

FirstNEWS

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Mission Month

 *Tim Womack*

Whether it has officially been designated or not, February is Mission Month at First Presbyterian Church. February is the shortest month, and still the shortest now, even with an extra day due to leap year. Yet, February is chock-full of mission opportunities.

The Mission focuses both on local and international missions. As we are aware from the Presidential campaign, to be successful, candidates must be knowledgeable in both domestic and foreign policy. The same is true in the church's mission endeavors. Jesus called us to "love our neighbors" and "go out into the world."

Our mission of "Sharing Christ" is accomplished by "serving locally and going globally."

Our local February Mission focus begins with the Souper Bowl offering taken on Super Bowl Sunday February 7th. This offering, suggested of a dollar per person, supports and satisfies local hunger needs. It is said, when all the dollars are counted, that the average American will spend over \$20 on drinks and food for the big game! Asking for a dollar to feed the hungry seems appropriate.

We will also continue our 2 Cents A Meal offering which also satisfies immediate hunger needs. FPC will continue its commitment to reading for 2nd graders at Dodgertown Elementary. There will be service opportunities for Habitat for Humanity and many other organizations.

Globally we will once again participate in the Brevard/Indian River Presbyterian Mission Conference. Guest missionaries and international pastors will be at FPC to share their mission stories. This includes a focus and update from our sister and partner churches in Mexico and Cuba.

Finally, in February, we welcome our brother in ministry, Lourens, who is the Senior Children's Care Social Worker at the Abraham Kriel Children and Youth Centre in Potchefstroom, South Africa. Following the December visit and baptism of AKKC resident Mariska,

Lourens will be with us as he visits other churches and participates in a varied series of events at FPC. More specific plans will be announced as his travel arrangements are finalized.

February, though short in dates, is a month long in hope and potential. Make February your month of mission awareness as well. Participate in as many of the events as possible and expand your awareness of how First Presbyterian Church is "Sharing Christ" locally and globally!

Pray for all these endeavors, and may God bless you and yours! ■

"Serving Locally and Going Globally."

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The first Sunday of each month is Communion.
The second Sunday is our 2¢ a meal offering.

9:00AM – Worship

9:15AM – Children's Sunday School

10:15AM – Adult Sunday Morning Study

11:00AM – Worship



Volunteers Needed!

First Presbyterian Church is gearing up for another Habitat for Humanity challenge of building a home in the Oslo Park area. We will be part of a "Circle of Faith" build which includes other area churches who have also committed to help in building this home. Our designated days to volunteer will be Saturday 20 February and Saturday 19 March 2016.

It makes no difference what your skill level is – we need everyone to help in this effort – those highly skilled, others who can take on responsibility for their own work and others, and even those who may have no work skill but can be our "food angels" to provide refreshments at the worksite.

For more information please contact Sandy Thiel at 772-567-6486. Release and waiver forms must be signed before the build days.

Your willingness to work these two days and take part in our efforts to help God's people in need is very much needed and appreciated.

We at First Presbyterian Church have been involved with Habitat for Humanity for at least 20 years. Let's keep the tradition going! ■

PREACHING SCHEDULE

"Listen to Him"

02/07/16 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
Dr. Tim Womack

"Written in Stone"

02/14/16 Exodus 32:1-24
Dr. Tim Womack

"Rejected Stone"

02/21/16 Psalm 118
Rev. C. Michael York

"Sticks and Stones"

02/28/16 John 8:1-12
Dr. Tim Womack



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SOS Youth Group



Our SOS Youth welcomed former Youth Director, Margaret Dickey, to SOS on January 10th. Margaret shared her journey as she listens to God's calling on her life. It was a great testimony for youth who knew her and those who met her for the first time, that when God is nudging us we need to be bold enough to trust Him and move on it.

Our SOSers have created new beautiful tie-dye SOST-shirts. Their shirts are just as unique and individual as each of them, yet they bind us together as the body of Christ. We will be showing them off as we serve in various upcoming events.

Upcoming Special Events:

Saturday February 7th, 5:00-8:00p.m.-Our SOSers will serve at the Men's Sweetheart Dinner.

