



First News

"Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ"

September 2019

Storms Come and Storms Go!

As I write this article for the September 2019 newsletter, we find ourselves in the midst of hurricane season and Dorian is waiting to determine if he will come our way. Hurricane season always heightens a level of anxiety and worry within us. Hurricane season should also motivate us to prepare our person and property as best we can. Even today, while at the grocery store, people were stocking up on water, batteries, and variety of other necessities in case the power goes out.

As we prepare for another hurricane season we should take heart in the truth that storms come and storms go! This is true not only for the natural forces of this world. It is true of our personal lives, our relational lives, and our spiritual lives.

Well beyond hurricane season, storms become a metaphor for the tumultuous moments in our living. Our personal lives, while seemingly without blemish on the outside, are stained and hurting on the inside. Our relationships, while full of laughter and smiles in public, are in private more difficult and perplexing. Even our spiritual lives, displayed with faithfulness and piety on Sundays, are more challenging to display and exemplify during our weekly journeys.

The good news that is presented throughout Scripture and by the promises of our Lord Jesus Christ is that storms subside, pain ends, and darkness does not long endure. When storm clouds form and the impending front is upon us, we prepare ourselves to endure. We keep working, and we keep striving to survive.

The Old Testament tells us the story of Jonah. Jonah was a man who was sent by God to proclaim repentance for Nineveh, a very wicked city. Because Jonah could not overcome his own hatred of Nineveh, Jonah went in the opposite direction of where God asked him to go. The great story of Jonah is that he is then tossed off his sailing ship (he was bad luck) because of the horrible storm that he has brought upon the crew and then he is quickly consumed by a large fish. This is about as dark a storm as anyone has endured! Yet, when Jonah decided to walk in the direction God had sought for him in the first place, the storm dissipates.

As Christians, we must know that storms will come and storms will go! Our responsibility is to make sure, that no matter where the storms of life blow us, we strive to walk in the ways of God and in the direction that God asks us to travel.

In the very popular series, Game of Thrones, one of the characters, Varys, states this reality:

"The storms come and go, the waves crash overhead, the big fish eat the little fish, and I keep on paddling." – Varys

In the midst of the storms of life, we must keep paddling. We must keep moving forward. We must strive to keep in step with God.

This hurricane season it is my prayer that the storms that we face would dissipate. Often, they do not. Whatever storms you face, know that they will not long endure. Know that you will come to the other side when the sun shall shine again and the gift of life is celebrated once more. So be prepared, be ready, and be willing to walk in the ways that God leads.

May God Bless,
Tim



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A NOTE OF THANKS



Dear Church Family,

Again I am continually surprised by the depth and seemingly endless bounds to your generosity, thoughtfulness, and love. I have had many opportunities since I was in high school and college to be able to travel with choir tours and musical engagements, but until this moment I have never been able to travel with Jen and Landon, though the desire to do so was greatly there. You have remedied that longing with your humbling acts of kindness and generosity, and Jen, I, and Landon have been truly overjoyed at the incredible experience we have been able to have in England. Your continuous expression of love is something I cannot begin to thank you for. You instill a deep desire within me to earn every act of kindness you bestow, and I will always seek to make you proud. I am so grateful for the love that we share, can never truly adequately express all that you mean to me in every way.

With true gratitude and love,

Jacob

WORSHIP TIMES REMINDER

It's almost time, but not quite yet! Through the end of September, we continue with two worship services: 8:30am in the Chapel and 10:00am in the Sanctuary. On the first Sunday of October, the 6th, we will go to three service times at 8:00am in the Chapel and 9 & 11am in the Sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce a celebration and "church commencement" honoring the completion of Jacob Craig's doctoral work. Please save the date and plan to attend the celebration which will be held on Sunday, October 20th after the 11am worship service. We look forward to what is sure to be a joyous occasion and will update you as details unfold. Stay tuned!

NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR - NOW RECRUITING!

We are excited to announce the conception of the Vero Beach Youth Chorale directed by Janine Jones. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 26 and will take place weekly at the church.

