

A Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace

This October 2, 2011 we will feature the missions of First Presbyterian Church with a Mission Fair and join Christians around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. The scripture theme for this special Sunday is from James 3:18, "A harvest of justice is sown in peace."

Come and experience the many different ways our congregation shares the love of Christ in our community, in our nation, and around the world. The Mission Fair will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In honor of World Communion Sunday, we will join together in the sacrament of communion in a combined worship service in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. We invite everyone from all the regular worship services to come together to participate in this special celebration. The PC(USA) Peace Offering will also be taken during the combined service.



Please mark your calendar now for this special day – you will not want to miss it!

Interim Pastor/Head of Staff: The Reverend Dr. John Ross

Associate Pastor: The Reverend Clayton Thomas ***Pastor for Spanish Ministries: The Reverend Julio Travieso***
Director of Music Ministries: Jack M. Levick ***Intern for Youth & Families: Daniel McCurdy***

A Call to Prayer

Please join us on Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel as we continue to pray for our church and the person God is preparing to be our Head of Staff. Rev. John Cairns will guide us as we praise God and give thanks for all the wonders of his love. God bless you. ☞

Spiritual Formation Ministry

Love Notes



Thank you Sandi Soper and ALL of the dedicated volunteers that were a part of Summer of Service. We had a great time and learned how to better serve our church and the community.

Love,
The Tracks

A special thanks to Larry Guth for all you do, especially for keeping the Parish Nurse office in working order!

Love,
Cheryl Track

Preschool News

by Clare Carter, Director

Our classrooms are once again filled with the “joyful noise” of children playing and learning. Our school day is from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., with “Lunch Bunch” from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. daily. Each afternoon offers music, messy art and more for any child who chooses to stay. Of course, we will continue to offer everyone’s favorite: Pizza Fridays!

This month the children will be learning more than their ABC’s. They will be learning about each other, their families, and ways to be a good friend. The ability to accept others and feel compassion for one another is an important part of our children’s development and education. The weekly themes will include activities to help the children develop kindness and compassion for others.

There is also an opportunity for adults to learn. Did you know that the preschool offers parenting classes? Small Beginnings is a wonderful introduction to a preschool atmosphere with the comfort of mommy, daddy or caregiver present. The program enhances early learning, strengthens the parent/child bond and provides a place for parents to discuss their child’s development and behaviors. Each class is led by a warm, friendly and experienced parent/child educator. There is still space available in these wonderful classes. Please call the preschool office (366-2000) or visit our website for more information. ☞



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

What’s New

P.W. will be resuming their monthly gatherings on the first Tuesday of every month beginning October 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program will be “How Hospice Has Changed.” Everyone is asked to bring a sandwich and \$2.00 to cover the cost

of beverages and dessert.

Prior to the luncheon in October, our Bible Study (Beatitudes) will start the second Tuesday, September 13, at 10:30 a.m. with Ardis Rea in Room 203. Ardis will continue her helpful presentation of each month’s lessons. These are so helpful for circle members, especially the Bible Study leaders.

The purpose of P.W. is to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; support the mission of the Church worldwide; work for justice and peace; and build an inclusive and caring community that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA).

All women of the church are encouraged to join a circle and/or attend the monthly gathering to help local programs (i.e. Angel Tree, Beth El Mission, First Presbyterian Food Pantry) and church-wide programs. This year through the sale of Mothers’ Day cards and the support of the congregation, P.W. sent \$543 to the Presbyterian Health Ministries to protect and restore the health of women and children in four African countries.

If you would like to participate in P.W., call Helen Thomas at 355-1473 for more information. ☞

New Member Bios

by Annette Sherman, Moderator, Interlink Committee



Linda Holley moved to Sarasota from Atlanta, GA, two years ago. She has one child, Jodie, who is married, and two grandchildren; they moved to Sarasota first and then invited Linda to join them. "It was an easy decision," she says. Linda loves walking and enjoys great Mexican food (and she has found a great restaurant here in Sarasota!).

She's interested in joining the choir,

being active with our youth, and being involved in First Presbyterian. She is a retired federal employee, having worked as a Management Analyst, and is now a realtor with ERA Waterside Realty on Siesta Key, focusing primarily on Bird Key and Siesta Key. Linda sold real estate in Atlanta following her federal career. She is divorced, and lives with Burt Reynolds, her Cocker Spaniel.

Linda's faith journey began when she was nine at the Mountain View Baptist Church in Albuquerque, NM. In 1985, she joined Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and in 2009, Peace Presbyterian in Lakewood Ranch. She served on both the Evangelism Team and the Fellowship Team at Peace, and sang in the choir. Linda says, "I love my friends at Peace, and joined First Presbyterian because I moved into town, and the travel time and distance no longer made sense."

Linda is looking for opportunities to serve at First, is eager to find Christian fellowship, and she aspires to be a great Christian leader for her grandchildren. She says, "Thank you, FPC, for making me feel so welcome! I went to Montreat on the youth retreat and we have some wonderful youth...I'm looking forward to working with Dan, other FPC leaders, and our kids."



Jean Raskin was born and raised in Newburgh, NY. Her first church was Calvary Presbyterian, where the minister, Rev. Carlos Lantis, was a strong spiritual influence. "The passion that Carlos has for his faith is what I see in the ministers of First Presbyterian. After my sister Jill and I attended Sunday school each week for 12 years, we had enough perfect

attendance pins to make a full bracelet. We were very fortunate to be given such a foundation of faith at a very young age, and to have parents who were very encouraging as our faith grew," says Jean. After living in Newburgh for 23 years she moved to Danbury, CT. She worked in re-

tail management for 15 years with an emphasis on Human Resources, and has been a Human Resource Consultant for the past 7 1/2 years at Progressive Employer Management where she is the contact person for over 1100 clients. She moved to Sarasota in 1997 and enjoys living in this area very much. Her parents retired to Sarasota three years earlier and Jean was happy to be here for the last two years of her father's life.

