

This week at FPC July 29—August 4, 2021

Dear Friends,

All of us, me included, wanted this pandemic to be over. It is not.

As you may have heard, the CDC has changed their recommended policies for mask wearing indoors for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated. Our session will meet on Sunday after services to come up with a new mask policy. Until then, under the advice of my elders in healthcare professions, I'm asking you to wear a mask in worship this Sunday, regardless of your vaccination status. If you are unable to wear a mask, I am inviting you to worship virtually with us on YouTube.

All worship leaders will be wearing a mask when not leading, and we will be speaking or singing with a plexiglass barrier when masks are removed.

Communion will be served as in months past with people coming forward to receive the elements. (We will bring

elements to those who have mobility issues). This Sunday people will partake of the bread and cup individually and put their masks back on as soon as practical.

It is my job to shepherd you and care for you, both spiritually and physically. Out of Christian love and concern for one another, I'm asking you to wear a mask in worship until such time that your session can make a decision on Sunday afternoon. We will have masks available for you to wear if you do not bring your own.

Please join me in prayer for those who have lost loved ones to the virus, those who are still on the front lines fighting to save lives, those who are infected with the virus and those with long-term cases.

May God deliver us from this pandemic and grant us peace.

Yours in Christ,
Ron

Fellowship on the Go - August 4, 2021

Have lunch with a friend, then join us at the Appleton Museum at 2 pm for a docent led visit of the latest exhibits.

Before school starts, it will be a fun afternoon for children or grandchildren to enjoy the ARTSpace as well!

Questions? Call Mary Moore 352-598-2525 - Members & pre-K, free; Seniors, \$6, Adults, \$8, Youth, \$3

Back to School Breakfast and Blessing of the Backpacks - August 8, 2021

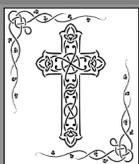
We will be having a light back-to-school breakfast on August 8 and we are asking you to bring school supplies to donate for our Skill Day Center outreach and your backpack for a blessing. Check the Spire for more information.

If you can't make it Sunday you may also bring school supplies to the church office during the week.

PRAYER LIST

Claudia Markham-Ahl
Wilma Andrews (at home)
Roger Brandt
Bill Canganelli (grandson of Pat Bishop)
Andy Carlisle
Shirley Cochran
Adele Evans (friend of Richard Grosso)
Maranell Fleming (The Lodge)
Ruth Fraser (The Bridge at Ocala)
Hendley Fuseler (great-nephew of Joseph Pickard)
Norma Giles
Hope Hill (friend of Richard Grosso)
Mark Heuer (son-in-law of Julia Wirono)
Jolene Kai (Ginny Miller's daughter-in-law)
Janice Kelly
Scott Kinnaugh (son of Dorothy Siemons)
Ken Kramer (brother-in-law of Evelyn Longo)
Kathy Lance (daughter-in-law of Lois Lance)
Lois Lance
Walter Laseter
The Lewis family (on the death of Grietje)

Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)
Celine Mack
Judith Martin (visitor)
Eric Masterson (brother-in-law of Deb Cone)
Skip McDonald
Ron McMillin
Bob Mikulski (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)
Gloria Miller
Rita Miller
Kathy Mortensen (sister of Sharon Shirley)
Chuck Opitz
Joseph Pickard (heart surgery)
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
The Siemons family (on the death of Dorothy)
Janie Scott
Debbie Tompkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)
Ann VanDenburgh (on the death of her brother in law)
Richard and Sandy Valvo
Erv Wagner (brother of Lois Dolin)
Larry and Lisa Waldren



FPC gives thanks for the life of Grietje Lewis who passed away July 26, 2021.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 30, from 5 to 7 pm at the Countryside Funeral Home in Anthony and a Celebration of Life at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Sustained by God's Life-Giving Word of Faith			Sunday	August 1	Genesis 28:1-22
Thursday	July 29	2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	Monday	August 2	Genesis 35:1-15
Friday	July 30	Matthew 15:21-39	Tuesday	August 3	Exodus 40:1-38
Saturday	July 31	Matthew 16:1-12	Wednesday	August 4	Deuteronomy 1:1-33