

This week at FPC February 18—February 24, 2021

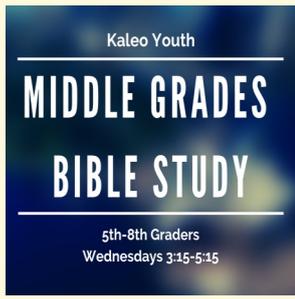
Dear Friends,

Lent is a somber time of reflection and penitence. It is also the time we were in when the virus began. I find myself with strange feelings of deja vu as that anniversary comes near of when our pandemic and quarantine began. But this is a new Lent, even if it is an old and familiar journey for us. I remind you as I always do to devote yourself to spiritual disciplines at this time of year, in prayer, in meditation, in reading the scriptures, and it's singing songs that perhaps only you can hear. But you know these songs are heard by our Lord.

A reminder that next week we will be having a congregational meeting at 9:45 a.m. which is a zoom meeting for those who do not attend worship. This is very important as we must have a quorum to have a meeting. Even if you are tired of zoom meetings I hope you can spend 15 minutes with us. Next week's letter will give you the information you need to join.

Let us begin the journey to The Cross.

Peace, Ron



Kaleo Youth is back!

Kaleo Youth has started and invites all **5th through 8th** graders to join us on **Wednesdays** to gather as friends and grow deeper in their walk of faith! At **3:15 p.m.** we will meet in on the sports fields to play and grow as a community as everyone is brought from their respective schools. Then at **4:00 p.m.** we will gather together for Bible Study. Pick up is at 5:15 p.m.

Students who attend the small group are asked to bring a Bible, mask (required), water bottle, and a blanket or towel to sit on.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are interested in volunteering email Casey at caseydiuguid@gmail.com

[We are looking forward to seeing you there to explore God's word.](#)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 28, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a change in the Terms of Call for the Rev. Dr. D. Ronald Watson, Jr. This meeting will be in person, by Zoom meeting, or by phone call. Please wear a mask and social distance during the meeting.

Lenten Study

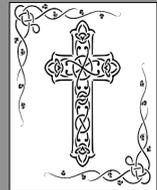
During the church's season of Lent, Rev. Jones will lead a study of the book *Lent In Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield, which looks at ten ordinary objects and Bible stories that refer to them. It is a spiritual look at the ordinary as we prepare our hearts, minds, and homes to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

Because many in our church are still being physically distant due to the Covid-19 virus, we'll meet by Zoom conference beginning today, February 18th from 11 to 12 p.m. Call or email Mary Dingman 352-817-6720, rtdingman@aol.com to sign up.

SERMON BY PHONE (352) 342-9814 New sermons each Monday

PRAYER LIST

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| <p>Claudia Markham-Ahl
 Eddie Allsopp
 Wilma Andrews (at home)
 Bill Bowen
 Bill Canganelli (grandson of Pat Bishop)
 Andy Carlisle
 Shirley Cochran
 Maranell and Hank Fleming
 Ruth Fraser (recovering from shoulder surgery)
 Bill Green (friend of Richard Grosso)
 Barbara Gowie
 Cathy Hancock (on the death of her husband Dick)
 Rev. Bill Harrel and wife Barbara
 Brenda Jones and family
 Jolene Kai (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)
 Janice Kelly
 Scott Kinnaugh (Dorothy Siemons' son)
 Kathy Lance (daughter-in-law of Lois Lance)
 Lois Lance
 Grietje Lewis
 Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)</p> | <p>Sandra M (friend of Mary Beth Olson)
 Celine Mack
 Eric Masterson (brother-in-law of Deb Cone)
 Skip McDonald
 Mia Jade McRae (granddaughter of Mary Beth Olson)
 Gloria Miller
 Rita Miller
 Kathy Mortensen (sister of Sharon Shirley)
 Jessie Moseley
 Christian Myers (friend of Julia Wirono)
 Luella Nazaruk (on the death of her brother Bob Muir)
 Chuck Opitz
 Andy Patrick (on the death of his father)
 Hal Price (friend of Mary Beth Olson)
 Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
 Marty Smith (on the death of her husband Rev. George Smith)
 Ann VanDenburgh
 Larry and Lisa Waldren
 Joyce Williamson</p> |
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First Presbyterian Church Ocala gives thanks for the life of **Rev. George Smith** who joined the saints of light on February 19, 2021.

With believers of every time and every place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
<i>Sustained by God's Word of Love</i>			Sunday	February 21	Luke 15:11-32
Thursday	February 18	John 14:15-31	Monday	February 22	Luke 18:15-30
Friday	February 19	John 15:1-17	Tuesday	February 23	Luke 18:31-43
Saturday	February 20	Luke 15:1-10	Wednesday	February 24	Luke 19:1-10