Jean joined Bee Ridge Presbyterian in 1999 and found another strong spiritual influence in Dr. Dan Robinson, their minister at the time. Jean states, "Dan was very helpful during the loss of my father. One of his many strengths was grief counseling and his sermons were a wonderful foundation for the service." Jean was ordained as an elder in 2006 and served on session at Bee Ridge church. June volunteered for the bazaar, ABC Cafe, and Alpha. Seven years ago she joined PW circle #9, where moderator Allison Vance and the circle members were yet another strong spiritual influence in her life. "These women bring great passion to our studies and the discussions we have with each lesson bring us closer as a group. For the past 2 years, our focus has been the great women of the bible, including Mary, Martha, Ruth, Naomi, Sarah, Tamar, and Eve," says Jean.

Jean loves pets, grew up with cats and dogs, and currently has a 16-year-old cat, Maggie. She also loves horses, took riding lessons as a teenager and enjoyed every moment. "I was fortunate to learn about the care and feeding of such a beautiful animal. I have rescued all of my pets and hope more people consider adoption rather than shopping," she says. Jean enjoys traveling, has especially enjoyed her 3 trips to Europe and has plans for many more trips abroad. She also loves traveling to the wonderful, scenic state of Colorado, where she visits both family and the mountains!

Jean hopes to volunteer at our church bazaar and is happy to help in the kitchen for any event. She also looks forward to getting involved with outreach programs. Jean says, "When I began looking for a church home, one of the many things that drew me to First Presbyterian was the wonderful outreach and the activities that encourage a church community. This is a very welcoming church, and the church service offers excellent music and children's programs. The ministers' sermons are a strong foundation. I am enjoying my new church home very much. Thank you to all who have made my mother June and I feel very welcomed in our new home."


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June Raskin moved to Sarasota (Paradise!) in 1994 after falling in love with the place after many visits. Originally from the Hudson Valley area of New York, she was born in Walden and moved to Newburgh while working as secretary to the General Manager of radio station WGNY, where she met her future husband Richard. The couple married in 1954 and were blessed with


two delightful daughters, Jill and Jean. The girls were baptized at Calvary Presbyterian in Newburgh where June served many years as an Elder and Deacon. During these years she formed a Junior Choir and also organized and chaired a Tri-County Youth Choir festival, giving performances throughout the three counties and culminating in a performance at the Post Chapel at West Point.

June is a past member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and a member of the Sarasota Choral Society, which performs "Messiah" every December. She enjoys swimming, walking and theatre, and is an avid bridge player. She volunteers at the front desk of Doctors Hospital, and is a member of the chancel choir at First Presbyterian. The joy of June's life is her grandson Benjamin, son of Jill and Ted Parker of Frederick, Colorado. 

Music News

by Jack Levick, Director of Music Ministries

On Wednesday, August 31, the First Presbyterian Chancel Choir began 7:00 p.m. rehearsals in the Forum. During the summer, the choir took a break from weekly practices but gathered each Sunday morning to rehearse the anthems. It has been a good summer with a large group of choir members participating. Both Carol Hawkinson, Organist, and I were able to maintain the high quality of music that we have become accustomed to at First Presbyterian Church. The choir is looking forward to the months ahead, learning new music, and becoming reacquainted with old favorites.

Of special interest on December 16, there will be an exciting concert of Christmas music by England's John Rutter, one of the most popular living choral composers in the world. The featured work will be his exuberant and popular GLORIA with large brass ensemble, choir, soloists, percussion and organ. Come join us as we celebrate God's glory and enjoy the fun of a great group of friends. It is very satisfying and will give you a great feeling inside. If you are interested and/or would like to help us underwrite this wonderful project, please contact either Jack Levick at 955-8119 (music@firstpressarasota.org) or Jean Fulton at 356-4210 (jbf25@verizon.net) 



Heroes Wanted

by Cheryl Track, Parish Nurse

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be heroes without having to risk bodily harm? Well, we all can! We have, within each of us, the possibility of being a hero to approximately every fifth person who enters a hospital.


Few people give blood donations a thought, but without this magical substance, we cease living. Unknown to the majority of us, blood has a very short shelf life. Red blood cells (which carry oxygen to the body's organs and tissue) expire after 42 days; platelets (small blood cells which are essential to clotting) last only 5 days; plasma (which is a mixture of water, proteins and salt) however, can be frozen for up to one year. Blood cells are the body's primary defense against infection.

Perhaps some of us aren't blood donors because of the misconception that people with medical conditions cannot donate. This is wrong. There are many medical conditions such as diabetes and even a heart problem that still allow a person to give blood. As a nurse, I have heard all kinds of reasons why people believe they can not donate; most of them are not true! A quick review and evaluation of our medical history by the bloodmobile's staff will determine our eligibility.

