

This week at FPC

June 9—June 15, 2022

Living without hope is an easy trap to fall into. Consider the school shooting in Uvalde. Nothing about the story is hopeful. Or consider the price of gasoline and inflation. Where is the hope? Finding negative things in this world has never been a difficult exercise. We should not trivialize such things. But we do not need to lose our hope in God because of these difficult things either.

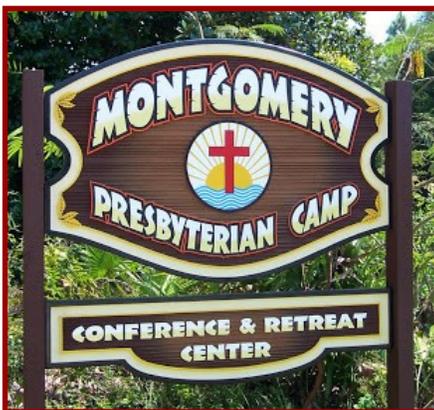
FAITH OVER FEAR has been the mantra for many of us in Ocala for the last two years. Whenever friends or relatives visit me from out of town, they ask me, “what does that faith over fear sign mean?” And I always answer, “Exactly what it says!” Faith beats fear. But of course we can say more, especially about hope. We Christians are grounded in faith, hope, and love, as St. Paul tells us. And even if the greatest of these is love, hope plays a big role. As Paul says to the Romans, “Hope does not disappoint us.” I’ll be saying more about that in this week’s sermon. You can read Romans 5:1-8 ahead of time. Please meditate over it. We are very hopeful as we see the pandemic have less and less control over our lives. We hope it’s over. We don’t know that, but we hope it. This hope sustains us, even if we must deal with another severe bout of pandemic, or, Lord help us, some new pandemic. We can do all these things because of the hope we have in Christ Jesus. May hope sustain your faith so that you may know God’s love for you. That would indeed be faith over fear.

Grace and Peace, Ron

VBS Vacation Bible School

Registration is now open for your children, grandchildren, neighbors, etc.

Please also prayerfully consider volunteering. We are in need of classroom teachers, group leaders, help with outdoor games and Set-up. Dates are June 22-24 after 10:00 a.m. for set-up. Volunteer hours of VBS are: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. VBS hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please check our website under the VBS tab to register as a volunteer or a participant. Also if you can donate empty thread spools, that would be a great help!



Camp Montgomery

Pastor Walk will serve the presbytery as camp pastor at Camp Montgomery July 31-August 5. Several of our children and youth are going to camp that week. This may be a great week for more children from First Presbyterian to go to camp! Information and registration material for all six weeks of camp is at www.montgomerycenter.net

Our partners at Interfaith are rehabbing some apartments on 14th Street in Northwest Ocala to house the homeless and need volunteer

PAINTERS to repaint an apartment or two. If you would like to volunteer call Sonya Tyler at Interfaith: [\(352\) 629-8868](tel:3526298868)



PRAYER LIST

The Markham-Ahl family (on the death of Claudia)
 Wilma Andrews
 Edie Alderton (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)
 Cede Blackwell (great-niece of Mary Kauffman)
 Andy Carlisle
 Ella Charnley
 Shirley Cochran
 Mina DiGeronimo
 Adele Evans (friend of Richard Grosso)
 Ruth Fraser
 Bob Greaves (Hospice)
 Barbara Harrel
 Hope Hill (friend of Richard Grosso)
 Mark and Melanie Heuer (son-in-law and daughter of Julia Wirono)
 Victoria Johnson (great-granddaughter of Christine Johnson)
 Jolene Kai (daughter-in-law of Ginny Miller)
 Scott Kinnaugh (son of Dorothy Siemons)
 Celine Mack
 Skip McDonald

Ron McMillin
 Gloria Miller
 Blue Montsdeoca (Hospice)
 Albert Peek
 John Peterson
 Annette Pickard
 Fritz Rain (friend of Marybeth Olson)
 Bobbie, Bob Ripple and family
 (sister and brother-in-law of Mike Poteet)
 Frank Roberts
 Jerry Rost
 Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
 Betty Smith (friend of Pat Bishop)
 Shannon Tanga (granddaughter of Bill Harrel)
 Renee Timmer
 Debbie Tompkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)
 Jason Trump (son of Margaret Trump)
 Richard and Sandy Valvo
 Larry and Lisa Waldren
 Kathy Willard
 Jeffrey Yawn (grandson of Betty Williams)

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

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<i>God's Renewing Word of New Life in the Spirit</i>		Sunday	June 12	Acts 11:1-18	
Thursday	June 9	Acts 9:26-43	Monday	June 13	Acts 11:19-30
Friday	June 10	Acts 10:1-33	Tuesday	June 14	Acts 12:1-25
Saturday	June 11	Acts 10:34-48	Wednesday	June 15	Acts 13:1-12