

# MARCH FIRST PRESS

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**Our Vision: To be a church fully Engaged in Reaching Up, Reaching In, and Reaching Out.**

Reaching  
UP

Worship Services  
Prayer Requests  
Lenten Study  
A Firm Foundation of Faith Study  
Bethel Bible Study  
Grief Share

Reaching  
IN

Sunday School Classes  
Joy Group Gathering  
Youth Group Evenings  
Birthday Fellowship  
Parent's Night Out  
Presbyterian Women

Reaching  
OUT

Food Distribution  
God's Bathhouse  
The Bridge Meals  
Manna Bags and Sleeping Mats  
Mission Trips  
BINGO and 4th Wednesday Cookout  
Community Garden

## Sunday Worship

### **Traditional Worship**

8:00 am, Chapel

### **Contemporary Worship**

9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

### **Traditional Worship**

11:00 am, Sanctuary

### **Fifth Sundays**

One Service @ 10:30 am,  
Sanctuary  
(no Sunday School)

### **Live Stream**

**Worship Services and  
Recorded Services are  
available on our website  
([fpcdeland.org](http://fpcdeland.org)), our Facebook  
page, and our YouTube page.**

**The Rev. Michael Bodger**



**Read about all these "reaching" areas  
in the following pages....**

**The Rev. Casey Riker  
Our Associate Pastor Candidate.  
Lots more information to come in April !**

# March 2023 Calendar

**Adult Discipleship Team Meeting**—Wednesday the 8th at 10:00 am in the Large Conference Room  
**BINGO**—Friday the 3rd at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall  
**Children's Discipleship Team**—Sunday the 5th at 12:15 pm the Art Room  
**Community Garden Workday**—Monday the 13th & 27th and Saturday the 18th at 9:00 am  
**Deacon Team Meeting**—Wednesday the 1st at 6:30 in the Large Conference Room  
**Farm Share Food Distribution**—Saturday the 25th 9:00 in the parking lot—volunteers needed at 8:00  
**Fourth Wednesday Cookout**—Wednesday the 22nd at 5:30 pm in the Pavilion  
**FPS Board Meeting**—Thursday the 9th at 5:00 pm via Zoom  
**God's Bathhouse**— the 11th and the 18th at 9:00 am in the Courtyard outside of the Mission Room (11B)  
**Men's Bible Study Group**—Tuesday mornings at 7:00 in Room 11C  
**Men's Bible Study Fellowship**—Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary and campus-wide  
**Mission Outreach Team Meeting**—Tuesday the 14th at 4:30 pm in The Mission Room (11B)  
**Parents' Night Out**—Saturday the 11th at 5:00 am in the Art Room and Nursery—reservation required  
**Personnel Team Meeting**—Tuesday the 14th at 5:30 pm via Zoom  
**Property Team Meeting**—Tuesday the 14th at 3:00 pm in the Large Conference Room  
**PW Coordinating Team Meeting**—Monday the 6th at 9:00 am in the Large Conference Room  
**Session Meeting**—Tuesday the 28th at 6:30 pm in the Large Conference Room  
**Sleeping Mats for the Homeless**—Thursday mornings at 10 am in the Mission Room (11B)  
**Student Discipleship Team Meeting**—Wednesday the 8th at 5:30 pm via Zoom  
**Worship Team Meeting**—Tuesday the 7th at 3:00 pm in the Large Conference Room  
**Youth Gathering**—Sunday evenings at 5:00 in The Loft

Check the **ShelbyNext Church Calendar** for other events during the month.

## SHELBYNEXT CHURCH DIRECTORY & CALENDAR



\*\*\*Smart Phones, Tablets,  
or Computers\*\*\*

Call Alice in the church office for instructions.  
It is EASY to access, and you will wonder how you  
ever lived without it!

## First Pres Name Tags

Need a name tag? Contact Alice in the church office.  
Everyone should have one!



## March Birthday Fellowship

on Sunday, March 5th,  
following the worship service in  
Fellowship Hall.

Birthday Cake and Coffee!