Sunday, February 7th, 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. service-It is "SOUPER BOWL of CARING" Sunday, February 7th. SOSers will be outside the sanctuary after both services collecting donations that will benefit "The Source" of Indian River County. We would like to exceed last year's gift of \$467.13, and we challenge our 11:00a.m. service to close the gap of \$42.61 on the 9 am service! Good luck!

February 12th -15th - Eighteen youth and chaperones will be travelling to Winter Place Ski Resort in West Virginia, for our "Commit to the Ride" Ski Retreat. We ask for your prayers.

Saturday, February 20th 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.-SOSers will sponsor "You Park, Youth Pray", an outreach project to provide our community with parking and prayer on February 20th, 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m., in FPCVB parking lots.

Sunday, February 21st - SOSers Sing and SOSers Announce, at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. services.

Sunday, February 21st, 4:00p.m.-5:30p.m.-Confirmation Session 4, in Youth Room.

In addition to our special events, SOS will meet most Sundays and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30p.m., for dinner, fellowship and Bible message. We will NOT have SOS on Sunday, February 14th, due to the ski retreat.

It is time for some spring cleaning! If you have items which you no longer need, we ask that you consider donating them to the Annual Youth Rummage Sale. You may bring your donations to the church office, Monday-Friday, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Day. The rummage sale is Saturday, March 12th, so please mark your calendars! The money raised is to help our youth attend Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina. Thank you for your generosity. ■

Missions and Social Concerns

FEBRUARY IS MISSION MONTH *Be the Hands and Feet of Christ!*

Minute for Mission this month will focus on our Witness to God throughout the World

This is an opportunity for us to share God's love with you and the missionaries and mission projects we support locally and globally. We invite you to take a special interest in any or all of these projects and become involved. Listed below are all the missions and missionaries that we support as the body of Christ. We have also created a detailed Missions Booklet that is available in the church office or at the rear of the sanctuary.

Local Mission Projects

The Source – a “drop in” ministry that provides shelter, food, clothing, bathing facilities and more to those in need. As a church, we provide one meal a month. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Zellweger at 774-722-1550 or Mike Ross at 772-971-3485.

Habitat for Humanity - The Mission Committee is involved in helping to fund and build a Habitat home in the Oslo area of Indian River County. We are looking for volunteers for two Saturday mornings to help in a variety of ways so that all volunteers may contribute. Please call Sandy Thiel 772-538-5329 or Michael York at 772-562-9088.

Reading with Second Graders at Dodgertown Elementary School – Volunteers can choose morning or afternoon 1-hour timeslots to read with 2nd grade children once a week. Please call Carol Smoyer at 567-0929 or clsmoyer@bellsouth.net if you would like more information or to volunteer.

Meals on Wheels - The Senior Resource Association's (SRA) Meals on Wheels program provides hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. Drivers needed. Please call John Dearman if you would like more information or to volunteer: 772-569-7238.

Camp Haven - an Indian River County transitional home that provides supportive living opportunities and education to adult men committed to rising out of homelessness. For more information or to volunteer call Mike Ross 772-971-3485 or Camp Haven office at 772-999-3625.

Brevard and Indian River Presbyterian Mission Committee (BIRP) - This committee is made up of volunteer members from the 13 Presbyterian Churches in Indian River and Brevard Counties. The committee meets during the 3rd Thursday of each month at a different church throughout the two counties to plan and carry out Global Mission Projects. The last three years have been focused on the Presbyterian churches in Cuba. Several mission trips to Cuba have included members of our own Mission Committee. For more information to become involved call Carol Smoyer 567-0929 or clsmoyer@bellsouth.net

Youth For Christ – reaches young people in our county to work to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus. For more information call Charlie Harper 772-226-0489 or Charlie@yfcirc.com

Samaritan Center - an inter-faith transitional, temporary shelter for homeless families in Indian River County. Each year our church participates in the “Samaritan Soup Bowl” to raise money for the Samaritan Center. For more information to become involved call 772-770-3039.

Operation Hope - helping families in need with groceries on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Located in Fellsmere, they've also opened a community preschool for 60 children. Many opportunities to serve. If you would like to help with any food distribution please call their office at (772) 572-0003.