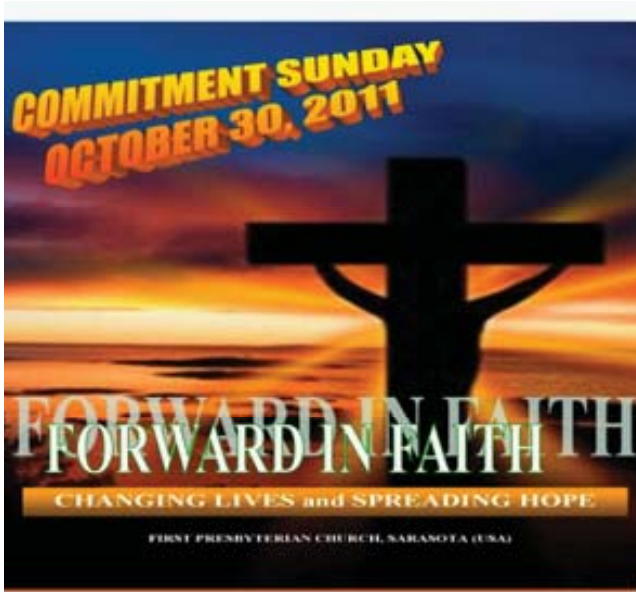
Each of us has the ability to be a hero. Through the selfless act of being a blood donor, we can save up to 3 lives through a single donation. Too many of us do not appreciate the critical role blood donors play in life saving situations every day. If we are healthy enough to be a blood donor, all we need is the willingness to do so.

The bloodmobile is going to be at First Presbyterian Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To sign up call the church office at 955-8119.

THE TOP 10 REASONS TO DONATE BLOOD: YOU WILL...

- #10. lose 1 pound in 1 day!
- #9. be served FREE snacks and drinks.
- #8. be able to take 30 minutes just for YOU on a very comfy bed.
- #7 earn a \$25 gift card of your choice (Cosimo's, Stonewood or Mattison's) for every 3 times you give.
- #6. doing something good for your body by forcing it to make new blood.
- #5. be our Type! All blood types are needed.
- #4. never be too old to give. (Anyone 17 or older can give. 16 year olds can give with parents' permission.)
- #3. received a FREE Cholesterol screening. Just go to www.scbb.org for your results.
- #2. receive a donor ID card in about 2 weeks.
- #1. save 3 lives in less than 30 minutes! 

Information from Suncoast Communities Blood Bank



A Personal Journey

by Elder, M. Vicki Wacksman, D.P.A.,
Co-Chair Stewardship Committee

Like you, I find it hard to turn on the TV or radio without being reminded that Americans like stuff. All kinds of “stuff.” We buy, accumulate and hoard “stuff” in the name of friendship, intimacy, love, pride, happiness and joy. The result is the ethics of frugality has sadly been replaced by the ethics of immediate gratification. Bottom-line, we have become consumer addicts fed by an economy and lifestyle that greatly depends upon our addiction.

Serving as Co-Chair of the Stewardship Committee has given me a lot of insight into my “stuff.” When becoming an Elder you are given the opportunity of selecting three committees of your interest. Stewardship never made the cut. I thought Stewardship was about giving and raising money. I abruptly received a “Pastor Susan DeWyngaert correction.” She said, “Christian Stewardship was about growing people, not dollars. When people become spiritually mature, the needs of the church, community and the world will be met.” The light bulb still didn’t flash, but I was obedient to her counsel and took the matter to prayer.

It took months of praying, studying the Word and listening to the Holy Spirit for the light to flash on. It happened while deliberating on what to do with 50 years of “stuff.” “Stuff” is more than clothes, artifacts, etc. It is also the talents, skills and resources we accumulate.

The dictionary defines “stuff” in 22 ways. Three really stood out to me: (1) *The materials out of which something may be shaped or made;* (2) *Figuratively, the fundamental elements of anything, material or spiritual;* and (3) *a worthless collection of things.*

While Christians agree that everything including the sun, moon, earth, mountains and sea belong to God, most

subconsciously exclude the house, car, clothes, jewelry, artifacts, gold, silver, furniture, skills, time, talents, abilities, money, and other “stuff.”

Rethinking ownership was key to my enlightenment. Growing up in a Christian home I have heard often enough that this world and everything in it belongs to God. (from Psalm 24, NRSV) However, the ownership practiced in the world today blurs this truth with legal instruments such as sales receipts, contracts and deeds. It is not the same ownership that the Apostle Paul speaks of when he said, “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36, NRSV) Hence, everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for His glory. This includes all my “stuff” and your “stuff.” By embracing this truth with a passion, I removed the barriers that limited my understanding of Christian Stewardship and about the “stuff” God has entrusted in my care. Apostle Paul tells us exactly what we should do with the “stuff” given to us.


“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8, NRSV)

The work Paul speaks of is directly tied to the Christian Stewardship Susan had defined.

In the Bible “steward” means manager. In Genesis 1:26, *“God gave man dominion over the earth. He declared and appointed man His manager... and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts, and over all of the earth..”* (KJV, Blue Letter Bible, www.blueletter.org) In this capacity, we are responsible to God for taking care of that part of the environment that we are exposed to in this life as a part of our Christian stewardship.

October 30, is Commitment Sunday. It is the time of year we ask members to pledge their financial support for our church. It is also a time of year for all of us to take a hard look at the “stuff” we have accumulated and find ways to ensure that none of what God has given us will go unused or become *“a worthless collection of things or matter.”*

What I love about our church is the unending opportunities offered to each of us to use our “stuff” to change lives and spread hope in church life, in the community and in foreign countries where needs exist. We can even make a legacy donation or memorial to ensure that our gifts from God on earth continue to serve the Lord’s glory after we or a loved one depart from this earth. Our goal this year is to increase the number of pledges to 85%. Please make sure your commitment is included.