There's a new music group for young people in town, and this time it comes in the form of a choral group and instrumental group. The Vero Beach Youth Chorale will focus on giving young musicians an opportunity to experience a high level of excellence in performance through a choral setting as well as playing instruments such as African drums and Orff-Schulwerk mallet percussion. The group is open to all students aged 8 through 12 (Grades 3 through 6 in the 2019-2020 school year). Registration is only \$75 per season, which will cover operating costs, the uniform shirt, and instrument maintenance. The fall session will include seven weekly rehearsals and a culminating concert on Monday, November 18 at 6:00pm at First Presbyterian Church.

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Janine Jones, the group's director is no stranger to quality music education. Her ultimate goal, she said, is to provide students the opportunity to express themselves through a musical outlet without the stress and strict performance schedule around the holiday season. This group will only rehearse and perform during the fall and early spring and aims not to conflict with the busy concert season schedules at the local schools. She plans to partner with Brandon Putzke of Treasure Coast Percussion to give the students a well-rounded, valuable musical experience.

Jones received her Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. She has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Florida Atlantic University. She completed her Orff-Schulwerk teaching certifications at the Master's level at Memphis State University. Janine is a member of the National Association for Music Education, the Florida Music Educators Association, and the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. A National Board Certified educator, she has been teaching elementary music at Osceola Magnet School for over 25 years, where she has been named Teacher of the Year. The school was also designated a Florida Music Demonstration School for 13 years. Her ensembles have twice been featured at the Florida Music Educators Association conference. She has a private flute studio for beginning through advanced students and has had numerous students participate in all-state ensembles on flute, Orff, and voice. Janine is also the Children's Choir Director at First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Chorister's Guild.



DISCIPLESHIP

EXCITING NEW THINGS IN STORE FOR THE KIDS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

It's an exciting time in the life of our children's Christian Education program! Our Sunday School and Nursery programs are getting an upgrade and all the new programming starts Sunday, September 1st.

In our Nursery, the new curriculum from "Growing in Grace" provides age appropriate Bible stories and lessons for our youngest learners. Children birth to age 3 gather in our "rainbow room" and are cared for by a loving adult and at least two high school assistants. A parent communication sheet goes home with every child. Nursery care is available for all worship service times.



Our new "Sparkhouse" curriculum for children's Sunday School connects Bible story lessons to life today and engages children using various learning styles. Two classes, pre-k through 1st and 2nd through 5th grades, are held in the blue and green rooms in the children's wing of the Center for Christian Life building. Each class is taught by trained volunteers in a caring and loving environment (along with a youth assistant).

Our goal is to keep your child safe and to show and teach them that they are loved. The children in our care are closely supervised at all times. We keep the children's wing locked down during Sunday School times. To pick up your child from Sunday School or the Nursery, please ring the video door bell to be allowed access to the children's wing.

We look forward to an exciting year with your children and thank you for sharing your sweet little faces with us!

DISCIPLESHIP

QUEST KIDS CLUB IS BACK!



Our Wednesday after-school program for children in K-5th grades resumes September 4th! We follow the Indian River School District calendar and pick up the kids from several area schools: Beachland, Imagine South Vero, Osceola, and Rosewood. Space is limited so kindly check with us to ensure we can give your child a spot on the church busses. Our program runs 3:45-5:30pm (Early Release days begin at 1:45pm). Children not riding the church vans can arrive by 3:45pm (2pm on early release days). There is a one-time registration fee of \$40 per child (scholarships available).

We welcome and encourage volunteers from our amazing church family to get involved and be a part of the program!

A typical day at Quest includes various stations which the kids rotate through: homework help, games, snack, crafts, bible lessons, & music. The curriculum offers age appropriate resources, animated characters kids relate to, lessons centered on scripture, learner leaflets offer suggestions to live out your child's faith throughout each week.

Registration is currently open and we will accept kids into Quest until the program is full or the end of September, whichever happens first. Please see Carie Robbins, Director of Children's Ministries should you have any questions. Forms can be picked up in the church office or online at www.firstpresvero.org in the EVENTS section. Please complete one form for each child you are signing up.

