not offered over the last many years.

We are always flexible in regard to worship, as we are open to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Yet, it is important to plan ahead so that we are prepared to offer God our very best in the maintenance of divine worship. Please feel free to email us your thoughts as to new worship insights.

You can email your thoughts to drwomack@firstpresvero.org. We will reflect on all your comments and with your help, our worship will be stronger than ever.

Please keep us in your prayers as we participate in the 2019 Worship Planning Retreat, and please continue to ask God's blessing upon our congregation.

May God bless!

Sincerely,

Tim

WORSHIP

DOCTORAL SEND-OFF CONCERT HONORING JACOB CRAIG



Join us on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary for a concert featuring our Chancel Choir, Youth Orchestra, and Handbells in collaboration with the ACTS Choir (from Indian River Estates), the Silver Tones, and the Vero Beach Pipes and Drums. It's a party with the music department and friends, and everyone is invited! We're celebrating Jacob Craig as he prepares to travel to England this summer to complete his Doctorate of Sacred Music with post-doc study at Oxford University. We couldn't be happier for our leader and friend, and we hope you will share in our excitement with this wonderful send-off for his two week sabbatical. All are invited to participate in this one-of-a-kind concert. A love offering will be accepted in order to assist Jacob in defraying the costs of this special two week sabbatical experience. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church. Please indicate "**Sabbatical**" on the memo line to aid in processing.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES ARE ALMOST HERE!

Mark you calendars and share the word with your friends. **May 26th** is the Sunday we go to our summer worship times: 8:30am in the Chapel and 10:00am in the Sanctuary.



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

VBS 2019

Come with us 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 year old (as of 1/1/19) through entering 5th grade this fall. The cost is \$20.00 per voyager. Registration forms are available online at www.firstpresvero.org in the EVENTS section and at the front office. Due to the extensive amount of supplies for the hands-on crafts and activities, registration will close May 27th, 2019.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the end of the school year fast approaching, plans are well underway for another exciting week of Vacation Bible School! Join us June 10-14 as we head To Mars and Beyond and we journey to discover where God's power can take us!

As registrations consistently come in, we need to fill several spots with adult volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Please consider any of the following:

- Group guide – travel with a group of kids through the rotations
- Registration/Check-in/Check-out – assist with parent check-in or check-out in the lobby of CCL
- Rotation/Activity Helper – Assist the rotation leader at any of the following stations: Crafts, Science (new this year), Missions, Music, 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.

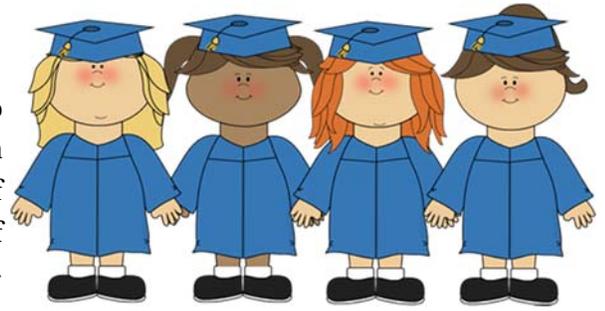
Contact Janine Jones, Children's Choir Director at 772-696-1271 or Robyn Thompson, Membership and Communications Coordinator, 772-562-9088, ext. 122 for more information.

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

DISCIPLESHIP

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

As another school year comes to an end, we are looking forward to celebrating our two VPK classes with a special end-of-year graduation event. Join us Thursday, May 23rd at 10:00am in McAfee Hall. All of the students in each of our classes will be performing a song too! If you plan to attend, kindly let the Preschool know by calling 772-257-7238.



First Presbyterian Preschool Adventure Camp is open for registration! We welcome children ages 2-5 years, and are excited to offer full-day and half-day options to meet your and your child's needs. Cost is \$110-220 per week depending on time you want to have your child attend. Camp sessions begin the week of May 28th and continue through the week of July 22, with the exception of the week of June 10th (no camp this week due to Vacation Bible School.) For registration forms and more information, please contact the Preschool office at 772-257-7238.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, IS GRADUATION SUNDAY!



We are thrilled and excited to honor 12 graduating seniors this year. They have been invited to a delicious breakfast event and will be recognized and given a gift during worship.

