

This week at FPC

February 5, 2025 — February 11, 2025

It's Already February?

As we begin a new month, I wanted to update you on a few things that the Session approved at our meeting Sunday:

Staff Transitions

As many of you know, our Office Manager, Andrea planned on retiring as soon as we could find her replacement. However, I'm aware of how much stability and continuity she provides to all of us at a time when there is so much change. So, I have worked with Andrea, the Personnel Committee and the Session on an alternate plan. Andrea will continue in her role for 5-6 more months but working fewer hours. At the same time, the Session approved a new part-time position called Ministry Assistant. The Ministry Assistant will assume some of Andrea's responsibilities allowing her to work fewer hours. This person will also provide administrative support to me and help cover workflow gaps in the office.

Updating Rooms 1 & 2

Rooms 1 & 2 are located in our Education building and are some of the most often used rooms on our campus. The wear and tear on both rooms is obvious and keeping the floors clean is difficult. In addition, both rooms have become cluttered and in need of a clean out and reorganization.

The Session has approved a complete updating of both rooms which will include new flooring, paint, blinds, updated AV equipment and new tables that will allow the rooms to be configured in various ways depending on the needs of the group using them. Once we have a timeline for the project, we will be coordinating with all the groups who use the rooms to make sure we provide alternate space for their meetings. When the project is complete, these rooms will be clean, bright, organized and easy to clean and maintain.

The Way Forward Implementation Team

Under the direction of the Session, a new team has been formed to take up the work that was begun a couple of years ago when the church invited the Pinnacle Consulting Firm and Rev. Dan Holloway to help guide the church into the future. The new team members are Cindy MacKay, Mary Dingman, Margaret Baker, Austin and Lea Dailey, Bob Drake, Claire Church and myself. We will be utilizing the original Way Forward Report and making recommendations to the Staff and Session for consideration.

This is an exciting time to be part of FPC!

Kenny

The elevator is now fixed. Feel free to use it Sunday.



FOOD ITEMS
 Canned Vegetables/Fruit Spaghetti Sauce
 Canned Soup Peanut Butter/Jelly Mac and Cheese
 Canned Meat Dry or Canned Beans

HYGIENE ITEMS Shampoo/Conditioner Deodorant Bar Soap Shaving
 Cream/Razors Toothpaste/Toothbrushes Toilet Paper Baby Wipes Diapers, all sizes

Thank you for donating and blessings to all!

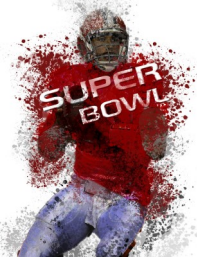
FOOD DRIVE FOR INTERFAITH SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 2025

Happy New Year, First Presbyterian members and friends! It's time to bring your favorite cans of soup and any other items to celebrate the super job that Interfaith does for those in need in our community. Be sure to check the store specials and join us on **Sunday, February 9th (Super Bowl Sunday) between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.** Bring food or hygiene items to the church parking lot. The youth also will be participating.
Monetary donations are also welcome.
Remember that one item or a bag of items make a difference.

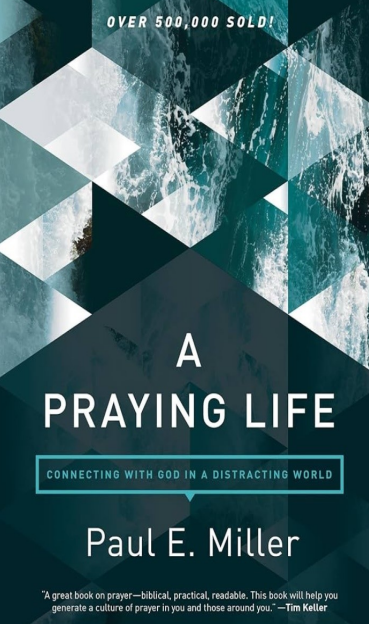
SUPER BOWL PARTY

Youth Group is having a Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb 9th at Casey Miller's house 6:15 p.m. until halftime.

You can message Carter or use the band app for the address.



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Discussion Group

Tuesday Evenings Starting Feb. 4th

6-7 PM in Fellowship Hall (Childcare Provided)

Wednesdays Starting Feb. 5th

12-1 PM in Fellowship Hall

Please call the office or email kellis@fpcocala.org if you need childcare

Grief Share

Grief Support Group

Sundays 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. through May 4, 2025
 Room 1
 Contact Raul Roman for information 727.389.6072
 Visit www.griefshare.org/findagroup to register

Tech Volunteers Needed

We are expanding our team of volunteers who run sound on Sundays and begin livestreaming our services. No expertise needed! We will provide training and you will be on a rotating schedule. Please email Kenny at kellis@fpcocala.org or call the church office if interested.



PRAYER LIST

Esther Arango-Palencia
Sadia Corral Benkhalek
Pat Bishop
Bill Blackwell (brother of Mary Kauffman)
Jo Ann Brandt
Ella Charnley
Billy Davis (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)
Linda Deyton (sister of Annette Pickard on loss of her husband Randall)
Mina DiGeronimo
Terry and Rhonda Fowler (brother and sister-in-law of Teresa Poteet)
Ruth Fraser
Gabby Gates (friend of Dave Bice)
Joe Glenn (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Dorothy Halliwell (sister-in-law of Pat Interdonato)
Bill and Barbara Harrel
Mark Jank
Lloyd Kauffman (husband of Mary)
Jose Kornmann (friend of Julia Wirono)

Lanier Lance (sister of Bill Tucker)
Chris Longo (cardiac issues)
Lukas Martin (grandson of Judith Martin)
Gloria Miller
Jodi Miller (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
Bruce Moore (hip surgery)
Kathy Mortenson (sister of Sharon Shirley)
Susan Mulligan (friend of Mary Kauffman)
Anna Phelan (granddaughter of Dude & Stephanie Phelan)
Tony Porter
Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
Ruthanne and John Reiss
Raul Roman, Jr. (son of Raul)
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Lisa Sherman (daughter of Donna and Nathan Sherman)
The Slaughter family (on the death of Lanny)
Ann VanDenburgh
Jeanne Vincent
Judy Weese (friend of Lannie Mercer)



FPC gives thanks for the life of **Dr. Lanford Slaughter** who passed away recently. His service will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8th in the Sanctuary with reception following in Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hospice of Marion County or the Humane Society of Marion County. can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
Sharing God's Love			Saturday	February 8	I John 4:1-6
Wednesday	February 5	I John 2:18-29	Sunday	February 9	I John 4:7-21
Thursday	February 6	I John 3:1-10	Monday	February 10	I John 5:1-12
Friday	February 7	I John 3:11-24	Tuesday	February 11	I John 5:13-21