The opportunity is ours to be steadfast, and move FORWARD IN FAITH, creating a bright future for our church and those who gather to be the people of God. 

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, September 11, at noon, for the purpose of electing church officers for the class of 2014. Please plan to stay for this brief but important meeting.

Dear Members,

Your Congregational Nominating Committee is pleased to present to you the following slate of outstanding individuals to serve as Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2014 and as members of the 2012 Congregational Nominating Committee. During this important time of transition, we believe it is especially important to have faithful servant leaders who are truly called and committed to help shape the future of our beloved church. We are confident that the members on our slate will provide exemplary leadership and work together in the spirit of God's love for the best interests of our entire congregation.

Peace and Grace,

The Congregational Nominating Committee

Annette Sherman, Elder, Moderator
 Kathy Herron, Deacon Representative
 Nance Guth, Recording Secretary
 Jill Cardinal
 Margaret Cass
 Jim Dean
 Dana Gaddis
 Ann McFadyen
 Barby McKown
 Kent Miller
 Marcia Schaper

Candidates for Elders

Dick Clapp is married to Marti and they have three married children and three grandchildren. Dick grew up in Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University. He earned MS and PhD degrees at the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wisconsin. This led to a career in the paper industry in the areas of manufacturing management, product development and new business development. In 2001 Dick retired and moved to Sarasota where he became involved in neighborhood association leadership. In 2007 he was elected to a four year term as a Sarasota Commissioner, and in 2009 he was selected mayor. A notable news event while he was mayor was his shark tank stunt for the Google contest in 2010. Dick's

hobbies include photography, gardening and reading. At FPC he has been an Elder, Chair of the Community Service Committee, and manager of the 3 Cents A Meal effort. At previous Presbyterian churches, he has served as a Deacon and an Elder.

Ed Clissold is married to Rebecca and has three children, Abby (7), Daniel (2), and Caroline (2). He grew up in Tennessee, but also has lived in New Jersey, Illinois, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Indiana. He works at Ned Davis Research, a stock market and economic research firm in Venice. He occasionally competes in triathlons and plays tennis if he has enough energy after chasing around three kids. This is Ed's second term as an Elder at First Presbyterian. He enjoys spending much of his time helping youth. He has taught middle school Sunday school for years, has assisted with the Sunday evening programs, and has been Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the past six years.

John Fisher was born in southwest Missouri and moved to Sarasota in 1996 from Kansas City, MO, by way of Springfield, MO and Phoenix, AZ. He has a sister that still lives in southwest Missouri. His parents and two brothers are deceased. He retired in 1994 after working 34 years for Kansas City Power & Light. After visiting Sarasota during the 1995-96 winter season, he decided to purchase property here in July 1996. Along John's spiritual journey he has been a member of the Methodist and Baptist churches. He has taught Sunday School, ushered and helped start a feeding program for the homeless. He enjoys Bible study and local history. His main interest is volunteering as the Volunteer Coordinator for the John & Mable Ringling Museums. He serves on several committees at the museums and is attending docent classes. John has been a member at FPC for nine years and has participated in Habitat for Humanity, served on the Congregational Nominating Committee and the First ConNEXTions Committee, and has been a greeter and an usher. He has also volunteered with the Carpentry-Fix-it and Clean-up teams, and he has prepared food for various events.

Roger Guerrero was born in Victoria de las Tunas, Oriente in Cuba. He came to the United States in his teenage years with his parents, where they settled into their new life in New York. He married Elizabeth and moved to New Jersey. They have two children: Christopher, who lives in Tallahassee and Roger, Jr., who lives in New York City. Roger and Elizabeth moved to Sarasota in 1995 and started attending the Hispanic congregation at FPC in 2003. In 2008, they made the commitment to be part of the church and were received as members on October 31, 2010.

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Betsy Marshall is married to Tom; they have been married for 24 years. They have one daughter, Anna, 18, who is beginning her freshman year at Indiana University. Anna grew up at FPC, was baptized here, and just graduated from the Senior High Youth program. Betsy was born and raised in Tallahassee, FL, where she lived until going to Stetson University, and then to University of Florida in Gainesville for law school. From Gainesville, she moved to Sarasota, where she has lived since 1984. Betsy joined FPC in 1985. She is an attorney at Williams, Parker, Harrison, Dietz and Getzen law firm in Sarasota; she joined the firm in 1984 and became a partner in 1990. She chairs the Trust and Estates Department there and is board certified in Wills, Trusts and Estates. Betsy and Tom taught Senior High Sunday school for three years when they were newly married. They have taught Sunday School for many years, including children's classes and the class for parents of senior high youth. Betsy has served on the church's endowment board and a number of church committees. An avid reader and traveler, her family trips have included the Baltic, Iceland, many European countries, the Caribbean, and most of the United States. She presently serves on the Asolo Theatre Board of Directors and has been actively involved at Historic Spanish Point.

Jean Martin is married to Mark and has two daughters: Krista of Wooster, OH and Andrea of Portland, OR. Both daughters are married and each has two children. Jean grew up in Lititz, PA and graduated from Eastern Mennonite University and the University of South Carolina. She has lived in Sarasota since 1969 except for the thirteen years she lived in Nairobi, Kenya. There, Jean and Mark worked at Rosslyn Academy, a school primarily for the children of missionaries, and jointly owned by Mennonites, Southern Baptists and Assemblies of God. Jean and Mark learned about the Kenyan culture and developed a deep respect and love for the Kenyan people. Their girls grew up there. Currently Jean spends her time as elementary and middle school principal at Sarasota Christian School. She enjoys discussing selected books in a women's book club, and she takes every opportunity to visit her grandchildren. At FPC, Jean is a member of the Worship Committee and has participated in the interfaith book study.

