

## This week at FPC

January 15, 2025 — January 21, 2025

### We Want Your Feedback

Please take 2 minutes and reply to this email with your responses to these 3 questions:

- Do you regularly read this weekly email (the Inspire) in its entirety?
- What is most useful about this weekly email (the Inspire)?
- What are 3 of your favorite hymns?

### Reading Books as a Spiritual Practice

I remember a college professor once said, "Who you will become in the next 10 years of your life will be determined by the people you associate with and the books you read." The company we keep has an undeniable influence on us, but I want to focus on the "books you read" part.

Of course, times have changed and we now can access information in a billion different ways. As followers of Jesus, that also means that we have access to more content than we have ever had in history. However, I'm still a book guy. I hope it goes without saying that the regular reading of the Bible is our first priority. But, I have also made reading other books a part of my spiritual practice and my life is radically different than it would have been otherwise. My college professor was right.

The Session and Deacons will be spending the first few months of this year reading and applying a book called *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller. It is one of the books that God used to shape how I understand and connect with God through prayer. I have purchased several extra copies and would love it if others want to read it and spend some time focusing on prayer at the beginning of this year.

We will have copies available in the office during the week or in the Narthex on Sundays. There is also a Kindle version available on Amazon.

My prayer and hope is that the reading will encourage your life with God and deepen our life of prayer as a church.

Kenny



The church office will be closed January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### 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](mailto:kellis@fpcocala.org) or call the church office if you are interested.



We are excited to be searching for a Children's Ministry Coordinator and a Youth Ministry Coordinator to join our staff.

These are both paid part-time positions. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact the office or visit our website for more information.



**FOOD DRIVE**  
FOR INTERFAITH  
SUNDAY, FEB. 9, 2025



**GriefShare**  
Grief Support Group

**Contact Us Today**

**When:** Sundays, 3:30—5:00 pm Room 1  
February 2 to May 4, 2025

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church Ocala  
511 SE Third Street, Ocala, FL

**Contact:** Raul Roman (727) 389-6072

**Register:** [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup)

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*Women's Luncheon*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST  
11 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCALA  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
HOSTED BY JENNIE ELLIS

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!  
Please email Jennie at [jensellis624@gmail.com](mailto:jensellis624@gmail.com)  
if you can come.

### PRAYER LIST

**Esther Arango-Palencia**  
**Pat Bishop**  
**Bill Blackwell** (brother of Mary Kauffman)  
**Ella Charnley**  
**Billy Davis** (grandson-in-law of David Demarest)  
**Linda and Randall Deyton**  
(sister and brother-in-law of Annette Pickard)  
**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)  
**Betty Hamilton** (neighbor of Evelyn Yorlano)  
**Bill and Barbara Harrel**  
**Rusty Juergens** (on the death of his sister Debra)  
**Lloyd Kauffman** (husband of Mary)  
**Jose Kornmann** (friend of Julia Wirono)  
**Lanier Lance** (sister of Bill Tucker)

**Chris Longo** (cardiac issues)  
**The MacKay family** (on the death of Ken's father)  
**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**  
**Michael Rou** (cousin of Dr. David Albright)  
**Lisa Sherman** (daughter of Donna and  
Nathan Sherman)  
**Ann VanDenburgh**  
**Jeanne Vincent**  
**Judy Weese** (friend of Lannie Mercer  
chemo treatments)

**Buddy MacKay's service** (Ken's father) will be held today, January 15, at 1:00 p.m. at Fort King Presbyterian Church... all our welcome. We anticipate a crowd, so arrive early if you plan on attending.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings			
Celebrating Unity in Christ Jesus			
			Saturday January 18 Luke 6:6-16
Wednesday	January 15	Luke 5:1-11	Sunday January 19 Luke 6:17-26
Thursday	January 16	Luke 5:12-32	Monday January 20 Luke 6:27-49
Friday	January 17	Luke 5:33-6:5	Tuesday January 21 Luke 7:1-17