MISSION

REGISTER WITH OUR CHURCH NOW FOR...

Last year our church participated in the Day of Caring by helping to clean the kitchen of the Safe Space facility for abused women here in Vero. The Day of Caring this year is Saturday October 5th and the launching site will be Billy Livings stadium.



Some of the possible volunteer activities are cleaning, planting flowers, organizing supplies, and decorating sympathy/birthday/get well cards. More ambitious projects could be painting, landscaping, pulling weeds, and outdoor cleanup. More projects will become available but we would like to know if you would join us in this Saturday morning project to serve our community.

Please contact Carol Smoyer 567-0929 or email clsmoyer@bellsouth.net

HABITAT BUILD

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!

MISSION

HOW TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Reading with 2nd graders at Dodgertown Elementary School or Treasure Coast Elementary



At the end of the school year the volunteers who helped to read with a 2nd grader, I am sure, felt a sense of warm satisfaction. Each volunteer had shown special attention and care to each child who they sat with while helping them read a favorite story. We once again ask for more volunteers as there can never be enough. There are so many children and so few of us. This is such a critical time in a child's life. To instill a love of reading will benefit them for a life time.

Many of these children come from economically stressed families, non-English speaking parents and parents who work multiple jobs and they may not have time to read with their children. The first year we started with one teacher, Gayle Green, who asked for volunteers. Now there are more teachers wanting volunteers to help children with reading.

Their special reading time is during the morning (exact reading time schedule will be determined) Monday through Friday any day of your choice. The teachers make no requirements for our attendance and are happy when we come.

If you would like to volunteer please call Carol Smoyer at 567-0929 or email me at clsmoyer@bellsouth.net

FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS ARE BACK!

Our Wednesday Night Dinners resume on September 4, so mark your calendar now! This date coincides with the start of our Quest Program, so it is easy to pick up your child and stay for dinner. And the good news is that all children eat for free during the month of September and adults are only \$5 each.

Chef Rev. Michael York will be hosting our annual Pastor's Picnic on that date, cooking up delicious hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixin's, plus coleslaw and birthday cupcakes for a fun evening.

Our Presbyterian Women will host the dinner on September 11 which will feature Aloha Chicken & Rice and Roasted Parmesan Green Beans. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!

On September 18, the Discipleship Talent Team will host our dinner of Swedish Meatballs and Noodles, and the Fellowship Talent Team will be your host on September 25 for Italian Sausage and Peppers.

Join your Church Family for good food and great fellowship every Wednesday night! RSVP by calling the church office at 772-562-9088 or online under the EVENTS section of the church website - www.firstpresvero.org - click RSVP.

MEET N GREET DINNER

Dinner has been very popular for our growing Meet 'n Greet group, so we will keep it going in September with an outing to Vero Prime in their new location, 2023 14th Avenue on Tuesday, September 17th at 5 p.m. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Deb Alich [daalich@comcast.net or phone (772) 999-3644] or sign up in ET Smith Lounge not later than September 10.

SUNDAYS @ FIRST PRES

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1, 2019
"A Life Worth Living"
 Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

September 8, 2019
"Oops"
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Philemon 1-21

September 15, 2019
"Those Who Seek Forgiveness"
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack 1 Timothy 1:12-17

September 22, 2019
"All People"
 Rev. C. Michael York 1 Timothy 2:1-7

September 29, 2019
"Hopefulness vs. Hopelessness"
 Rev. Dr. Tim Womack Timothy 6:6-19

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES (THROUGH 9/29)