# Michael's Thoughts



Greetings to One and All,

What an exciting end to the month of February! We approved the recommendation of the APNC to call The Rev. Cassandra (Casey) Riker as our next Associate Pastor. I would once again like to thank the diligent APNC as they carried out their role in searching and listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We do still have a couple of more hoops to jump through, the first on Casey's end is to let her current church know of her and our decisions. Secondly, is that Casey has to go before the Central Florida Presbytery to be examined, which will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at the Presbytery meeting at 9:30 am at the Church of the Lakes, Orlando. I encourage everyone who can, to attend the meeting in support of Casey. The church vans will travel down so if you would like to ride in one of them, please let the Church Office know.

In all likelihood, we look forward to welcoming Casey into our church family during the third week in April. Keep an eye out for more specific details as that time approaches.

As we journey through the Forty days of Lent, we are using the devotional *A Way Other Than Our Own* and following along with a sermon series in parallel. I encourage you to work your way through the devotional and also either partner with someone to discuss it or attend the Wednesday night sessions, beginning on March 8th from 6 to 7pm. Weekly reflection questions are being sent via email and they are also available already printed at the Welcome Centers as you enter worship.

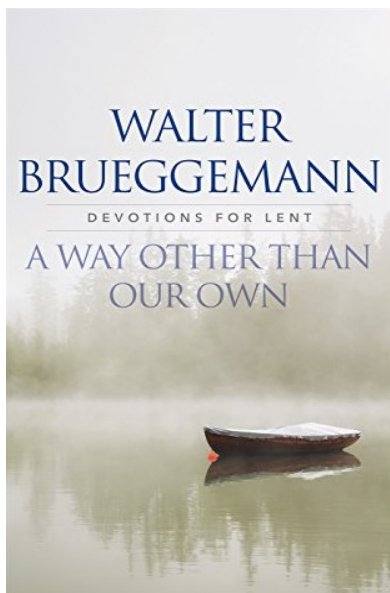
Sermons will follow these general themes:

February 26th	Lent 1	Re-Ordering
March 5th	Lent 2	Invitation
March 12th	Lent 3	Acceptance
March 19th	Lent 4	Challenges
March 26th	Lent 5	Changes
April 2nd	Palm Sunday	Alternative World
April 9th	Easter Sunday	Authorized for Risk

We proceed through Lent with JOY in the knowledge of who and whose we are, even as we look to ourselves and how we might grow in being more Christ-like as we live out the calling of our lives.

Remember, as we are out in the world, be sure to look around, breathe deeply upon the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and then breathe out that grace on all you encounter – the world will be a better place for it.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Michael



**Books are still available!**

## Our Lenten Study Continues

*Please consider joining us -  
reflection questions are printed  
weekly.*

YOU WILL FIND THEM AT THE WELCOME STATIONS AS  
YOU ENTER WORSHIP AND THEY ARE BEING EMAILED.

Reaching  
IN

# A FIRM FOUNDATION

A Study of the Westminster  
Confession of Faith: it's  
content, people, and times.

Beginning  
Wednesday,  
March 8th  
from 11:30 to 1:00

Meeting the 2nd  
and 4th  
Wednesdays in  
Westminster  
Room

Walk the Edges  
Plunge the Depths  
Wade In

**TO SIGN-UP CALL  
SANDY ESCONTRIS  
386-216-0622  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**



**Ongoing meetings**

**Wednesdays from 11am to 12:30pm**

**A light snack is provided.**

**Support Group with video, workbook, and  
discussion time.**

**Contact Alice Foerster in the Church Office  
for more information or to register.**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IS PROUD TO BE AN  
EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

## March Events

JOY GROUP'S

### MARCH GATHERING

Bring a salad or appetizer to share  
Dessert provided

**MARCH 12, 2023 | 12:30 P.M.**  
**ROSEMARY PLANE'S HOME**  
322 BELLINGRATH TERRACE  
DELAND, 32724

PLEASE RSVP TO ROSEMARY AT 386-822-9677

### Parents' Night Out

**Saturday**

**March 11**

**5:00 to 8:00**

Art Room and Nursery

Free for children ages 6 mo. to 10 years.

