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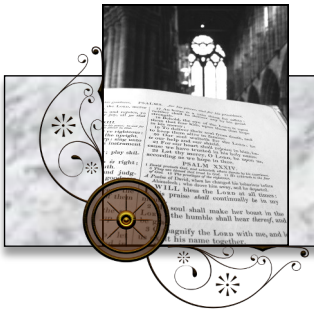
Our Vision - Our Mission

To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the world.
To be an inclusive downtown community of faith that
seeks to embrace everyone in growing spirituality.



The Rev. Dr. D. Ronald Watson, Jr.
Pastor

Dear Friends,

We find ourselves once again in the season known as stewardship. On November 14th, we will hear a stewardship message from Dr Walk Jones, our Interim Associate Pastor. On November 21st, we will ask you to bring your completed pledge cards to the church. When we joined the church, we all made a promise to participate in the ministry and mission of the church. Your pledge and subsequent giving is an important part of that promise. It will also assist us with the budget process for 2022.

We are still figuring out what the church of the future looks like. One thing is for sure. God is with us. Wherever we go on this extraordinary journey in life, no matter how expected or unexpected it may be, we go with God. I would ask you only to give prayerful consideration to the matter of stewardship in your life in the month of November. You give to God in many ways. Your gifts to the church will help our ministry to continue. Thank you for all you have done for us in the past.

Yours in Christ, Ron

Interim Associate Pastor

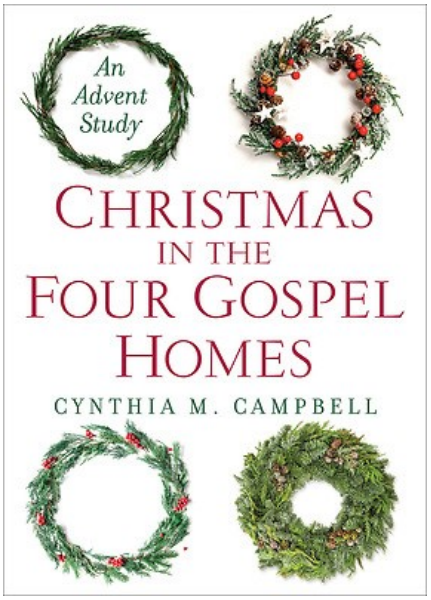
The Rev. Dr. Walk Jones

Since Adult Discussion Group is meeting in person each Sunday morning, I will lead a study of the Christmas story by Zoom during Advent. We will read Cynthia Campbell's new book *Christmas In The Four Gospel Homes*. This blurb from the publisher summarizes it well:

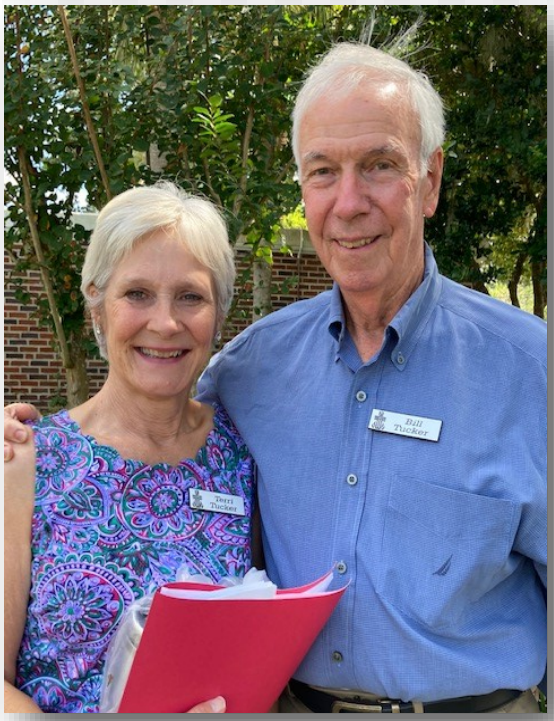
How might a house look for Christmas based on what each Gospel says about it? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes,* beautiful illustrations from architect Kevin Burns reimagine each of the four Gospels as a "house," which the church visits at Christmas. In each section, Cynthia M. Campbell reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel.

We'll zoom on Tuesdays beginning November 30 at both 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to meet the needs of various church members. I'm very excited about reading the openings of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and seeing what they say about Christmas story.

To request a book and zoom link email Mary Dingman at rtdingman@aol.com or call Walk in the church office at 352-629-7561.



Welcome to FPC!



We want to welcome "new" members **Bill and Terri Tucker** with our apologies. Bill and Terri joined our church at the end of 2019 right before the pandemic, and we somehow missed getting them into our Spire. Please accept our apology!

After spending thirty three years in various central Florida cities, they have returned to Ocala, Bill's hometown, where he attended our church and the Happy Hearts kindergarten. In their travels for career opportunities, they have been members of Winter Park Presbyterian Church, Eustis Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg where they served as Elders and Bill taught Sunday School. Bill's career focused on Association Management and Leadership Development and Terri's career was in Finance and Accounting. They are blessed to be able to enjoy visiting with two children and four grandchildren who keep them amused and entertained! They enjoy golf, walking and being friends. They are also very happy to be in Ocala and part of our church family!