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

Worship at 8, 9, and 11am begins October 6th

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
1 8:30AM Worship - Chapel 10:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 11:00AM Service of Wholeness & Healing	2 Labor Day - Office Closed No Preschool 7:00PM AA	3 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 1:00PM PW CT Team Mtg 4:30PM Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM Al-Anon	4 7:30AM Preschool 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:00PM Al-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir	5 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones 5:30PM Preschool Staff Mtg	6 7:30AM Preschool 12:00PM Al-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	7
8 8:30AM Worship - Chapel 10:00AM Worship - Sanctuary	9 7:30AM Preschool 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 1:00PM Sarah Circle 3:00PM Trustees' Meeting 7:00PM AA	10 ALL DAY - Presbytery (Ormond Beach) 7:30AM Preschool 7:30AM Men's Breakfast - C.J. Cannon's 10:30AM Dr. Tim's Bible Study 10:30AM Handbell Choir 12:00PM Pathways Through Loss 1:00PM Discipleship Talent Team 1:30PM Mission Talent Team 6:30PM Al-Anon	11 7:30AM Preschool 11:00AM Fellowship Team 2:00PM Quilting/Sewing/Crafts 3:30PM Quest Kids Club 5:00PM Wednesday Dinner 6:00PM Al-Anon 6:35PM Chancel Choir	12 7:30AM Preschool 9:00AM Preschool Chapel 10:00AM Silver Tones	13 7:30AM Preschool 12:00PM Al-Anon 6:00PM AA (Magnolia Group)	14 10:00AM FPC Quilt Group
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29 8:30AM Worship - Chapel 10:00AM Worship - Sanctuary 12:00PM New Member Reception	30 7:30AM Preschool 10:45AM Regency Bible Study 7:00PM AA					

Monthly Ministry, Committee or Talent Team Meetings:

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, THE 3rd

Due to Labor Day holiday, the Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, at 1:00 p.m., in the 1st floor Activities Room of the Christian Life Center. New faces are most welcome!

KICKING OFF IN OCTOBER: A MISSION OF CARE FOR CHILDREN IN KENYA

Presbyterian Women has been blessed with a very meaningful opportunity. We will be initiating a grassroots mission to support children from birth to age 17 in Nairobi, Kenya's Mathare Valley neighborhood, the city's 2nd largest slum, where more than 900,000 people live in extreme poverty. We came to know two homes there run by faithful servants of our Lord who – through faith, perseverance and sacrifice – take in orphaned and at-risk children, feed and clothe them, and care for them as their own.

Both homes were introduced to us by our missionaries in Kenya, Cecily and Fred Foy Strang, and Jo Ann Wheeler. The children are the poorest of the poor, abandoned by parents, and many literally walking in off the street. No child is turned away from a meal or the love and comfort they so deserve.



Habiba House is a Christ-centered home for children with HIV. There is a real need of a better place to house these children. The current home (\$60/month) is terribly overcrowded; there are no bathrooms, so the children bathe in a corner outside the house and pay for a public toilet. Food is a real challenge, especially when the children are not in school. Their main meal is rice, mixed with potatoes, and the occasional cabbage. Safe water must also be purchased. Most of the children go to school, but supplies, uniforms, and fees are a struggle, as is clothing, medicine, and medical care.

Helping Hand Care Centre is run by a Christian couple whose lives were devastated when they lost three children in a fire in 2005. In the midst of their grief they asked God to allow them to hear His call. What started as a day center for four children has grown to a full-time home for 36...and counting. Whenever possible, they also feed children off the streets, often foregoing food for themselves. The home (\$164/month) has four very small rooms; many of the children sleep 6-8 to a bed; cooking is done outside; and there are no bathrooms or sanitation. They are fortunate to serve two meals per day — a breakfast of porridge and a dinner of rice and potatoes, with the occasional cabbage; fruit, vegetables and meat are virtually unattainable.

Now we have a chance to make a difference in the lives of these children and those caring for them by raising funds for basic human needs and in helping our team there to spread the Word, love, and hope of Christ. In the weeks ahead, you'll be hearing more about our Mission of Care for Children and how you can be part of it.

FELLOWSHIP

CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES STARTING UP AGAIN!

Our Circle leaders could not be more excited about this season's Bible studies and urge you to give one a try. In the warm, supportive atmosphere of like-minded Christian women, Circle studies can open your mind and deepen your faith in unexpected ways.