**Dinner Provided!**

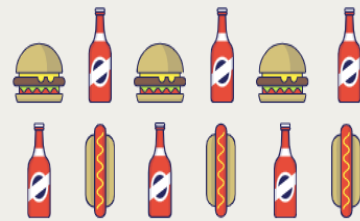
Call the Church Office (386-734-6212) or  
email Elendea (edegaetano@fpcdstaff.org)  
by Wednesday, March 8th to make your  
reservation.

FIRST PRES DELAND

### BINGO

FREE - FUN FOR ALL  
AGES  
FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD  
7:00 TO 8:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FUN PRIZES  
SNACKS PROVIDED



COOKOUT CONVERSATIONS

**MARCH 22ND**  
**5:30 PM**  
**OUTSIDE ON THE PAVILION**

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, and Water  
provided.

Bring a side dish to share if you like; or  
just come and enjoy the fellowship!

**CHILLY WEATHER = OUTDOOR HEATERS**



# Worship Team News



## LENTEN THOUGHTS TO ALL...

We continue to make Progress as we get back to “normal” after COVID limitations. It has been a journey and we keep care for all in our decisions. The 8 am and 11 am services have begun to use the sign-in pads as our sign-in system. At the 9 am service, we will continue to use a sign-in sheet at the table upon entering Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to the members of the Worship Team Members for their welcome and support as I complete my first month as the moderator. That Team includes Diane Slaughter, Maria Jones, Marcia Rosemeier, Stewart Burkhammer, Dee Frost, Bill Bailey, David Sutherland, Kay Kenney, Lynelle Tucker as well as staff members Alice Foerster, Jane Christeson, Joe DeGaetano, and Pastor Michael Bodger. I continue to listen and learn.

Did you know that Worship Team meetings stand open to church members on the first Tuesday of the month? We meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of the Church Office Building on March 7th. Come join us as a guest to see if you might be interested in joining the team! We are looking to add a few members.

The church will hold services at 8 am, 9 am, and 11 am throughout the month of March.

## WANTED

First Pres needs additional greeters for our three services to share a smile and some welcoming words to church members, guests, and new members. Please consider “Reaching Out” to make our church a place people want to attend for services.

**8 am - 1 greeter**

**9 am - 2 greeters**

**11:00 - 3 greeters**

Greeters need to arrive about twenty minutes prior to the service where you will find the bulletins set out. I will go over details and answer any questions you have.

Please call my cell or email me:

Jean Burns (262) 844-3644 OR [jeanburns15@gmail.com](mailto:jeanburns15@gmail.com)

Grace and Blessings,  
Jean Burns, Worship Team Moderator

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! “  
The Chancel Choir needs YOU!

Calling all “ringers”!  
Handbell choir needs YOU!

Contact Jane Christeson via 386-734-6212 or  
email: [jchristeson@fpcdstaff.org](mailto:jchristeson@fpcdstaff.org)



# Presbyterian Women of First Pres

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

We remind all circles that votes for the Honorary Life Membership recipient are due following your March Circle meetings. Circle leaders please collect your circle's votes and submit them to Karen for the tally.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US** on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall for the

## **Dedication of the 2023 Birthday offering**

For only \$5.00 (paid at door), you will enjoy a delicious brunch and our guest speaker Laura Walters Baskett. Each circle will be providing a cake for us to enjoy for dessert. You don't need to be a member of a circle – we welcome all women. Please let us know ahead of time – sign up at the PW Table before and after 9:00 and 11:00 services on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact Karen Murin, or the church office.



**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, and CAKE!!**

**THE ANNUAL PW CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY (PWCFP) GATHERING** was held February 4<sup>th</sup> at Wekiva Presbyterian Church. Karen Murin, Elaine Bodger, Sandy Guthrie, and Sandy Weil attended and enjoyed various workshops, had a wonderful lunch, met many PW members in Central Florida, attended a worship service and the installation of the new PWCFP moderator Janet Foley. Please consider joining us next year for this annual event.

