

STAFF	
Rev. George T. Head - Pastor	Tim Murphy - Pianist
Rev. Bill Chegwin - Pastor Emeritus	Charlie King - Organist
Rev. Bev Richardson - Parish Associate	Steve Looney - Sound Engineer
Gale Luttrell - Office Administrator	Andy Walter - Custodian
Carol Poole - Office Assistant	Audrey Geer - Nursery Attendant
Babs King - Choir Director	Susan Stuckey - Librarian
	Floris Rogers - Slide Tech
	Marshall Wright - Media

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES	
August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
8/1 Bill Titley	8/2 Ron and Susan Church
8/2 Bill Walker	8/5 Charles and Deborah Fahey
8/7 Rodney DeYoung	8/12 Tom and Mary Cain
Marilyn Lindley	Jim and Shaula Crooker
8/8 Laurie Grizzard	8/16 Mike and Susan Barringer
8/11 Ken Grether	8/21 Mike and Wilma McCarey
Andrea Jones	8/31 Chuck and Barbara Johnson
8/17 Babs King	
8/18 Roderick McPhail	
8/20 Vivian McGhee	
8/26 Derek Sanderson	
8/27 Margaret Fulton	
8/28 Kim Forcino	
8/31 Kathy Hill	




MISSIONS/SISTER CHURCHES	
<u>Mission of the Month of August</u>	
Colors of Hunger	
<u>Sister Churches of the Month</u>	
8/3 Eastminster, Indialantic	
8/10 El Buen Vecino, Kissimmee	
8/17 First Presbyterian, Kissimmee	
8/24 North Lake, Lady Lake	
8/31 First Presbyterian, Lake Mary	




BIKE MINISTRY

Bike ministry will be closed the month of August and will reopen Wednesday, September 3rd. Thank you!!

ELDERS/DEACONS	
Elders 2025:	Deacons 2025:
Ed Carter	Susan Church
Margaret Catanzariti	Debbie Devine
Diane Grether	Anne Jensen
Laurie Grizzard	Barbara Johnson
Jim Kennedy	Trish Kennedy
Anne Perdue	Carol Kurfis
Floris Rogers	Jodie Loveday
Ralph Stonebraker	Jackie Toth
Susan Stuckey	Wanda Ulewicz
Dennis Toth	Beth Vercolen
Marshall Wright	Chris Williams
	Sandi Wirth
	Deacon of the Month:
	Jackie Toth

JULY SESSION NEWS	
<u>1/01/2025-6/30/2025 (6 months)</u>	
Income/Expenses	
\$ 32,446.28	\$ 224,537.51
<u>27,838.37</u>	<u>194,653.11</u>
\$ 4,607.91	\$ 29,884.40
<u>1/01/2024-6/30/2024 (6 months)</u>	
Income/Expenses	
\$ 36,708.64	\$ 224,726.51
<u>43,209.04</u>	<u>194,676.78</u>
\$ - 5,995.40	\$ 30,049.73
ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE:	
2025: 686 (5 Sundays)	2024: 725 (5 Sundays)



CHANCEL FLOWERS	
<u>August Chancel Flowers</u>	
8/3 Available	
8/10 Flowers dedicated to the Sewing Sisters of FPC.	
8/17 Available	
8/24 Available	
8/31 Available	
	



Good News

AUGUST 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS!! BE AWARE!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Below are some events / activities that are not normally scheduled on our church calendar. For some there are details elsewhere in this Good News Newsletter, or they will be available in the months to come. Mark your calendars so you will be aware and can participate!

August 17 – in the Sanctuary immediately following worship ; an information meeting on the **Hurricane Recovery Mission Trip** to Augusta GA from October 26 to November 1. We will have printed information for you as well as answer your questions, so you will be able to know all the reasons you can participate in this Mission Trip!

August 11-19 – **Plumbing repair** at the church. Overhead plumbing will be installed throughout the building for everything except the bathrooms in the corridor behind the sanctuary. **The important dates to note are August 18-19 when the water will be turned off** for all facilities, except the bathrooms behind the Sanctuary, which are on a separate system. They will be available throughout this process.