Intervarsity of Indian River State College - a community of IRSC students who share the desire to: Know God more personally, Grow as devoted disciples of Jesus Christ and Share God and His love with others at IRSC. Contact coordinator Elsie Mokoban for more information: (elsie.mokoban@ivcfl.com)

Global Mission Projects

Susan and Brad Rhoads are a missionary family in Mission Aviation Fellowship - deliver much needed resources to remote peoples and they also deliver theological education to remote pastors around the world.

Jo Wheeler - a member of our church, is our missionary to Abraham Kriel children's home in Potchefstroom, South Africa. Jo spends 3-4 months each year caring for and loving these children. Abraham Kriel's passion is to ensure the optimal development of traumatized children who have been subjected to abuse, molestation, poverty and neglect. Jo Wheeler can be reached through email at freckleswheeler@gmail.com

Fred Foy and Cecily Strang - Cecily and Fred serve as missionaries in Maasailand, Kenya working with the Maasai in the Great Rift Valley. Their personal email is fredfoystrang@gmail.com

Carl Campbell - is a Wycliffe Bible translator located here in Vero Beach for more information please visit <https://www.wycliffe.org/partner?query=Carl+Campbell>.

Elizabeth and Dan Turk are mission co-workers and along with their family are serving in Madagascar. for more information please visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/turk-daniel-and-elizabeth/>

Dr. Robert Gamble -is a missionary in the Ukraine for "This Child Here". www.thischildhere.org Is a USA non-profit helping orphans, children without parents and children at risk in the region of Odessa, Ukraine.

Abraham Kriel - A South African Children's Home serving children deemed to be in dire need by the children's court system. Email: akkh@iafrica.com for more information please visit <http://akpotch.org/> or <http://akpotch.org/steakholders.htm>

Partnership with Cabaiguan Presbyterian Church in Cuba - A new partnership to span three years. Small group from FPC to visit in 2016 to meet members and learn of their needs more fully. For more information about our partnership and future mission trip to Cuba contact: Carol Smoyer 567-0929 or clsmoyer@bellsouth.net

Volunteers Needed

We will be re-organizing The Library this month and need your help. If you are interested in this important project please contact Anne Adams.





2016 Officers Installed at Annual PW Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Women in January saw the installation of the new Coordinating Team for 2016. Heading the organization this year will be Carol Marks and Arly Urbauer, who will share leadership responsibilities as Co-Moderators. Sue Coffey will serve as Recording Secretary, Carol Billett as Corresponding Secretary, and Lucille Craig, Treasurer. Following the installation, Ann Faunce presented outgoing Moderator Joan Irvine with a card and an angel figurine as a small token of appreciation for the whole-hearted, “all in” commitment she gave to the group over her two years of service.

The PW also extends its thanks to outgoing officers Sally Lowndes, Susie Stoughton, Barbara Reed, and Jamie Shay for their contributions over the past year. Kudos, too, to the soup-makers and salad chefs whose homemade dishes deliciously attested to the popularity of this annual member-made lunch. A special thank-you goes to Margaret Dickey, a former Youth Director at First Presbyterian, who gifted us with her Faith Journey. The Presbyterian Women are truly and abundantly blessed.

Help the Homeless on “Blanket Sunday”

You can bring a measure of comfort to our area’s homeless on Sunday, Feb. 14 and 21. That’s when the Presbyterian Women will be collecting new or gently used blankets, Afghans, and sheets, as well as sweaters, sweat shirts, raingear, scarfs, and other gifts of warmth to distribute to “The Source.” Towels and washcloths are very much needed as well. Please place your donations on the table in the back of the sanctuary on those Sundays or leave them in the church office. Envelopes for a cash donation to augment the blanket collection will be in the pews. Your support for Blanket Sunday means so much to those with so little.

Please Support our Pledge Drive

Soon you will receive a letter asking you to donate to the annual pledge drive of the Presbyterian Women. We ask for this donation because, while our Christmas and Spring fundraisers support our Missions, the PW budget supports the expenses and ongoing commitments of the PW (U.S.A.). Budgeted Expenses include Worldwide Missions, Presbytery, Synod of S. Atlantic, PWCFP Vocational Scholarships, Columbia Friendship Circle, Church Women United, Abraham Kriel Orphanage, Bible Study Guides, Honorary Life Membership, plus postage, printing, and other miscellaneous. Your donation enables us to continue to honor these commitments and is most gratefully received.