Amanda Morris is married to Rob and has two children, Ansley (7) and Matthew (4). Amanda grew up in Bradenton as a third-generation family member hailing from Manatee County. She grew up as a member of Bradenton's Palma Sola Presbyterian Church. She is a graduate of Auburn University. Amanda formerly worked as the Director of Alumni and Communications at Saint Stephen's

Episcopal School where she also coached volleyball and was a volunteer leader for the Young Life Ministry. She is a graduate of Leadership Manatee and is a former Junior League member. At First Presbyterian, Amanda has been a Sunday school teacher, has volunteered for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and will serve as the 2012 VBS chair. She has been an active parent at First Presbyterian Preschool and is currently the Moderator of the Preschool Board. For fun Amanda loves to play tennis and go boating with her family. She enjoys cooking, especially baking, and is active in her book club.

Craig W. Morrison married Susan in May, 1982. Their daughter, Alexandria (Alex), is a sophomore at Riverview High School. The family moved to Sarasota in the winter of 1989 from Millbrook, NY. Craig is a graduate of Rollins College of Winter Park with a B.A. in Economics, and an MBS in Business Administration. He is the Major Gift Officer in Southwest Florida for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. He says that his most noteworthy accomplishment is his daughter, Alexandria. Craig served as moderator of the Property Committee and as Elder and head of the Interim Pastor Search Committee. His hobbies and special interests are saltwater fly fishing, kayaking, and, once upon a time, boating and snow skiing. He brings four decades of experiences in institutional property management, investment management, business development, sales and office management, and a 20-year plus history with FPC. Craig hopes to use these life experiences to make FPC the finest choice in Presbyterian churches in Sarasota County.

Lisa Saba is married to Ric and has two daughters, Katie and Brooke. She was born in Tampa, FL, graduated from Florida State University with a B.S. degree in Business/Marketing, and is a sixth generation Floridian. Prior to the birth of her daughters, Lisa worked in banking and now works in the real estate development field. She has also served on the boards of several Sarasota organizations. She enjoys spending time with her daughters in North Carolina and traveling with her husband Ric to Jackson, Wyoming. Lisa's hobbies include singing, playing tennis, hiking and collecting Christmas ornaments. She has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 25 years, where she has served as Logos choir director, VBS director, and a member of the Chancel Choir and New Song Band. Lisa has also served on the Music Task Force and the Search Committee that called Jack Levick, and as an Elder, she also co-chaired the Worship Committee.

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Candidate for Youth Elder

Jake Martin is the son of Rachel and Thomas Martin. He has a 19-year-old brother Zach and a ten-year-old sister Mariah. Before moving to Sarasota in 2003, he lived with his family in Buffalo, NY. Jake is a sophomore at Pine View School. Since elementary school, his peers and teachers have recognized him for his skills in art. Last year he received a certificate for honors in painting awarding him for his work in the painting course he took in his freshman year. He was also on the Speech and Debate team. Jake loves to draw and paint, and has been into art for as long as he can remember. He took drawing/painting last year in school and this year he is taking ceramics. This summer he completed over 100 volunteer hours at GWIZ Science Museum. On Sundays you can find Jake in the tech-booth running the computer for the New Song service. He is involved in many FPC youth group activities.

Candidates for the Board of Deacons

Jason Clark was born and raised in Sarasota and grew up at First Presbyterian Church. He has been a member of FPC since he was a baby, and has participated in and enjoyed many youth activities during that time. He is the youngest of four kids. Jason graduated from St. Petersburg Community College. He served on the New Song Development team, and has traveled on mission trips to Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. He is currently a member of the New Song worship team. Jason enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Kim West, and taking her grandkids on trips to Disney World. His hobbies and interests are tennis, swimming, and kayaking.

Victoria Guenther has two sons, John and Brian of Germany and Pennsylvania. She looks forward to time spent with grandchildren Julius, Logan, Nicolas, and Annika. Victoria was born in Michigan. Her "snowbird" parents worked and summered in Interlochen, Michigan. Victoria took her BA at Michigan State (art and music education) and completed her MSW at USF in 2010. Prior to returning to Sarasota four years ago, Victoria lived in Germany as a military wife, teacher, ceramic artist, gift shop owner, and factory representative to U.S. military sales worldwide. She learned to speak German and enjoyed varied travel and cultural opportunities. After attendance and confirmation at FPC from age 8 to 18, Victoria formed no subsequent church affiliation. Returning to First Presbyterian has been a meaningful spiritual reunion. Chorale music (Key Chorale), home renovation, gardening, cooking, reading, and volunteering are current special interests. Besides helping with the church yard sale, Family Promise,

RHINO in New Orleans, flower arranging and enjoying Salt Shakers, she kayaks enthusiastically with FPC choir friends. She works for a nonprofit benefitting PD patients and caregivers.

Judy Kelly is a fifth generation Floridian, having been born and raised in Arcadia. She graduated from DeSoto High School and Georgia Southern University. Judy taught elementary school in Sarasota County for 39 years, mostly fifth grade. She has a daughter, Jennifer, and three granddaughters: Kaitlyn, Leigh and Robbi Lyn. At FPC, Judy has taught Sunday school, co-directed Vacation Bible School, served on the Fellowship Committee for over 20 years and served as a Deacon. She sings in the choir, where she has been a member for 25 years, and is currently serving as Choir President. Judy enjoys traveling, especially to her second home in North Carolina, reading, singing, shopping, going to the gym, eating out and playing with her dog, Sassy. She also enjoys ranching and is the co-owner of a cattle ranch.