October 5 – in the Sanctuary at 3:00 followed by a reception: as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration the Chancel Choir and Friends are presenting a free concert for our congregation and community, **A Musical Potpourri**. It will include secular and sacred music with piano, organ, guitar, singing, and some surprises.

November 4 to 25 – on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-11:45 – a weekly **Speaker Series** on “The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church” with Rev. Bob Anderson, Rev. Katy Cuthill, Rev. Bev Richardson, and Rev. George Head.

December 2 – as we conclude the final month of our year-long 150th Anniversary Celebration, we will be hosting the day long **Central Florida Presbytery Meeting** for as many as 200 people. We’ll need volunteers for parking, registration, and greeting. Just as important is the opportunity for you to attend (yes, it’s open to everyone) to experience the worship, service, and business of the Presbytery.

February 2 - March 15, 2026 (Exact dates/times TBD) – **Geography and History of the Holy Land** This weekly six-week class, led by Rev. Bob Brown and Rev. Bev Richardson, is open to anyone interested in the geography and history of the Holy Land as an aid to understanding the Bible, the roots of their faith, and current events. It may be of special interest to those planning to go on the EO trip to Israel in March.

October 18-26, 2026 – **A 7-night cruise** for members and friends of First Presbyterian and United Presbyterian in Port Orange to the Western Caribbean and Bahamas, led by Rev. Bob Anderson, on the MSC Seashore.



150th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

As God continues to guide us into our activities for August and the rest of this year celebrating our 150th Anniversary, we take a moment to look back on a very active July for our congregation. Placing leaves on our tree in Eubank Hall identifying 150 Random Acts of Kindness is an action many in our congregation do regularly. If you haven't added yours, please take time to do so.

Eighteen people from our congregation took part in the beach clean-up on July 7th, following the July 4th weekend.



All month we had volunteers assisting at the Atlantic Center for the Arts Summer Camp for kids from ages 6 to 12. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to help children in our community learn about and enjoy different art programs.



Also, our congregation donated books throughout the month to be given to the Friends of the New Smyrna Beach Library for their book sale in September.



The Presbyterian Women article in this newsletter will give you all of the details of the check for \$150 they presented to the PB&J Ministry in celebration of our 150th Anniversary on July 20th.

To say "Thank you" to the staff of the New Smyrna Beach Library, on July 23rd we took eight handwritten thank you notes from our congregation to each of the nineteen people on the staff, along with lunch, consisting of sandwiches, fruit, chips and homemade cookies. Thank you to everyone who wrote thank you notes; the library staff were very appreciative.



During this wonderful year-long celebration, in August we will be recognizing and saying "Thank you" to the New Smyrna Beach Fire Department. They have asked for dessert, so that's what we're going to take to them, but the date has not yet been determined. Continue to pray to God prayers of thanksgiving, guidance, and for "Your faithfulness through all generations." Psalm 119:90.



2025 HURRICANE PREPARATION TASK FORCE

The 2025 Hurricane Preparation Task Force met on July 14th to ensure plans are complete for the buildings, property, and congregation to be ready for this hurricane season. The Property Committee and The Crew are knowledgeable and prepared to secure the buildings and care for the property.

We still have some details to complete to be sure we are ready to assist the congregation, as well as be responsive to their needs. Last year 175 people completed a form entitled, "CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION SURVEY". The purpose was to have contact information on each person so we can be in touch to check on safety and/or needs if a hurricane comes our way.

For those of you who are new to First Presbyterian since Hurricane Milton in the fall of 2024, we opened the church (Eubank Hall) for those who did not feel safe in their own homes during the storm. Eleven of us stayed at the church and did very well. We will be doing the same again this year, if we have a hurricane.

Regarding the Congregational Information Survey, if your information (phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc.) has not changed, you do not need to do anything. If your information has changed or you have not completed a form, please pick one up in the Narthex or the office and complete it. Thank you for helping us as we prepare to be responsive to the congregation for the 2025 hurricane season.



