

STAFF

Rev. George T. Head - Pastor

Rev. Bill Chegwin - Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Bev Richardson - Parish Associate

Gale Luttrell - Office Administrator

Carol Poole - Office Assistant

Babs King - Choir Director

Tim Murphy - Pianist

Charlie King - Organist

Steve Looney - Sound Engineer

Andy Walter - Custodian

Audrey Geer - Nursery Attendant

Susan Stuckey - Librarian

Floris Rogers - Slide Tech

Marshall Wright - Media



Our Staff

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays

10/2 Tim Murphy
Judith Walker

10/4 Susan Church-

10/5 Jim Kennedy

10/6 Beth Vercolen

10/10 George Reed

10/11 Becky Bros

10/18 Barbara King

10/20 Rodger Christian

Carolyn Ibbotson

10/21 Beverly Neroni

10/23 Chris Biedenbach

10/27 Rod Richardson

10/30 Michael McCarey

October Anniversaries

10/1 Jim & Shelli Harrison

10/5 Al & Peggy Imbert

Ron & Susan Stuckey

10/7 Dennis & Jackie Toth

10/13 Ken & Kathy Wengel

10/17 Frank & Pam Cawthon

10/21 Roderick & Henrietta McPhail



OCTOBER
- anniversaries

MISSIONS/SISTER CHURCHES

Mission of the Month of September

Good Samaritan Purse/Operation Christmas Cild


Sister Churches of the Month

10/5 First Presbyterian, Maitland

10/12 Good Shepherd, Melbourne

10/19 Palmdale, Melbourne

10/26 Southminster, Daytona Beach



ELDERS/DEACONS

Elders 2025:

Ed Carter

Margaret Catanzariti

Diane Grether

Laurie Grizzard

Jim Kennedy

Anne Perdue

Floris Rogers

Ralph Stonebraker

Susan Stuckey

Dennis Toth

Marshall Wright

Deacons 2025:

Debbie Devine

Anne Jensen

Barbara Johnson

Trish Kennedy

Carol Kurfis

Jodie Loveday


Jackie Toth

Wanda Ulewicz

Beth Vercolen

Chris Williams

Sandi Wirth



Deacon of the Month:
Anne Jensen

SESSION NEWS

1/01/2025-8/31/2025 (8 months)

Income/Expenses

\$ 25,982.42 \$ 287,796.87

34,713.98 239,227.34

\$ -8,731.56 \$ 13,610.25


1/01/2024-8/31/2024 (8 months)

Income/Expenses

\$ 21,299.40 \$ 294,703.63

59,214.61 266,298.22

\$ -37,915.21 \$ 28,405.41



CHURCH FINANCES

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY:

2025: 614 (4 Sundays) 2024: 610 (4 Sundays)

CHANCEL FLOWERS


September Chancel Flowers

10/5 Flowers are given for our Music Concert/150th Anniversary

10/12 Flowers given to the Glory of God, in honor of First Presbyterian Church's 150th Anniversary, and in loving memory of my Mother Caroline from Tim Murphy

10/19 Available

10/26 Available



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good News

OCTOBER 2025

150th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

150th ANNIVERSARY: THE FINAL MONTHS

As the congregation of First Presbyterian looks to the final months of 2025, we also look to the conclusion of our year of celebrating 150 years of presence in New Smyrna Beach with ministry and mission.

As the 150th Task Force gathered for the first time in the spring of 2024, we prayed prayers of praise and thanksgiving for God's presence and faithfulness through these last 150 years, as well as asking for guidance and care as we made decisions and focused on our celebration and our future.

Each month of this year has brought events, activities, and financial donations to organizations which serve people in our community. These final months are the same. Even as we celebrate for ourselves, we reach out and focus on others. Join us over these next months in our activities and events, for these final three months continue to bring a flurry of activity:

* The Mission Committee is funding the renovation / upgrading of the nursery


* The Property Management Committee is installing new lights in the breezeway behind the sanctuary

* To share our enjoyment of food and fellowship, we are creating a 150th Anniversary cookbook with delicious and fun recipes.

* We are hosting the December meeting of Central Florida Presbytery on December 2. It will be a full day of commissioners from each Presbyterian Church in central Florida being here for worship, discussion, business, and, of course, a home-made lunch from our Fellowship Committee! It is an open meeting, and everyone is invited and welcome to sit in on any portion to see what presbytery is all about.