Sarah Circle will resume on Monday, September 9, at 1 p.m. in East Art Room at Indian River Estates (Anne Adams, leader; Ginny Gowell, recording secretary); thereafter, the FIRST Monday of the month. Starting on October 14, on the SECOND Monday of the month, will be Ruth Circle (11 a.m., E.T. Smith Lounge; Jenny Hancock, leader) and Grace Circle (1 p.m., Earnshaw Room; Ann Faunce, leader). Start date for our evening study, Naomi Circle, yet to be determined. Weekly Sewing/Quilting/Crafts Circle meets in the Adult Activities Room on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., led by Ruth Thomas for Quilting and Pat Wempe, Sewing.

WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Serving our Lord with a joyful spirit is at the heart of Presbyterian Women, and our many wonderful volunteers are what enables us to carry out our missions. This new season offers opportunities galore for you to serve – and to find real satisfaction, and some fun, in so doing.

For more information, contact Susie Nystrom (susienystrom2@gmail.com) or Deb Alich (daalich@comcast.net) unless otherwise noted below.

Love Presbyterian Women and want to serve in an officer position next year? Let us know!

- ⇒ Creative person needed to serve as Publicity Co-Coordinator or Assistant
- ⇒ Leader sought for Naomi Circle, the evening Bible Study previously held at 6:30 p.m., once per month, from Oct. to May
- ⇒ Variety of volunteer positions available for upcoming Christmas Tree Lane. To sign up, contact Co-Chairs Joan Irvine (joanirvine@sbcglobal.net) or Maggie Fleming (maggiefleming48@gmail.com).
- ⇒ Short-term volunteer with interior design expertise needed. Contact Deb Alich at 772-999-3644 or daalich@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 19: Welcome Back Luncheon at Noon in McAfee Hall.

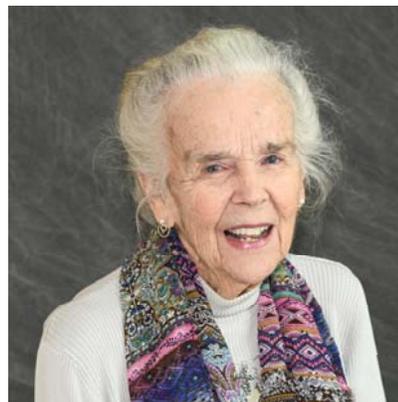


FELLOWSHIP

PROFILE OF A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN—NANCY ALLERMAN

By Joan Irvine

She's everywhere—as an ordained Deacon, she participates twice a month in the Deacon's Sing at local nursing homes, attends Presbyterian Women activities and Circle meetings, studies with Tim's Bible class, reads to the children at Dodgertown Elementary school, helps with Wednesday night dinners, and is working to establish the Heritage Committee. All this in addition to sitting in the pew every Sunday morning -- Nancy Allerman is our own indefatigable Eveready bunny! Nancy belies her age with wit and charm as she tends to business in and with her church activities.



Nancy was born in Omaha, Nebraska, to an actively devout Christian family. She had an older brother and younger sister. They began each day by hearing their father read from the Bible at breakfast and never missed Sunday morning worship at the First Presbyterian Church of Omaha despite the inevitable snowstorms—even on Christmas! It was there that Nancy began a lifelong commitment to the choir and beauty of sacred music as her faith began to grow.

Her education continued after high school at the Gulfport Jr. College in Gulfport, Mississippi; then she transferred to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she met and married Ken Allerman, a graduate student. Ken, a Jersey boy, took a job in education back home near his family, rising from teacher to principal to Superintendent of Schools while Nancy was a stay-at-home mother. They settled in the beautiful town of Fayson Lakes, in northern NJ where each summer Ken served as the Beach Director and the children spent idyllic summers lakeside. The family grew with the birth of two sons and a daughter. Although Ken was raised a Roman Catholic, they agreed not to raise the children in the Catholic church but to expose them to both religions because "to have a faith" was the most important thing.