**May 7<sup>th</sup>: on Gifts of Women Sunday** Presbyterian Women will have various parts in our worship service. We need your help. If you would like to participate by greeting, ushering, or helping with fellowship after the 9:00 or 11:00 service. Please contact Karen Murin # 386-717-2277.

## Reminders

**March 1, 2023** Pastors Bible Study - 9:30am Large Conference Room

**March 12, 2023** Pashmina Sunday

**March 18, 2023** Dedication of Birthday Offering, brunch and a speaker 10:30

**May 7, 2023** Gifts of Women Sunday and Presentation of Honorary Life Member/Fellowship

**May 20, 2023** Dedication of the Least Coin and Election & Installation of PW Officers/brunch

## PW Circles

**DORCAS CIRCLE** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00am. Contact Shirley Carr / Trish Tutt.

**MIRIAM CIRCLE** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10:00am. Contact Elaine Bodger.

**RACHEL CIRCLE** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:30am. Contact Mary Eggleston.

**RUTH CIRCLE** meets at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Contact Kay Kenney.

**SUSANNA CIRCLE** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 12:00am-lunch. Contact Dianne Heidel.

**(Contact info for all Circle Leaders are in ShelbyNext.)**

It's not too late to join a circle for Bible study. Contact Karen Murin or the church office.

## Open Door Sunday School Class



Engage every week as we read and discuss together

Walter Brueggman's  
**A Way Other Than Our Own**

Join a dozen other adult learners like yourself.

**Jump in with us in the Westminster Room at 10 am on Sunday Mornings.**

## Serendipity Sunday School Class



Serendipity Sunday School (10:00 hour) meets in the  
Middle Conference Room of the  
Church Office Building.

They are studying the book of Genesis.

Frank Wilson serves as the leader for this group.

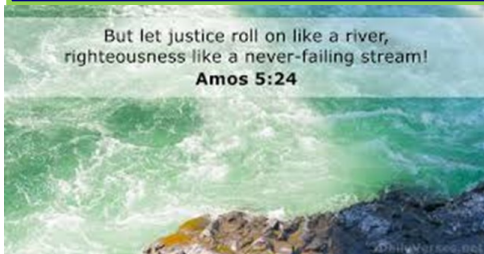
## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study Group meets on  
Tuesday mornings from 7 – 8:30  
in Room 11C.

Please contact C. Paul Jones  
([mariastvrl@yahoo.com](mailto:mariastvrl@yahoo.com))  
for more information.



## *Learning to Do Justice* Sunday School Class



**10 am**  
**Mission Room**

**Biblical and Social Justice**

Join us for this new Sunday School Class.

What is the Bible telling us? How can we live into that?

We will be exploring a series of books, articles, and videos, searching for the answers to questions such as "Is Racism a thing in the US, in the church?" and "Should First Pres DeLand play a role in this issue?"

**Come join us for some good Biblically based discussion!**



# Family Ministries

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AGE

## YOUTH GROUP

Sunday Evening from 5:00 - 6:30  
in THE LOFT

FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP



### Elendea DeGaetano

serves as our Director of Family Ministries. She works with our Middle and High School Youth (Student Discipleship) as well as our Children's Ministries.

Her contact information includes 386-290-6525 cell, 386-734-6212 ext # 111 at the church, and [edegaetano@fpcdstaff.org](mailto:edegaetano@fpcdstaff.org) for email.

Feel free to contact her for information about everything on this page.



Children ages 4-10 are invited to join us on Sunday mornings during worship at 9:00 and 11:00 in the Art Room for Children's Church.



Save the Date!



