



This week at FPC

August 20 — August 26, 2020

From the Interim Pastor Walk Jones

I was ordained to the gospel ministry thirty one years ago today. On August 20, 1989 Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery ordained and installed me as pastor of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island, SC. Nancy and I were very young and we thought we were so mature. We had been married the last two years I was in seminary, we were trying to start a family. Those were exciting times.

One retired Army officer in the congregation -- who I grew to trust and admire, even love – said, “Why you are just like a second lieutenant. In the Army we don’t trust second lieutenants with anything and here you are pastor of this whole church. I’ll look out for you.” Col. Parker Connor was one of the many men and women in that church who took us under their wings and helped us. Sgt. Rooney was another mentor. He taught me so much about being an adult man and father. He taught me to drink Orange Crush, read the tide-tables, and throw a cast net for shrimp. We had lots of military retirees on that island in Charleston County South Carolina.

I write about my ordination and that fine church because in some ways. First, Ocala reminds me of the church on Edisto. Many members are retired, the community is growing, change is in the air. Folks look to God and the church for stability and direction. They wonder about young people and the future of the church. Just as I felt comfortable and called to be at Edisto, I feel that here in Ocala. Anniversaries are a time to look back, to look forward, and to ask for God’s guidance.

Next August, if the pandemic is under control, maybe we can have cake and properly celebrate the anniversary of my ordination.

GRIEFSHARE is held on Friday mornings from 10:30 to noon in Room 1 of our Educational building and online through Zoom. Participants may join any week by showing up or registering at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups> Please wear a mask if you come in person.

PRAYER LIST

Claudia Markham-Ahl (recovering from surgery)
Jim Bennett (brother of John Bennett)
Pam Butcher
Andy Carlisle
Ralon Carson (grandson of Jessie and Joe Moseley)
Jimmy Cazin (starting at a new church)
Donna Claus (recovering from surgery)
Shirley Cochran
Stewart and Diane Edwards
Bill English (nephew of Pat Bishop)
Hank Fleming (hospital Ocala)
Maranell Fleming
Ruth Fraser (recovering from shoulder surgery)
Bill Green (friend of Richard Grosso)
Barbara Gowie
Dick Hancock
Johnie Johnson (son of Tommy Johnson)
Betty-Ann Jones (sister of Margaret Trump)
Brenda Jones and family

Marsha Knepp
Ken Kramer (brother-in-law of Evelyn Longo)
Kathy Lance (daughter-in-law of Lois Lance)
Lois Lance
Grietje Lewis
Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)
Kevin Lloyd (cousin of Lee Ann Drake)
Celine Mack
Eric Masterson (brother-in-law of Deb Cone)
Skip McDonald
Jessie Moseley
Christian Myers (friend of Julia Wirono)
Raul Nieves (brother of Mina DiGeronimo)
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
The family of John Shepherd
The family of Jane Smith
Baldwin Switzer (on deployment with the Navy)
Nancy Wells (daughter of Shirley Wells)
Nancy Wollett

This Week’s Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God’s Life-Giving Word of Forgiveness and Mercy</i>			Sunday	August 23	Haggal 1:1-15
Thursday	August 20	Zephaniah 1:1-17	Monday	August 24	Haggal 2:1-23
Friday	August 21	Zephaniah 2:1-15	Tuesday	August 25	Zachariah 1:1-17
Saturday	August 22	Zephaniah 3:1-20	Wednesday	August 26	Zachariah 1:18-2:1