"LUNCH and LEARN" - PRE-PLANNING and GRIEF SHARE

Twenty-two people gathered in Eubank Hall to learn ways to assist their families at the time of their own death through Pre-planning as well as the process at First Presbyterian. This process includes completing a form with their own wishes. If you were not at the "Lunch and Learn" and would like to complete a form for your family, please see Gale in the office to receive one.

Following the presentation from **Settle-Wilder on Pre-planning – "Plan Now....For Tomorrow"**, Jodi Henry shared information regarding **GriefShare**, a new ministry for our church. It's a 13-week Christ-centered, lay-led, grief support group. This is for anyone dealing with grief, whether the personal loss is very recent or many years ago. GriefShare will begin in the fall, once Facilitators are identified and trained. Facilitators do not need to be clergy or counselors, so if you are interested and willing to be a Facilitator, please contact Jodi Henry (321-303-9581 or j386henry@gmail.com) for additional information.

"Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness nor lack of faith, it is the price of love." Author unknown

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Bob and Diane Anderson would like to invite you to join them on the MSC Seashore for a Bahama and Western Caribbean Cruise **October 18-26, 2026**. We will be joined by members and friends of United Presbyterian Church (Daytona Beach). This will be a time of deepening friendships and making new ones. For more information and registration follow the link below. Check out the details on the link and register soon (a per room deposit is required at the time of booking). We look forward to cruising with you!

https://form.jotform.com/Ahoy_Cruises/OCT182026cruise



MISSION TEAM - 150 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Family Renew Community Visit:

On Monday, June 30, a group of 25 faithful from First Presbyterian Church gathered at the soon-to-be-dedicated facility of Family Renew Community, beautifully named *The Crossing*. Alongside the Mission Committee, Pastor George and other spiritually discerning hearts were welcomed by Lindsay Elliot (FRC Executive Director), Michael Martin (Board Member for *The Crossing*), and Dot Brooking (FRC VP of Development). Together, we came with open hands and humble hearts to seek the Lord's direction and ask how He might use this ministry to extend His Kingdom.



The Crossing stands as a powerful testimony of what God can do through willing partners in Christ. The facility—with eight 2-bedroom, 2-bath units spanning approximately 1,000 square feet each—is scheduled to open in September 2025. Nestled on 3.5 acres generously acquired by Edgewater Alliance Church, this space is a sacred offering prepared to serve families in need through the compassionate outreach of Family Renew Community.

Residents referred through local churches and community organizations will undergo screenings and be part of a Christ-centered environment. Each unit will be held to a standard of sobriety, accountability, and grace—with weekly inspections helping to maintain peace and dignity. Transportation access is also made available, allowing tenants to pursue work, education, and restoration.

The Spirit was moving throughout our visit. All present were touched by the profound sense of hope and purpose that fills this place. Pastor George closed our gathering in prayer, lifting up the building, its future residents, and this bold new chapter of ministry. As we move forward, we ask for the continued prayers of our church family. May God guide First Presbyterian Church as we discern how we are called to serve and support *The Crossing*, and may lives be transformed by the love of Christ dwelling within its walls.

"Tree of Kindness" Update – Faith in Action As part of our ongoing celebration of God's goodness and the 150th anniversary of our congregation, we continue to plant seeds of love through acts of kindness. Have you been the hands and feet of Christ lately? If so, we invite you to share your blessings by adding a leaf to our "Tree of Kindness" in Fellowship Hall—a visual testament to God working through His people.

Whether you helped steward God's creation at our beach clean-up, visited and uplifted residents at Crown Assisted Living, penned heartfelt notes of encouragement to our NSB librarians, or served with joy at the youth art camp hosted by the Atlantic Center for the Arts—your acts shine with the light of Christ. Each deed, no matter how small, reflects His commandment to love one another. Let's continue to glorify the Lord through compassion and service!