* Bringing us "full circle" from last December, we will be participating in the New Smyrna Beach Christmas Parade, as we did last year to introduce our 150th celebration. This year we will be highlighting our Bike Ministry by riding bicycles in the parade. More details to come.

We conclude our year as we began, with a portion of our foundational scripture, Psalm 150. "Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness... Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."



SAFETY AND SECURITY

First Presbyterian Church strongly feels that the safety of its congregants and it's employees is critical to a well-functioning church. To this end, over the last several months, significant safety and security enhancements have been made to the First Presbyterian property.

The most noticeable enhancement is the new lighting that has been installed in the tunnel behind the sanctuary. The old incandescent lights have been replaced with three LED lights. The LED lights provide 50% more light while using 70% less energy than the old incandescent bulbs. These lights are on 24 hours a day to provide improved security for those using the building after dark.

For those working in the church office, a new nine-camera video system has been installed, providing clear, real-time video of all entrances to the Education building. Additionally, a new remote locking feature has been installed, allowing the office door to be electronically locked from the inside.

During the Sunday service, a Safety and Security team member is stationed at the back of the sanctuary. This team member is responsible for two primary duties: providing assistance in the event of an emergency during the service and monitoring the cameras that deliver live video of the exterior areas surrounding the sanctuary. The church has added four new cameras and repositioned the four existing cameras to enhance these exterior views

If you have any security improvement suggestions or would like to participate in the Security and Safety committee, please contact Ed Carter or Barb Johnson.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Building God's Kingdom in our Community
In September, our Hearts of Hope Presbyterian Women joyfully reunited to begin another Spirit-led year of study, worship, and service to our Lord. With grateful hearts, we welcomed new sisters into our fellowship, presented gifts as expressions of God's love, made plans for ministry, and rejoiced in the sweet communion of believers.

Faith in Action In celebration of our 150th anniversary, our September offering was prayerfully used to provide personal care items for students at New Smyrna Beach Middle and High Schools—meeting tangible needs and sharing Christ's compassion. Looking ahead, we will continue this mission of mercy celebrating our 150th FPC Anniversary with \$150 gifts in October to Beacon House Domestic Abuse Shelter, in November to the Red, White & Blue veterans support group, and in December to Shop with a Cop—each a reflection of God's call to serve “the least of these.”

Blessing Through Provision Our Presbyterian Women also extended a gift of comfort and hospitality by donating an air conditioner to 'Cudas Unhooked, ena-

bling them to transform an uncooled space into a haven for study, enrichment, and spiritual growth. May this gift be a vessel of grace and renewal.

Operation Christmas Child: Sharing the Gospel Worldwide We now turn our focus to Operation Christmas Child. Following a kickoff meeting in Deland and our September gathering, 200 shoeboxes were lovingly assembled—each one a seed of hope and a testimony of Christ's love. Beginning October 12, we invite all to join this sacred endeavor. Take as many boxes as you feel led to fill, or contribute financially so our women may fill them on your behalf. Each box, at an estimated cost of \$25, becomes a divine opportunity to bring the light of Jesus to a child across the globe. Let us give generously, pray fervently, and serve joyfully—so that through our hands, hearts, and gifts, the name of Jesus may be lifted high and lives forever changed.



ELLEN KIMBELL'S 99TH BIRTHDAY

Ellen Kimbell's 99th Birthday
September 11th



Happy 99th Birthday Ellen from all of us at First Pres

PATTI SNOW'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

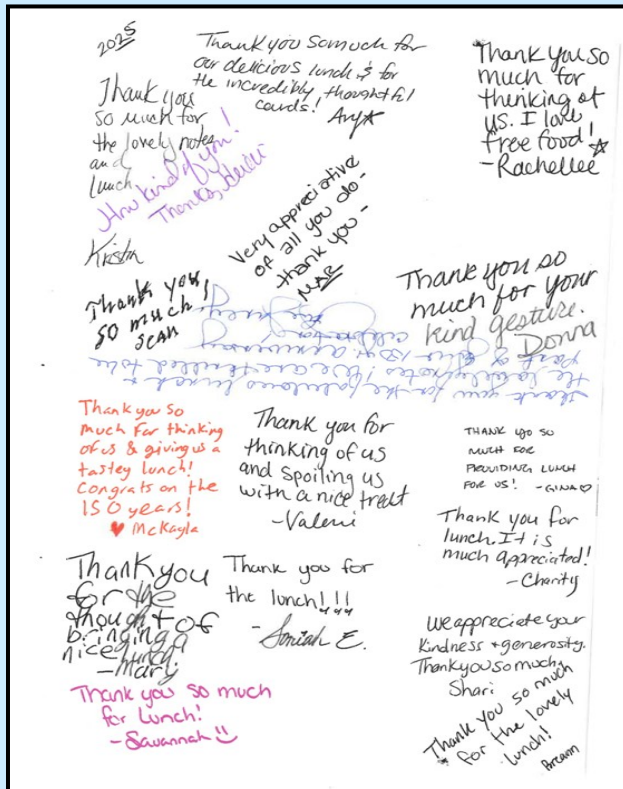
Patti Snow's 90th Birthday
September 15th