Our graduating seniors are Jillian Barley, Leif Clark, Meg Dingee, Grace Dooley, Logan Fillazola, Marianna Forero, Juliana George, Samantha Kmetz, Cody Lanier, Grace Olsson, Ella Tierney and Jack Wagner.

KID'S MUSICALE

Our final Quest Kids Club gathering will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the Center for Christian Life. We've had nearly 40 children be a part of our after school program and we want to celebrate and thank YOU, our church family, for supporting us by performing for you during Wednesday Night Dinner. We'd love to see you there! Kindly RSVP to the church office for the Musicale and Wednesday Night Dinner (menu on the next page) by calling the church office at 772-562-9088.



FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS IN MAY

We'd love to have you join us for Wednesday Night Dinner! Check out the menus for the month of May and simply call the church office or head to the "Events" section of our website: www.firstpresvero.org to RSVP. We hope you will join us as for this time of fellowship and faith sharing.

May 1st - Baked spaghetti, Texas toast, southern fried corn, salad bar, birthday cake

May 8th - Goulash, ciabatta bread, applesauce, salad bar, homemade cookies

May 15th - Chili dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, salad bar, s'more bars

MEET N GREET DINNER

Our growing group of foodies will head to South Beach (Vero, that is!) for a great new DINNER experience at Restaurant Di Mare, 1517 Ocean Dr, on TUES, MAY 21, at 5 p.m. To make a reservation, please sign up in CCL or contact Deb Alich at (772) 999-3644 or via email at daalich@comcast.net. RSVP deadline is May 14.



HOSPITALITY

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.



LAST CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS IN OUR NEW DIRECTORY



Two more Sunday's have been scheduled for quick photographs to include in our upcoming in-house directory. For your convenience, we will be set up just outside E.T. Smith Lounge (just opposite the playground) May 5th and May 12th from 10:00-11:00 am. These are "come as you are" photos for all of the members, affiliates and friends of First Pres! No appointment needed; simply pop by. It's the "last call" to say CHEESE.

FELLOWSHIP

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW GIVE STUDENTS “HAPPY FEET”

Excitement was in the air one recent morning as 21 young students from Dodgertown Elementary School eagerly got off the school bus at Payless Shoes in Vero Beach. The reason for their excitement? Each would soon have the thrill of picking out a brand-new pair of sneakers.

The youngsters' special morning was made possible through a \$1,000 donation from the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach, to a wonderful initiative called “Happy Feet.” The initiative is made possible through the Education Foundation of Indian River County's Sneaker Exchange Program, working in conjunction with “Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids.” Additional pairs of sneakers covered by the donation will be kept on hand at Dodgertown Elementary for whenever a need arises.

After each child's foot was measured, the shoe size was jotted down on a sticker for the child to wear so that there would be no confusion. Each child was then able to proceed confidently to the proper size aisle and try on their selections. Adult volunteers on hand mingled freely with the students, assisting wherever needed, whether helping to reach a high shoe box or checking to see if a sneaker had enough “growing room.”



“There were big smiles all around” said Arly Urbauer from Presbyterian Women, “which made it such a heart-warming experience.”

As every parent appreciates, keeping a child's growing feet in comfortably fitting shoes is expensive. The importance of an initiative like Happy Feet is underscored by statistics from the Education Foundation of IRC which show that some 65% of school children in the county live in households that struggle just to cover the basic needs of food and shelter.

The Happy Feet donation highlights the Presbyterian Women's ongoing commitment to the children of Dodgertown Elementary. Throughout the school year, Presbyterian Women volunteers meet weekly with 2nd graders to help advance their reading skills.

The Presbyterian Women typically donates to more than a dozen charities each year, distributing funds raised through their annual holiday bazaar, Christmas Tree Lane. First Presbyterian Church is located at 520 Royal Palm Boulevard in Vero Beach.

CAROL MARKS AWARDED LIFETIME HONOR

Before announcing the recipient of the Honorary Life Membership Award at the Presbyterian Women's Spring Celebration, Co-Moderator Deb Alich quoted James 2:26: “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” In the audience, Carol Marks nodded in agreement – and was clearly taken by surprise when her name was called amid thunderous applause.

Established by the Presbyterian Church early in the last century, this esteemed award honors service to the Presbyterian Women and to the church. And as Deb cited Carol's extraordinary record of service since joining our church in 2015, it was abundantly clear that her receipt of this lifetime honor could hardly be more deserved.