The poster features a light blue sky background with white clouds. At the top center is the logo for "first pres DELAND", which includes a green cross symbol. Two orange circular callouts are positioned on either side of the logo: the left one says "REMEMBER TO BRING A BASKET!" and the right one says "FREE ENTRY". Below the logo, the word "EGGSPERIENCE" is written in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline. Underneath this, a yellow rectangular box contains the text "PETTING ZOO, BOUNCE HOUSES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, EGG HUNTS, SNACKS, AND MORE!". The central illustration shows a brown wicker basket filled with three colorful Easter eggs (one blue with yellow zig-zags, one yellow with purple polka dots, and one red with white stripes) sitting on a green grassy hill. Two orange flowers with green leaves are on either side of the basket. At the bottom, white text on a green background reads "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF DELAND INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EGGSPERIENCE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2:30-4:30". Below this, a yellow box lists the "EGG HUNT TIMES:" with four entries: "3:15: AGES 2 AND UNDER IN TODDLER PLAYGROUND", "3:30: AGES 3-4 IN LARGE PLAYGROUND", "3:45: AGES 5-6 IN COMMUNITY GARDEN", and "4:00: AGES 7-10 ON FRONT LAWN OF THE CHURCH".

REMEMBER TO BRING A BASKET!

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FREE ENTRY

# EGGSPERIENCE

PETTING ZOO, BOUNCE HOUSES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, EGG HUNTS, SNACKS, AND MORE!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF DELAND INVITES YOU TO  
JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EGGSPERIENCE ON  
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2:30-4:30

EGG HUNT TIMES:

- 3:15: AGES 2 AND UNDER IN TODDLER PLAYGROUND
- 3:30: AGES 3-4 IN LARGE PLAYGROUND
- 3:45: AGES 5-6 IN COMMUNITY GARDEN
- 4:00: AGES 7-10 ON FRONT LAWN OF THE CHURCH

## Good News



### The Ibarra family has been granted Political Asylum!

Dr. Rodolfo Ibarra, his wife Dayring and five-year-old daughter Josephine, members of this church, have been waiting for four years to have a ruling on their application for political asylum in the United States.

Rodolfo, a doctor in Nicaragua, was arrested and threatened with death for treating protestors in the 2018 political unrest.

A group of twelve people from this church, wearing their First Pres T-shirts as a show of support for the family, traveled to the hearing. Because not many people are granted political asylum in this country, the Ibarras feel thrilled and grateful with the outcome.

The family thank the members of this church for all their love and support over this long process.



## The Bridge Kitchen



On the first Thursday each month, First Pres Church members and friends cook and serve meals for **The Bridge**, located at 434 S. Woodland Blvd.

We always welcome volunteers as we usually feed between eighty and a hundred people.

On March 2nd we will serve chicken casserole. For this meal we need are cream of chicken soup, buttery crackers, and canned green beans.

On April 6th we will serve Hamburger Stroganoff. Items needed for this meal include egg noodles, cream of mushroom soup, and green peas.

Look for THE BRIDGE shopping cart when you come to worship and drop-off your donations. You can also bring them to the church office during the week.

Mary Eggleston (386-626-5071) coordinates this mission.

# Mission Outreach Team

Members of First Presbyterian Church definitely go the extra mile towards being the Hands and Feet of Jesus.



We are offering showers for the homeless two Saturday in March, the 11th, and the 18th, in the courtyard in front the Mission Room (11B) from 9 to 11 am.

**We value volunteers highly! Please arrive at 8:30!**  
God's Bathhouse times run from 9:00-11:00.



## Sewing Needed – Manna Bags

Nancy Kinsley has sewn over 5000 cloth manna bags for us and would like some help.

Don Tutt is doing the cutting. We just need someone to sew up the side seams and the casings.

Contact Mary Hoffmann for more information.

## Thursday Morning

### Volunteers

**10:00—12:00**

**Mission Room—11B**

### Sleeping Mats

#### for the Homeless

All are invited to join this friendly, entertaining group of men and women who weave plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats to hand out to the homeless in our community.



### Manna Bags

Help pack Manna Bags.  
An easy job!

### Organizing Clothes for God's Bathhouse

If organizing is your gift—we need you!



## Clothing Donations

### Men's Denim Jeans and Men's Tennis Shoes Needed—All Sizes

Thanks to your generosity we have a plethora of clothing to give to those in need.