John McLeod is the son of Janice and Scott McLeod, who are long time members of FPC. He is a native of Sarasota and now resides in East Bradenton. John is a Sales Associate at Macy's Department Store in Sarasota. John graduated with two degrees, one from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC in 2000 and another from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL in 2006. At FPC he has worked in the Wee Circle on Sunday mornings, and he was on the committee that brought the New Song service to life. John has served as an Elder and has been on the Nominating Committee. His hobbies and interests include jogging, walking and swimming, as well as working out at the fitness center. He currently is volunteering with the American Cancer Society's 2012 Relay for Life at Lakewood Ranch and is serving as Marketing/Publicity Chair for the 2012 event.

Rogers Moore and his wife Ann have two daughters, Diane and Sarah. He grew up in Kentucky and has lived in Sarasota since 1978. He has been a real estate business owner in Sarasota since 1980, and an active investor in real estate properties. Prior to that, he held management positions in insurance, banking and hospitality. Rogers' happiness is having been the male counterpart to three beautiful girls in his family. He also finds happiness having the chance to help family members, friends, and others through the Church, Rotary, and various organizations. He is a life-long Presbyterian and has been a member of FPC Sarasota for about 30 years. In the past, Rogers served as an Elder, chaired the Finance Committee, headed the

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Stewardship Campaign in 1997, represented the church in the sale of real estate assets, and served as a Logos table parent for two years. Rogers has served on the Sarasota County Republican executive committee, Laurel Oak homeowners association board committee, served on committees in the Rotary Club, Board of REALTORS, Chamber of Commerce, Sara Bay and Laurel Oak Clubs. His hobbies and interests are golf, tennis, and music.

Candidate for Youth Deacon

Rose Cardinal is the daughter of Jill Cardinal, who is an audiologist. She has two brothers, Tommy (18) and Dylan (6). She was born in Atlanta, Georgia and lived there a short time before her family moved to Arlington, TX for about a year and then finally settled in Sarasota when she was still very young. Rose has worked at a cafe on St. Armands Circle. She is currently a member of the National Junior Honor Society and Rho Kappa at Sarasota High School, and will be in the dual enrollment program for her senior year at State College of Florida. She has competed at horse shows across Florida and trained her own horse to compete. At FPC, Rose has been a member of the Youth Committee and has participated in youth activities such as Youth Sunday and mission trips to West Virginia. While her mom was the Nursery Coordinator, she was also active in the Nursery. Presently, she is teaching Sunday school. Rose's hobbies and interests are horses and horseback riding, reading, singing, and going to concerts.

Candidates for the Congregational Nominating Committee

Rich Dulaney was born in Connecticut in 1967, has lived in Kentucky and Indiana, graduated from Perdue University in 1989 with a degree in management, worked in California, and moved to Florida in 1994. He is married to Irene and they have a beautiful daughter, Arianna. Rich has been a member of FPC for 10 years and served as an Elder in the Class of 2008. He has served on the World Service and Property Committees and has participated in other missions, such as Habitat for Humanity and S.U.R.E. Rich also was a Senior High Youth Leader, and has been a greeter and an usher. He works to keep our campus beautiful by doing carpentry and electrical repairs and has painted many walls around the building.

Robert "Bob" Johnson is widowed. Carolyn, his wife of 23 years, was an active member of FPC and the Rachel Circle. In the past, Bob served as an Elder on Session and when called on he served on various other committees. When the FPC Sanctuary was in need of a roof, Bob and

Carol made a donation to the Church. The roof was completed in June of 2010. Bob's son Craig has three children, and his daughter Laura has eleven children. Bob was born in Chicago, IL. When he was in his third year of high school, he and his best friend decided to go into the Air Force for four years. After an honorable military discharge, he went on to get his GED and subsequently his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. Bob eventually became the owner of three successful car dealerships in Buffalo and Rochester, NY. His interests and hobbies are helping young people get on track through education by providing scholarships at three colleges in New York and Florida. While in business, Bob co-piloted and owned an airplane. He enjoys spectator sports.

Helen Thomas is married to Kenneth, and she has one daughter, Carlen Bush of Richmond, VA. She was born in Huntington, WV, and has lived in Baton Rouge, LA; Cincinnati, OH; Miami, FL; Richmond, VA, and Tallahassee, FL. Helen was a high school guidance counselor for 36 years. Her hobbies include flower arranging, reading, swimming, home decorating and photography. Helen was an Elder at All Souls Presbyterian Church in Richmond. She was a table parent for LOGOS, and a member of the Angel Tree committee. For two years, she was photographer for the Presbyterian Women Gathering, and the photo album she put together is in the church library. She was a Deacon at FPC in the Class of 2006 and served on the Nominating Committee in 2007. Helen is a member of Rachel Circle and serves as a church usher and greeter. She was a volunteer to Hospice House on Rand Boulevard for over 10 years.