However, during this time, Nancy became very active in the nearby Boonton Presbyterian Church. She sang in the choir, participated in the Presbyterian Women's activities, taught Sunday School, and was ordained as an Elder. Active in her community as well, Nancy was on the board of the Kinnelon Library and the Pequannock Valley Mental Health Center. She also led a Girl Scout troop. Then, with the high school graduation of her youngest child, Nancy pursued her education at Ramapo College earning a degree in Psychology. She worked with the Dept. of Aging as an outreach counselor. Eventually she went on to earn her Masters degree in Social Work at Rutgers University and was employed by the public school system as a Counselor. Her focus was high school students affected by drug and alcohol abuse.

When Ken's first retirement coincided with Nancy's, they decided to sell their NJ home and move near their son. They bought a home in Keokuk, Iowa, a house on a hill overlooking the beautiful Mississippi River. This became their summer home while W. Palm Beach, FL (Singer Island) became their winter home. The snowbirds maintained this schedule for 16 years until their second retirement when they left Iowa permanently and moved to Vero Beach to be close to their second son. Her family today has grown to include eight grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren along with her younger sister and many nieces and nephews in Nebraska!

During his retirement years in Keokuk, Ken became very active in the Disciples of Christ and was greatly influenced by the writings of Rev. Billy Graham. So with their move to Vero Beach, they attended FPC, drawn especially by the music program and the friendly people. Ken passed away in 2014 just after they bought a home here and had celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Soon after Ken's death, the Holy Spirit led Nancy to present herself to join this church and with this she had found a church home.

"Becoming a member of this church is a blessing direct from God. This church is the culmination of the Christian life I have strived to lead throughout my lifetime -- with the inspiring sacred music but so much more," Nancy muses thoughtfully. "FPC is a faithful congregation, who demonstrate by their activities and fellowship, Christ-like love, and the many opportunities of preaching and teaching continue to sustain me."

Nancy clearly takes full advantage of serving the church and being served by the church. By her example, she is a shining light to all who love her, an endearing and valued member of our church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER!

1 Anne Gray
1 Steve Nystrom
2 Susie Stoughton
2 Jean Clements
2 Ward Gunter
4 Margaret McDonald
4 Dave Frantz
5 Linford Moyer
5 Bob Barganier
5 John Edgar
7 Jim Duncan
7 Budd Thompson
8 Evelyn Barganier
8 Bill Beaty
10 Nancy Smith
10 Becky Moon
11 Jane Holland
11 Carolyn Grimditch
11 Hal Wood
12 Sally Davis
14 Janet Baines
15 Don DeRobertis
15 Samuel Murdough
15 Dixie Powell
16 Bennett Smith
17 Jim Fredlock
17 Robert DeWaters
17 Mike Stevens
17 Michelle Barley
18 Calvin Shields
18 Bart Urbauer
18 Toddy Offutt
19 John Schumann, III
20 Peter O. Crouse
21 Bob Stewart
21 Judy Knoell
21 Robin Perry
22 Barbara Schwin
24 Lis Brewer
25 Ron Redpath
25 David Kelso
25 Beverly Bongiorno
25 Ali Simpson
26 Bert Bittan, Jr.
26 Paul Ives
26 Eleanore Palmer
28 Jim Petzing
28 Judy Garrett

28 Ruth Ann Haeberle
28 Nan Thornton
28 Deb Fletcher
28 Jenifer Foster
28 Eileen Ganser
28 Bonnie Nolan
29 Anita Williamson
29 William Brewer
29 Noel Thompson, Jr.
30 Debra Peirce
30 Kathy Address



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Rev. Dr. G. Timothy Womack, Senior Pastor
Rev. C. Michael York, Associate Pastor
Jacob Craig, Director of Music and Arts
Jacob Strang, Youth Director
Dr. Sam Rutland, Theologian in Residence

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

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Save the date for an informational meeting for this year's Children's Christmas Pageant, We Three Spies, which will be held on Sunday, September 22nd at 11:00am in McAfee Hall.

We need kids to grab their dark shades and go undercover with us on an exciting Christmas mission! Children in K-8th grades are welcome to participate. Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 6th. Performance date is Sunday, December 15th.

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More details to come :-)