Except for the need for men's jeans all sizes, and men's tennis shoes the mission room is filled to the brim so we can't handle anymore clothing donations at the moment. Please consider taking your donations to the Neighborhood Center.

And thanks again for your generosity.

**Do You Have a Heart  
for Mission?**



## Are You Interested in How Our Mission Budget is Spent?

Please consider joining the **Mission Outreach Team**. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the *Mission Room (11B)*. We invite you to come and become a part of this important church team.

# Farm Share Food Distribution

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 25TH

—  
9:00 am

## Volunteers:

Call, text, or email Mary  
Hoffmann (386-747-5165 or  
mary100550@aol.com).

To let her know you can help.  
Plan to arrive at 8 am to prepare.



Past Food  
Distribution  
Events





# Community Garden

Join the *First Pres* Community Garden

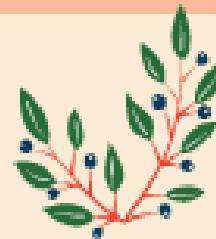


We meet on the second and fourth Monday and the third Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 am.

You do not need to be an experienced gardener to enjoy the fellowship and God's beautiful space.



Contact: Jim Nichols @ 386-736-1550  
([jnichols101@yahoo.com](mailto:jnichols101@yahoo.com)) or  
Carol Nichols 386-589-4251



It's fun to get out and socialize  
with other gardeners!





# CUBA MISSION TRIP

MARCH 15 - 21

## MEDICAL SUPPLIES NEEDED

ACETAMINOPHEN (TYLENOL)

IBUPROFEN (ADVIL)

NAPROXENO (ALEVE)

ANTI HISTAMINE (BENADRYL, ETC.)

ASPIRIN

CALCIUM

VITAMINS C, E, B6, B12

ANTIDIARRHEA MEDICINE (IMODIUM)

OMEGA 3



Taguasco First Presbyterian Church

**Collection baskets are in the  
Welcome Areas and the  
Church office.**



## 2023 Mission Trip Nicaragua Mission Trip

LaFinca - a resort quality camp owned  
by Young Life

**June 11 - June 17**



**vidajoven™**  
**younglife.**  
Nicaragua



Our plans are well underway!  
Contacts for this trip are Mary Hoffmann  
and Ron "Coco" Allison.



Mission Fundraiser  
February 18th



Over 90's Potluck  
February 19th



## Medical Equipment Closet Ministry

The Medical Equipment Closet Ministry provides church members access to free, gently-used medical equipment. Sustained by church member donations, Kurt and Suzi Backstrom manage this purposeful ministry.

**AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT LIST:** Wheelchairs, travel (transport) chairs, rollators (4-wheeled walkers with hand-brakes and seat), front-wheeled walkers, canes, shower chairs, bedside commodes.

**TO REQUEST EQUIPMENT, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:** Someone from the ministry will arrange a time to pick up equipment. A waiver form will be signed. Equipment does NOT have to be returned.

**TO MAKE A DONATION CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:** A ministry member will contact the donor and arrange a drop-off time at the church office.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CAN ACCEPT ONLY ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE AVAILABLE INVENTORY LIST.**

If a church member has an item not on that list, the ministry member will assist them in locating other local donation options.

## Tune-Up Moves! The Balance Class



Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

9:00—10:00 or 10:30—11:30

in Fellowship Hall

Suzi Backstrom, Instructor

(email [suzibackstrom@gmail.com](mailto:suzibackstrom@gmail.com) or phone 865-604-5182).

Registration is required before class participation. Contact Suzi if you are interested.



We Live in Soul Scorching Times  
that can Leave Us

**Ragged,  
Reeling,  
Wrung-Out,  
And Emptied.**

Could You Use a Listening Ear?  
**A Stephen Minister Could Help.**



To find out more, call the church  
office to talk with Alice Foerster,  
Care Coordinator.