“Spring Fling” is Just ‘Round the Corner

Spring is coming early to First Presbyterian! You’ll want to set aside Saturday, March 5, for the PW’s annual “Spring Fling” fashion show and elegant catered luncheon. It’s your chance to preview upcoming trends in resort wear, as modeled by ladies of the church. And you won’t want to miss the fun of seeing our littlest church-goers “strut their stuff,” as they proudly show off the newest children’s fashions. Look for ticket information and full details in future church bulletins.

Faith Circle Is Starting Up Again!

The first meeting of Faith Circle with Lucille Craig as the new leader will be Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 10:30a.m., at Chelsea’s, 3201 Cardinal Drive, with Bible Study followed by Lunch. Lucille, former vice moderator in charge of Bible Study at Mountain Presbyterian (PCA), Blairstown, Georgia, brings experience and insight to the Horizon Study of “Come to the Waters.” Future meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month.

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Happy Birthday! - February

1 Mr. Philip Peter (Pete) Smith
1 Ms. Marta Stoner Schneider
1 Ms. Karen Rose Deigl
2 Mr. John Klasing
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4 Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Burgess
4 Mrs. Alice McKenna
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6 Mr. Wayne McDonald
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7 Mrs. Tiffany Rana Carlsen
9 Mr. Richard (Dick) Kurtz
10 Mrs. Harriet Moore
10 Mrs. Marilyn D. Bauknecht
10 Ms. Elizabeth Griffin (Beth) Martin
11 Dr. Donald F. Guisto
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27 Mr. Joseph Parker (Joe) Moore
27 Mrs. Pamela (Pam) Dolby
28 Mr. William K. Hutchison



Men's F.O.C.U.S. & Fellowship Association

Sweetheart Dinner

The Men's Fellowship FOCUS Group will sponsor its annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday Evening, February 6, 2016 at five-thirty (5:30p.m.) in McAfee Hall. The doors will open at five-fifteen, (5:15p.m.) when guests may be seated at their assigned tables. Hosts will be available to assist in finding your place, and hors d'oeuvre and punch will be available at 5:30p.m. A full course dinner, catered by Too Jay's Restaurant and served by the young people of our church will begin promptly at six o'clock. During dinner, Mr. Matt Stott, a world class violinist and well-known local musician, will stroll through the dining room playing favorite melodies for your enjoyment. At the conclusion of dinner, our own Jacob Craig and Mr. Stott will perform a short concert of romantic favorites, followed by delicious homemade pecan pie for dessert.

Tickets are almost sold out, but we are encouraging the single ladies of our congregation to call the church office at 772-562-9088 and register for your complimentary dinner. This is the occasion at which the gentlemen of our church honor the ladies of our church, we hope you will be able to join us.

Children & Family Ministry

PJ Party

Calling all elementary school age children... while your parents are having a romantic Valentine's dinner you will be enjoying a fun night of crafts, games and movies with your friends at church. This "Pajama Party" begins at 6:00p.m. on Saturday, February 13, with a kid friendly dinner in McAfee Hall. Cost is \$5 per child. To hold your spot contact Anne Adams. It's a pajama party so don't forget to come in your PJ's!

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

Don't miss the adventure, when we travel to the Loxahatchee River District in Jupiter, on Saturday, February 27th. The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about Florida's wildlife and natural environment. Adults \$7, Kids under 12 years of age \$5 and Toddlers under 4 years of age are free! For more information and reservations contact Anne Adams.



Preschool Open House

Do you have children or grandchildren who are preschool age? If so, plan on attending one of our Preschool Open Houses. You will be able to see the classrooms, look at the curriculum and register for Fall 2016.



For more information contact our Preschool Director, Beverly Malone.

Date of the Open Houses are:

February 5	11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.
February 9	5:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
February 24	4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
March 9	4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.