Jim Tschirgi is married to Marilyn. They have seven grown children with families in Maryland, D.C., Virginia, Texas, and Oregon. Jim grew up in Wyoming and entered the University of Chicago just before being drafted in WWII. During the war he served in India, and later he returned to the university, majoring in political science and receiving a PhD in 1961. He was career staff in the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President from 1954-1975; he was on the Staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1975-6; and he was Assistant Director of the Veterans Hospital in Boston and the Maryland Health Planning Agency in Baltimore from 1977-1980. Jim is a retired Lt. Colonel. He was called up by the Army Reserve in the Korean Conflict and in the Berlin Crisis. After retirement, Jim studied painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art from 1980-83 and became an active oil and watercolor artist. He has served on the Sessions of Presbyterian churches in Virginia, Maryland, and Florida (First Presbyterian of Sarasota). He

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has been a resident of Sarasota for almost twenty years and a member of FPC for 17 years where he has served on the Outreach Committee and the Care Ministry Team. Presently, he is studying Spanish and participating in our Spanish worship service.

Returning Congregational Nominating Committee

Jill Cardinal was born in Chicago, IL and has lived in many states—Iowa, South Carolina, Georgia, Texas and finally Florida. She began her career as an audiologist 25 years ago. Jill earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa, her master's from University of South Florida and her doctorate from University of Florida. Jill has three children—Tommy (18), Rose (17) and Dylan (6). Jill joined the church in 2000. She has been active in Children's Ministry and has served as the Nursery Coordinator. Jill continues to teach Sunday School.

Margaret Cass has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 18 years. She has one daughter, two sons and four grandchildren. She has been a Deacon at FPC and an Elder in Atlanta and New York. She has been on two mission trips to New Orleans and eight mission trips to the Navajo church in Chinle, Arizona. She is a member of Hannah Circle and serves on the Board of Presbyterian Women.

Jim Dean and his wife Bobbie have two children, Mickey and Kelly, and three grandchildren, Lilly, Kai, and Spencer. They joined FPC in 1983 following their move from Libertyville, IL. Jim has been singing in our choir since 1983. He has served three terms as Elder, chaired the Stewardship Campaign, was Moderator of the Property Committee, worked on two Building Campaigns and served on a Pastoral Nominating Committee and on the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Buck Fry has been a member since 1979. Buck and Vicki were married 46 years, before she died this past year, and they have one daughter, Kim. During his 30 years at First Presbyterian he has served as a Deacon and an Elder, as well as chairing the Finance Committee. He was on the Search Committee for the Associate Pastor and Interim Pastor positions. Buck has taught several Sunday school classes and has been involved with the youth ministries.

Nance Guth is a Sarasota native; she even attended preschool at First Presbyterian. During her early teens, her family transferred to Whitfield Estates Presbyterian where

her mother was the organist/choir director. Later, Nance returned to First Presbyterian and immediately joined the Chancel Choir, becoming its president and librarian. Nance has served as moderator of the Deacons and as an Elder on Session, co-moderating the Worship Committee. She also has participated in several special task force committees. Nance met her husband Larry when they worked together in the early 70s' at the National Bank of Gulf Gate; they have been married for 38 years. After a 34-year career in the water & sewer industry as the regional controller for 11 states, Nance became the Assistant to the Pastors at FPC, which she considers a labor of love. Nance loves music, Gator football/basketball and enjoys all sorts of water related activities, especially kayaking.

Ann F. McFadyen is a widow who has three grown children (Al Jr., David and Beth Ann) all living in Sarasota. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, but was raised in Rosedale, Long Island, NY. She is one of seven children. Ann was a commercial photographer's model and was asked to come to Cypress Gardens, FL to open the new commercial department as a model. The person who asked her was the director of Cypress Gardens, Al McFadyen, her future husband. She also skied in the show. They moved to Sarasota in 1959 and built the house in which she still resides. When they became members of First Presbyterian, she and her husband became very active. Ann taught 5/6th graders for many years, and she started and ran the youth club for 6 years. She has served as an usher, a Deacon, and has been a member of several committees: Children's Education, Festival of Faith, Nominating, and Gifts. Presently she volunteers to answer the phone in the church office. In addition she has been a Leader of the Priscilla Circle and Moderator of the Women of the Church. In 2007 she received an Honorary Life Membership from Presbyterian Women. When she is not at church, you can find her at a bridge table.

Barby McKown graduated from FSU and received her Master's in Education from USF. After teaching for 35+ years she is now retired. She feels very lucky to have traveled to all seven continents, and she still has a bucket list. Having grown up at First Presbyterian, she has been a youth leader, a Deacon, worked at LOGOS, sung in the choir, been a member of the Nominating Committee, and along with her sister, Judy Hord, has been in charge of the Nursery. Following in her father's footsteps, she counts the weekly offering.

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Kent Miller is married to Sara and has a daughter, McLain and a son, Greyson. After growing up in Michigan and graduating from Alma College, Kent spent several years in Texas before arriving in Sarasota in 1998 and becoming a member of First Presbyterian. Following years of teaching at the elementary level in Sarasota County, Kent earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from USF. He has served as the Assistant Principal Intern at Fruitville Elementary and is currently in that same role this year at Gulf Gate Elementary. At First Presbyterian, Kent has been an usher/greeter for the New Song service, and he has also been involved with the Stewardship Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Marcia Schaper is married to Larry and they have two married sons and four grandchildren. They moved from Kansas to Sarasota in 1997. She previously taught elementary school. At First Presbyterian Church, she has served on Session and is a member of the Interlink Committee. She has taught Sunday school and helps with Family Promise and the Yard Sale. She is a driver for Meals on Wheels, volunteers at Gulf Gate Library and is a mediator for Small Claims Court in Sarasota County. ☞

Do You Have Special Needs?

by Ellen Forbes, RN, Parish Nurse, Disaster Planning Team

The FPC Disaster Plan Team is creating a Disaster Plan that is comprehensive and specific to our church campus and family. We are attending civic and presbytery-sponsored workshops, tapping into the resources that are available to us from the community.