2025 Mission Trip to Augusta, Georgia – Called to Serve From October 26 to November 1, the Mission Team is answering the call to serve in Augusta, Georgia on a disaster recovery mission trip. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we bring hope, healing, and Christ's love to a community in need. Whether you feel equipped to build, pray, comfort, or simply be present, there is a place for you on this journey of faith.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF FPC

Building God's Kingdom in our Community

On July 20, the Minute for Mission featured our FPC ministry PB&J (peanut butter & jelly homeless ministry) and special guest Kimberly Jensen, MSW, Community Outreach Unit Case Manager. She shared the important work being done in our community and her amazing experience with our volunteers from FPC. She related the details about a local family in dire consequences and the support provided by our PB&J team at FPC. Following her presentation, Pat Stonebraker, PW Moderator, presented a \$150 gift from Presbyterian Women to Laurie Grizzard to further the work of this ministry. Presbyterian Women continue to make 150th FPC anniversary gifts monthly throughout 2025!

As Adult Vacation Bible School meets the first week of August, Presbyterian Women will joyfully accept your donations for school needs in our local community. Your donations, in addition to a \$500 gift from Missions, will enable our women to shop for school needs for our local students and their teachers. If you would like to make a donation, checks made out to Presbyterian Women can be given to Treasurer Diane Grether or dropped off at the school office. Shopping and delivery of needs will take place in August and September. We'll share pictures in September!



2025 HURRICANE RECOVERY MISSION TRIP TO AUGUSTA, GA

Here are the details we know currently. For additional information and answers to your questions, please attend the **Information Meeting immediately following worship in the Sanctuary on August 17th**.

WHO CAN GO ON THE MISSION TRIP? Anyone who would like to assist a family whose home needs repair and is continuing to recover from Hurricane Milton. We will be joined by volunteers from Hodges Blvd Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, who have some experience in disaster relief.

WHAT DO WE DO? The leaders will assign us to homes based on our abilities. Of course, if you have any construction skills, that is greatly appreciated. There is always a knowledgeable construction leader on site with the tools needed and they guide us in whatever we are doing.

WHERE ARE WE GOING AND WHY? To Augusta, GA because that is where we are needed. The areas in Florida that were damaged by Hurricane Milton already have many volunteers or are not yet ready

to accept them.


WHEN ARE WE GOING? We leave New Smyrna Beach on Sunday, October 26th and return on Saturday, November 1st.

WHERE DO WE STAY? We will be housed in a local church with beds (in 2023 we had very comfortable air mattresses) and showers.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD? We have three wonderful ladies from our Fellowship Team who accompany us and will provide all our meals. They are up early to prepare our healthy breakfast before we go out to work, make lunches for us to take during the day, and have delicious dinners after we showered from our day's work. They are sensitive to special dietary needs and allergies.

New Smyrna Beach was very fortunate with Hurricane Milton and most suffered little damage. This is our opportunity to help those who didn't fare as well. See you on August 17th!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Pastor George will be on vacation August 12-15.</p> <p>Gale will be on vacation August 4-12 and August 25-28</p> <p>Bike Ministry closed for August</p>				<p>1 7:30 am - AA Mtg</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>2 8:30 am - AA Mtg</p>
<p>3 Communion Sunday/Gifts of Love 10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary 11:15 am - No Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>4 7:30 am - AA Mtg 10:00 am - Missions Mtg 10:00 am - Adult VBS/EH/Lunch 10:30 am - AI-Anon 6:00 pm - AA Mtg</p>	<p>5 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&J 10:00 am - Adult VBS/EH/Lunch 6:30 pm - Harmony/Chapel 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>6 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Adult VBS/EH/Lunch 6:30 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>7 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crew 8:30 am - PB&J 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>8 7:30 am - AA Mtg</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9 8:30 am - AA Mtg .</p>
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<p>24 10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary 11:15 am - Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>25 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast 10:30 am - AI-Anon 1:00 pm - Colors of Hunger 6:00 pm - AA Mtg</p>	<p>26 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&J 6:30 pm - Harmony/Chapel 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>27 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Sewing Group 6:30 pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>28 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman's Crew 8:30 am - PB&J 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>29 7:30 am - AA Mtg</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>30 8:30 am - AA Mtg</p>
<p>31 10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary 11:15 am - No Fellowship Hour</p>						