Happy 90th Birthday Patti from all of us at First Pres

THANK YOU FROM THE NSB LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

In July, as part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, our congregation acknowledged and thanked the nineteen staff at the New Smyrna Beach library. We wrote 152 thank you notes, giving each of the staff eight notes when we delivered lunch to them.



This is a copy of the thank you note they sent us for lunch and the notes. Thank you each for writing and participating in our 150th Anniversary celebration..

SAVE THE DATE

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!

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.



MISSION TEAM - 150 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

2025 Mission Trip to Augusta, Georgia – October 26 to November 1.

Preparations continue for our faithful FPC team as they journey from New Smyrna Beach to Augusta, answering God's call to serve. This is no ordinary trip—it is a sacred mission, a divine opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to those still reeling from the storms.

Please lift them up in prayer:

- For safe travel and protection under the Lord's watchful eye
 - For strength, compassion, and discernment as they minister to hurting hearts
- For open doors and divine appointments that allow them to bring comfort, hope and healing

A Sacred Offering to FPC from the Mission Team

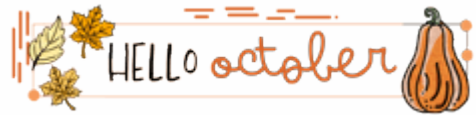
As we enter the final quarter of our 150th Anniversary year—a season of reflection and thanksgiving—the Mission Team continues to prayerfully seek ways to live out our guiding vision: *Renew, Rejoice, Reconnect, and*

Remember. In this spirit, we are joyfully preparing a tangible gift to our church family: a renewal of our nursery space, dedicated to the youngest among us who are beginning their walk with Christ.

Though this project was not part of the 2025 church budget, the Mission Team felt led to set aside funds as a faithful offering—an investment in the spiritual formation of our children and a testament to God's enduring presence in our congregation. This refreshed space will serve as a welcoming haven where little ones can experience the love of Jesus through care, play, and community.

Once the space is complete, we will share photos—or better yet, we invite you to come and witness firsthand how the littlest seekers of Christ will be embraced in a space designed to reflect His light and love.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - Men’s Bible Study/Rm 6 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Holy Spirit/EH 6:30 pm - Choir Practice	2 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman’s Crew 8:30 am - PB&J 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm/PW/Gathering Rm 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery	3 7:30 am - AA Mtg Office Closed	4 8:30 am - AA Mtg
5 Communion Sunday/Gifts of Love 10:00 am - Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary 11:15 am - No Fellowship Hour 3:00 pm - Music concert in the Sanctuary and reception in Eubank Hall	6 7:30 am - AA Mtg 9:00 am - Men’s Breakfast 9:30 am - PW Women in Chapel/EH 10:00am - Worship Mtg/Rm 4 10:30 am - Al-Anon 4:00 pm - 150th Anniv. Task Force/Rm 2 6:00 pm - AA Mtg Gale on vacation	7 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - PB&J 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Chronicles Bible Study/Rm 2 6:30 pm - Harmony/Chapel 7:30 pm - Narcotics Anon Gale on vacation	8 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am - Men’s Bible Study/Rm 6 9:00 am - Sewing Group 10:00 am - Holy Spirit/EH 6:30 pm - Choir Practice Gale on vacation	9 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:00 am - Newman’s Crew 8:30 am - PB&J 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm/PW/Gathering Rm 6:00 pm - Celebrate Recovery Gale on vacation	10 7:30 am - AA Mtg 8:30 am –12:00 pm/ PEO Office Closed	11 8:30 am - AA Mtg .
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