One of the most important aspects to us is the identification of those within our church family who have what Sarasota County Health Department calls "special needs." The criteria are a bit vague, but they essentially center on the inability to get to a regular shelter, to sleep on a gymnasium floor, to breathe effectively with no air conditioning or oxygen enhancement, and to withstand these conditions for several days or weeks. Special needs residents are eligible to go to one of three special shelters that have generators that will be air-conditioned and provide cots, power for oxygen condensers, etc. Transportation to these shelters will be provided by the county.

If you think that you or someone you know within the congregation may meet these criteria, please call the church office (955-8119) and submit the name to Rachel Martin who will notify one of the Parish Nurses to interview and submit an application to the county. These regis-

tration forms are also available through the county's website: www.scgov.net/EmergencyServices/allhazards.asp, then click on "Forms and Links". Forms are also available in the church office. Return your form to the office, and we will fax it to the county. The Health Department will make the final determination to eligibility.

If a registration form was submitted last year, there is no need to resubmit unless there has been a change in condition or status.

This is such an important step in providing care and ensuring safety for our faith community. ☞

Hispanic Ministry News

by Rev. Julio Travieso

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 reads: "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven: a time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted."

This chapter continues reciting opposites in time and the concept of this writing is what I wish to use.

There is a time for vacation and a time to serve.

There is a time to visit and receive visitors and a time to bring people to the Lord.

There is a time to go to the beach and time to attend the church.

Everything has its time.

Along with the summer's end we finish certain activities we did as individuals, families and as a church: enjoying travels, sports, visiting and receiving visitors, gardening, cookouts etc.

Life has cycles, and the church also has cycles. As a church we are entering a new cycle with regular schedules of worship services, programs that run for the entire year and re-starting programs and new activities.

Some churches begin this new cycle in September with an activity called "homecoming". The Spanish congregation started this new cycle with a "homecoming," "De Vuelta al Hogar," which is a potluck and a sharing of experiences from the summer on August 28. On September 14, we will be starting a prayer group on Wednesdays in the chapel at 9:30 a.m.

The world today is full of insecurities and uncertainties. However, as the church of Jesus Christ, we are focusing on a great future, preaching and sharing the Good News of salvation, hope and love through the whole ministry of First Presbyterian and our Hispanic Ministry to the Hispanic community. ☞



Birthdays

1	Rich Hacker, Jr Leif Jacobsen, Sr Anna Marshall	11	Jessica Trotter				
2	Kelley Ballentine John Garcia Pat Higgins Jean Kennedy Allison Tracy Sarah Warren Jo Watson	12	George Buermann Pat Davidson Mary Harris Jean Kirkpatrick Kate Schwab Cameron Whitford	21	Ted Eastmoore Elena Mangerie Ronald Saba	28	James Taylor Kim Whitford
3	Doug Anderson Nancy Tatum Bryce Wishart	13	Jay Berman Cara Lindsley Edward Besley Sarah DeWyngaert Annette Sherman	22	Phyllis DuBois Cindy Hallinan Ben Morganson Tony Morris Kev Stearns	29	Sue Cole Amanda Comparetto Jay Fergeson, Jr. Ron Miller John Parks Allan Varner
4	Hal Hunt Janet Von Dach	14	Nick Kennahan Renee' LeBlanc Bradley Martin Liliana Vargas	23	Susan Gillespie Katherine Nash Meaghan Schatzman Sue Wilson	30	Caroline Clissold Daniel Clissold Jean Fulton Scot Kortright Bev Porteous
6	Bill Bosold Jennifer Bowden Abra Darby Miles John Sherrie McKinley Stephanie Toale	15	Grace Hutchens Art Trachsel Michael White Sarah Pullman	24	Ansley Morris Bill Young Ric Saba Tom Singleton, III		
7	Hans Ooms Margie Young	16	Bob Barr Dana Bauer Vincent Cottrez Patrick Hallinan John McLeod Jeanne Noe	25	Brian Bowen Julie Klick Nan LeVan Shane Mathis Ken Papa		
8	Elsie Blair Gracie Collins Brandon Day Stephanie Edwards Nancy Lindsley Caroline Young	17	Sue Grundy Judy Hord Kelly Augustine Lois Bowen Eric Jordan Abigail Watrobsky	27	Samantha Albano Jerry Blanton Karin Ehlers Avery Kyser Karen Lounsberry Jan Matthews Charlotte McPheeters Caleb Proffitt		
9	Sally Lloyd Karen Turner	18		28			
10	Annalise Cook	19					

Anniversaries

1	Roger & Barbara Woods	25	Branford & Yajaira Adumuah
2	David & Karin Ehlers	26	Ric & Lisa Saba
5	Bob & Cotsie Osborne		Mike & Denise Kopel
6	Hans Ooms & Ida Kay Tidwell		Rob & Linda Harrison
9	Ron & Vicki Short		Clay & Tricia Thomas
14	Peter & Rhonda Graper Scott & Clare Carter Chuck & Betty Hastings	28	John & Sharon Herrli
15	Guillermo & Margarita Contreras	30	Lee & Orita Wieder
17	Bradley & Laurie Martin Bruce & Connie Maxian		
18	Steve & Beth Knopik		
21	Harvey & Lorena Noyes		
23	Mark & Tonya Johnson		
24	Richard & Robin John Timothy & Jennifer Hall Howard & Jean Emery		

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