

This week at FPC

January 22, 2025 — January 28, 2025

Church, Steeple, People

I thought I would devote this week's article to addressing a few housekeeping issues.

Bible Reading Resources

I mentioned in my sermon on Sunday that I would make some resources available on our website to help those who want to start or restart a personal Bible reading practice. You can now find those resources on our website under the Education tab.

Sound & Hearing Loop

I came at the completion of the Sanctuary project, but there were and still are a few loose ends. The sound equipment is new and we will continue to adjust the volume of the various mics in the sanctuary until everyone can hear. Also, we have purchased and installed a state of the art hearing loop system. However, in the final stages of the pew and carpet installation, the wiring was damaged and we are coordinating the final repair. Our hope is to have the loop up and running in the next few weeks. We appreciate your patience in the meantime.

Beware of SCAM

Unfortunately, some of you have received text messages or emails that appear to be from me asking for financial assistance or gift cards. This is a SCAM. I will NEVER text or email you asking for money or gift cards. We are looking into this situation to see if there is anything we can do to prevent it in the future.

Caring for our Historic Facility

Our building has an incredible history and charm and is situated in a downtown area that continues to be revitalized as a hub of constant activity for the community. So the possibilities for us to utilize our facility to reach and serve new people are endless. Which means we have to consistently maintain and improve every aspect of our building and grounds. The Session and the Building and Grounds Committee take that responsibility seriously. The sanctuary project is evidence of that. They will be considering several other projects in the coming months including updates to our education rooms, assessing indoor and outdoor lighting so that all areas are safely lit and making sure that our landscaping is prepared for a beautiful Spring season. And of course there are always clean up and clear out projects that Andrea and Danny coordinate.

Every improvement and maintenance project at our facility is important for many reasons. Of course, there are benefits to us who worship and attend events here on a regular basis. But, it is also important because we want to mirror the welcome and hospitality of God's love. We want to prepare our facility for guests and spiritual seekers and make sure that we have considered them in everything that we do.

It is an exciting time to be at FPC.

Kenny

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 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

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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
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 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)
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)
Annette Pickard (on the death of her brother-in-law Randall Deyton)
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)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
Celebrating Unity in Christ Jesus					
Wednesday	January 22	Luke 7:18-35	Saturday	January 25	Colossians: 1:1-14
Thursday	January 23	Luke 7:36-50	Sunday	January 26	Colossians: 1:15-23
Friday	January 24	John 17:1-26	Monday	January 27	Colossians: 1:24-29
			Tuesday	January 28	Colossians: 2:1-19