## Active Military Names



**Please include our Active Military friends  
and their families in your prayers.**

Chief Petty Officer **Andrew J. Clouse**  
USS Vicksburg CG69  
601 New Lake Court  
Norfolk, VA 23462

Senior Airman **Alexis Sutherland**  
Special Assignment Supply Officer  
Langley Air Force Station, Virginia

**Theodore Brakeman**  
US Navy  
Shipboard Curtis Wilbur,  
San Diego, CA 92136

Tech Sgt. **Christopher Aydt**  
Assistant Chaplain—Air Force  
2536 Grayson Way  
San Antonio, TX 78232

HM2 **Matthew Beal**  
US Navy Hospital Corpsman Second Class  
3650 N Spitz Drive #201  
Waukegan, IL 60087

AS3 **Daniel Pry**  
Navy Petty Officer  
456 Crown Crescent  
Chesapeake, VA 23325-4329

A1C **Alexander Sutherland**  
Elmendorf Air Force Base—Alaska  
Apprentice—F22 Raptor

## Session Snippets February 2023

### CONSENT AGENDA:

#### All items acted upon as a single motion M/S/C:

The date of April 7, 2023 for an IDignity Event on our campus.

The Rev. Donna McClellan (retired) as a guest preacher and to officiate communion on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Ratified Hugh Ash Foundation decision to allocate \$155,000 to the Neighborhood Center.

The Mission Outreach Team requests that Session approve their 2023 Budget in the amount of \$67,275.00.

The following dates for vacation days for Michael: March 13 - March 15, July 05 – July 20.

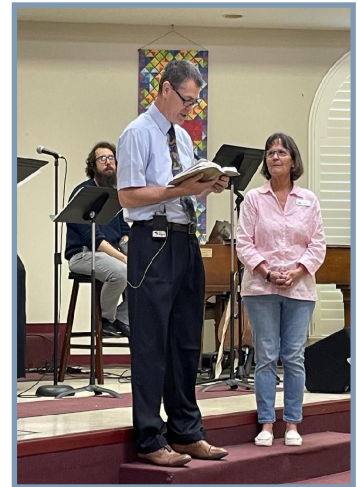
The purchase of a Panasonic RW730BU Projector for the Sanctuary.

Combined worship services on the last Sunday of every month starting in April, 2023 with a pot luck luncheon following worship each time.

### ACTION AGENDA: No Items



New Members  
Doug and Tara Nolan  
Sunday, February 5th



Suzi Backstrom  
New Elder-at-Large  
Class of 2025





## March Worship Flowers

March 5th Mary Eggleston  
 March 12th Available  
 March 19th Jean Burns  
 March 26th Paul and Maria Jones



**To order worship flowers, contact Alice Foerster in the church office to reserve your preferred Sunday.**

## Meals Matter Ministry

If you know of a need or problematic situation where a meal would help (within our congregation, including friends old and new), please contact Alice Foerster.



## Prayer Requests

**“Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!” Psalm 38:21-22**

Wanda Carlen	James Coggeshall	Karen & Jeremy DeJong	Althea McPherson
Arlene Liggett	Dallas Moore	Ed Dean	Charlotte Glennie
Lily Guzman	Marie Hammond	Bill Pearson	Leonora Evans
Bethanne Schrecengost	Ricky Clouse	Mike Davis	Lori Reinvold
Marcia Rosemeier	Bette Curtin	Kim Walker	Waleslyn Family
Charles Wareing	Paul O'Donovan	Joanna Payette	Lilyana Aparico
Barbara Reeves	Eva Lurtz	Shane Gaster	Riley Gaunt
Melissa Gaunt	David Branchett	Maria Nigro	Stan Collins
Henrietta O'Neal			

**Please continue to pray for our families, friends, and church family.  
 Contact the Church Office if you would like to be added to the prayer list.**

## March Birthdays

**May God's blessings abound for you in every way.**

Frank Liska 1st	MJ West 14th	Sandy Hoy 23rd
Jacob Fussell 1st	Cassandra Ehleringer 15th	Fay Clark 24th
Valla Fischer 3rd	Davry Nix 15th	Liam Crane 24th
Don Tutt 3rd	Janet Williams 15th	Mary Eggleston 25th
David Finkle 4th	Patty Phelan 15th	Althea McPherson 25th
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