Soon after joining our church, Carol wholeheartedly embraced a leadership role as Co-Moderator of Presbyterian

FELLOWSHIP

PROFILE OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN—FRANCES ARCHIBALD

By Ann Faunce



Welcome to Frances Archibald and her husband Ted to our First Presbyterian Church! Frances and Ted had joined only a few months when God touched Frances to heed the call of organizing the Fellowship Reception after the 11 am service. When Frances learned of the need, she volunteered! What a blessing she is and a source of new energy. Frances asked her good friend and neighbor, Cindy Rogers, to join her and together they make a good team. (Next month the Profile article will be on Cindy!) They offer a variety of delicious and healthy snacks in the relaxed environment of the E T Smith Lounge, where members and visitors can relax, get to know each other and even discuss the sermon and its applications. In addition, these ladies volunteered to organize the successful Spring luncheon held last month. Wow! We are thankful that God has brought these women to our midst.

Frances grew up in southern California in a family with two sisters. Her parents did not attend any Church but they wanted the girls to have the experience so every Sunday morning they dropped off the girls at the Baptist Church. Frances loved her time there as she was very outgoing and social. Those early years were important to her and gave her a religious foundation for the rest of her life. Her high school years were an active and happy time filled with many after school club activities. In her freshman year, Frances joined the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Church because they had the most active youth group. During this time and throughout her first marriage, she developed a personal relationship with God.

San Antonio College is where Frances attended college and earned an AA in Business Administration. She began working at Marshall Industries in San Marino, a very affluent community. Mr. Marshall became a generous benefactor to USC and an inspiration and great role model for Frances. During this time, Frances married her first husband and they had three children. After 15 years they divorced and Frances raised her children as a single mother. One night, Frances and a friend went out and Frances told her friend she was very happy at her job with the University of California, Riverside and loved being independent. She did not need the complication of another husband but God had other plans for her. She met Ted and it was love at first sight. They dated for 2 years, waiting for her children and his daughter to be comfortable with their relationship.

Frances's position with UCR was Associate Athletic Director in the Athletic Dept. Ted was an engineer working for GE, specializing in turbine repair. Shortly after they met, Ted left GE and started his own company. It was very successful but because of partnership difficulties, the business was sold and Ted worked for the new company. In the meantime, Frances and Ted bought a small motel located in the Catskill Mountains of New York, very close to the area where Ted grew up. For three years, they had live-in managers for the motel, and they each pursued their careers in CA. The company Ted worked for was sold again and the headquarters were in Springfield, Mass. They wanted him to move back East, so Frances resigned her position and they moved to upstate NY, where Frances ran the motel business and Ted traveled the world repairing turbines.

Ted and Frances bought a second home in Ft Myers, FL, shortly after moving back East. After 18 years, the motel was sold, Ted retired, and they build a hill top home in the village where Ted was born. They also sold the home in Ft Myers and bought a condo in Homosassa. Life was good, but complicated, with traveling back and forth so Ted started researching the best places to retire. Not surprising, Vero Beach was on the list of ten areas which they checked out, finally agreeing Vero was the place. After one year as snowbirds, the hilltop home was sold and Vero became home. They shopped for Churches and loved First Presbyterian. Tim, Michael and Jacob were such an inspiration and people welcomed them with open arms!

Arly Urbauer and Deb Alich have been so inclusive and encouraging to Frances! Arly says of Francis, "We bonded immediately as the Urbauers, Archibalds, and Rogers live in the same community." Arly says that, with little encouragement, Frances took the position of organizing the refreshments after the 11 am service, adding that, "Frances is an answer to prayer as she is caring, giving, radiant, and a talented Christian woman."

Ted and Frances love to travel and try new places for dinner. Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Frances loves to read and is an avid quilter who is an inducted member of the Catskill Mountains Quilters Hall of Fame. Ted and Frances love to travel but these days are content to search out all the unique places to shop and eat in Vero Beach.

We are so grateful to have her in our midst!