Communion Classes

During this Lenten Season we will be holding a series of Communion Classes for our elementary school age children. They will begin their study on February 21 and complete it on Palm Sunday. They will receive Communion, as a group, during the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00p.m., on March 23 a very significant night when Jesus and his disciples shared the Lord's supper, for the first time, as a community of faith! If you would like your child to participate, please contact Anne Adams.



Kids Bash at Cedarkirk

Last call... if you are interested in having your child or grandchild attend our overnight trip to Cedarkirk on April 8 please contact Anne Adams. This annual event is full of fun, faith and fellowship activities such as zip lining, rock climbing, crafts and worship. You \$75 dollar cost includes four meals, sleeping accommodations, crafts and transportation. For more information and reservations contact Anne Adams.

Older Adult Ministry

Senior Life Café

You are invited to a live seminar and lunch on Tuesday, February 16th, in the Schumann Conferencing Center. Lisa Barnes, Esq., will discuss areas of “Elder Law” that pertains to long term planning, trusts, probates and estate administration. For more information and reservations contact Anne Adams.

Joy Trip

Plan on joining us on February 18th, when we travel to visit The Boca Raton Museum and the first time ever shown Andy Warhol exhibit. His contribution to American Contemporary art is reflected in this extensive exhibit that should not be missed! The museum is located in Mizner Park that has unique shopping and many outdoor eateries for you to enjoy after our museum tour. For more reservations please contact Anne Adams. Your \$12 cost includes museum admission and transportation.

Meet & Greet Lunch

Meet us for lunch on Tuesday, February 23rd at The Cobalt Restaurant, located on the beach in the VB Hotel and Spa. You will enjoy meeting new people, good food and the ambiance of eating on their patio, overlooking the water! We will meet at the restaurant at Noon – 3500 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach. For reservations please contact Anne Adams All are invited!

Health & Wellness Expo

Mark your calendars for our Health & Wellness Expo on Thursday, February 25. Twenty-four community partners will be providing a variety of health screenings, educational materials and referrals to community resources. This “health awareness” event is in McAfee Hall from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. You will be able to walk around to each table and enjoy a healthy snack, talk with experts in the health field and take home valuable information that will motivate you to make positive behavioral changes. Although this event is free and open to the public, please call the Church Office to make a reservation. Don’t forget to bring a friend!

Our Church Leadership

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**indicates Moderator*

Financial Update December 2015 Treasurer's Comments

The fantastic news is that we have a break-even operating budget for 2015. We needed \$200,000 in pledges and special giving in December to avoid an operating loss. Total giving was \$199,119, right on target. What a magnificent testimony to the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. Non-pledged giving, i.e. special gifting, was \$121,269, an all-time monthly high. Total non-pledged giving for the year was \$234,739, again an all-time high. In addition, pledge offerings were \$77,850 and \$924,577 for the year, an increase of \$27,500 (3%) over 2014. Other revenue was \$192,000 including the transfers from the Associate Pastor salary fund established in 2014, and a 4% distribution from our Endowment Fund in the amount of \$46,350.

Total expenses, per the attached Financials, were \$1,351,303, \$10,000 under budget. There were a number of variances in individual line items, yet they evened out and this shows an endeavor on the part of all involved to make sure we are good stewards of the very valuable gifting of our congregation.

We enter 2016 with a projected operating loss of \$250,000, and lest we become complacent, this is a very large shortfall to be raised through special non-pledged giving. This is \$25,000 more than our 2015 projected shortfall and we cannot expect that every year will members of our congregation will say here is a check for \$40,000 or \$25,000 etc.

While it is not unusual for a non profit to show a budget shortfall, it does show that we must find ways to increase our revenue from sources available to us. Simply put, when we put together our operating ministries of Sharing Christ, Building Faith and Changing Lives programs, there is a funding gap of \$250,000 based on expected revenues, i.e. the need for special giving over and above pledges. Other than special giving, our revenues and expenses are within 3% of projections.

Our Endowment fund ended the year at \$1,354,554 and we hope that the market will provide positive results for 2016. Our formula allows us to withdraw up to 5% to assist in funding our operations. It is our hope that as our Endowment increases through donations and market growth, we will be able to increasingly fund our operations.

Allan Bixby, Treasurer