FELLOWSHIP

Women, a demanding position she served faithfully and well for two terms. This can-and-will-do servant of the Lord has involved herself in the life of the church in numerous ways, serving on the Membership and Evangelism Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Hospitality Talent Team, the Discipleship Talent Team, and the Church Directory Committee – forever striving to move the ball forward and get things done. At Sunday morning services, you'll often find her greeting folks and passing the collection plate.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Skilled in sewing and crafts, Carol is an active member of our Presbyterian Women's Sewing & Crafts Circle, and has helped Pat Wempe keep this group active and having fun every week. Carol has dedicated countless hours to creating beautiful tote bags and baskets, which she donated for sale at Christmas Tree Lane. Those who know her well also acknowledge that she's the unofficial CEO of closet organization. We doubt there's a closet on the church campus that Carol hasn't had her hands in!

In recent months, Carol Marks has taken on even greater responsibilities. Not only is she an Elder for the Class of 2021, but Carol has been tapped as a brand-new Trustee of our church. Given her dedication to First Pres, compassion for others, and devotion to our Lord, our newest Honorary Life Membership Award recipient can be counted on to serve us with that levelheaded wisdom of hers and a warm guiding heart.

FORMER CIA HEAD TO SPEAK AT MAY 11TH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN/MEN'S LUNCHEON

Richard J. Kerr's 32 years in the Central Intelligence Agency have given him many tales to tell, and he'll share them with us at the Presbyterian Women/Presbyterian Men Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 11th, in McAfee Hall. It's your opportunity to hear a fascinating insider's view into our nation's most secretive agency.

Recruited by the CIA in 1960, Mr. Kerr's career path took him from intelligence analyst following the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, all the way up to Deputy Director and then Acting Director of the CIA before retiring in 1992. He played key roles in critical areas of intelligence, serving as CIA representative to the Commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, heading the office responsible for daily current-intelligence briefings & the President's Daily Brief, and serving as director of all CIA analytic offices. His responsibilities put him in direct contact with U.S. Presidents: He briefed President-Elect Ronald Reagan prior to his swearing in, and was presented with the Presidential Citizens Medal by President H.W. Bush.

Subsequent to retirement, Mr. Kerr has been called upon as an intelligence consultant by the U.S. and by the Irish and British governments. He has served on several corporate boards and continues to be involved in intelligence studies and projects.

Hosting so distinguished a speaker makes this year's 2nd joint luncheon of the women's and men's groups an extra-special, end-of-season event. Don't miss it! On the menu is a selection of boxed lunches for \$10/person, payable at the door. To reserve, call church office (772-562-9088) or Deb Alich (772-999-3644 or daalich@comcast.net), or sign up at the Men's Breakfast or in the foyer of the Christian Life Center no later than Monday, May 6.

COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING ON MAY 6TH

The next monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Women is Monday, May 6th, at 1:00 pm in the 1st floor Activities Room of the Christian Life Center. New faces are always welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY!

1 Shirley Koustermer
2 Claudia Bobseine
2 Anne Zabcik
2 Jim Zabcik
4 Mavis Graves
5 Janice Ward
5 Pat Wempe
5 Rodney Keefer
5 Melissa Shine
6 Rob Christiansen
6 Joe Jones
6 Judy Gagne
6 Ansley Palmer
8 Carter Allgood
9 Joe Pew
9 Carol Marks
9 Joan Yukins
10 Floy Turner
11 Joe Dolby
11 Anne Posey
12 Ralph Lewis
12 Dee Sisson
12 Sue Harris
12 Scott Berran
13 Ted Allen
13 Jo Ann Daniel
13 Ralph Schregardus
13 Priscilla Payne
14 Lisa Miller
15 Neil MacMillan
15 Scooter TenEyck
16 Lucy Guisto
16 Robyn Thompson
17 Catherine Burton
17 Stephanie Austin
17 Beannie Silverstein
18 Maya Peterson
18 Allan Bixby
18 Arly Urbauer
18 Lynn Miller
18 Patti Burns
19 Bud Johnson
19 Roger White, Sr.
20 Dot Kingsbury
20 Barbara Reed
20 Sandra Doherty
20 Donald Ramsey
20 Stacy Gabbard
22 Smitty Smith
23 Lucille Craig
25 Devin Peirce

26 Stephanie Nagel
26 Mark Peirce
26 Karen Brewer
26 Jamie Penza
27 Peter Coe
27 Judy Everett
28 Robert Bowman
28 John Colmey
28 Amy MacMillan
28 Janet Thompson
29 Jim Wolfe
29 Jan Satola
29 Joan Hobson
29 Suzette Verbeck
30 Barbara Lang
30 Chuck Horner
31 Kiera Black



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

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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

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

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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