We are so happy you are here!

The staff at FPC wishes you a

Blessed Thanksgiving

Session News

SESSION BRIEF - OCTOBER 3, 2021

- We mourned the deaths of Jean Morse on 9/8/2021 and Maranell Fleming on 9/29/2021.
- Approved a Congregational Meeting on October 17, 2021 after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for the upcoming years.
- Approved changes to the Policies and Procedures Handbook on the method of electing elders and deacons.
- Approved using up to $1,500 from the church endowment support fund for repairs and upgrades to the sound system in the sanctuary.

KEEPING ACCURATE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

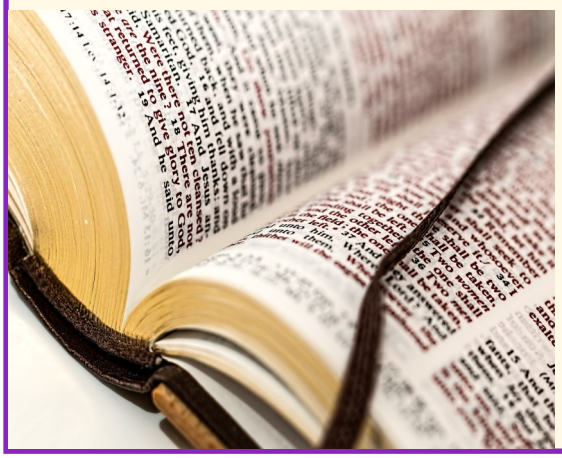
We love our members and look forward to seeing you as often as you can join us!! However, if you have joined another church or moved away, please let the church office know. If you are a member and know of another member who has decided to join a different church or worship elsewhere, please contact the church office at 352-629-7561 or email ajacque@fpcocala.org.

Hear new sermons Every Monday. Call Sermon-by-Phone (352) 342-9814

Sunday Morning Discussion Group Update:

We will begin a new discussion group topic on Sunday morning, November 7, entitled, *"Is That In the Bible?"* Mike Morehouse is a new member who is wanting to use his gift for Bible study as he joins me to co-facilitate our Sunday morning group going forward.

"Is That In the Bible?" will focus on five common Christian phrases and their biblical context. While we don't expect a crisis in faith, we hope to be enlightened as we continue this journey we call life. So, join us beginning Sunday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we look at these five topics:



Nov 7: "Everything Happens for a Reason" (Mike)
Nov 14: "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It" (Dale)
Nov 21: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves" (Mike)
Nov 28: "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin" (Dale)
Dec 5: "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle" (Mike)

One last reminder: please bring your Bible, pen and your mask)
Blessings in Christ, Dale Ambler

Worship Attendance	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24
10:00 a.m.	77	91	99	86
Online	135	121	112	129

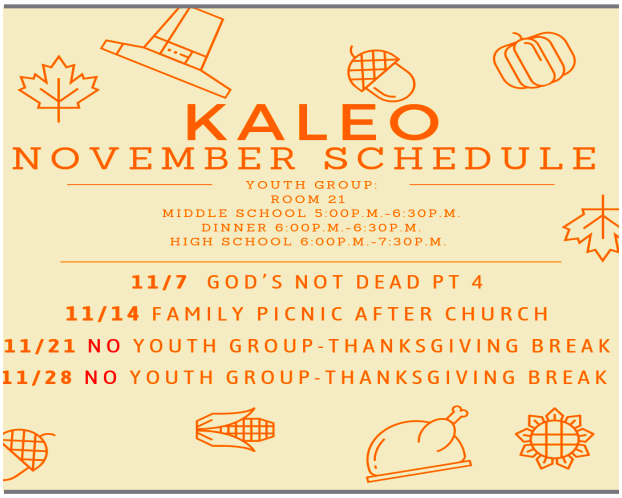
Thank Yous

Interfaith Emergency Services mentioned us in their September and October 2021 newsletters. They gave us a special thank you for donating 249 pounds of food during the month of July and August. Thank you to all the generous people who gave to this wonderful organization.

Youth News, Casey Miller, Coordinator

Mrs. Jackie Albright delivered birthday bags to Guardian Ad Litem (Kristen pictured above). This is the service project that the youth group did with her on September 12th. They got birthday bags ready for children that include everything needed to throw a birthday party. Thank you Mrs. Albright and everyone who helped.

We all had a great time rejoicing and listening to King and Country on October 16th in Tampa. From left to right: **Elias Zachary, Levi Cole, Alex Cole** (chaperone), **Casey Miller, Paige Donahue, Skye Caskey** and **Bentley Johnson.**



Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings for November 2021
Bible Study and Fellowship, and ways to serve with your Sisters in Christ

	Date	Time	Meeting Place	Contact	Phone
Coordinating Team Mtg.	Tuesday, November 2nd	7:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Pat Greaves	236-0716 or 352-362-0013
Circle 3	Monday, November 15th	10:00 a.m.	Pat Greaves 5623 NW 25th Loop	Liz Diener-Dickmann	908-377-8913 Pat G 352-236-0716
Circle 4	Tuesday, November 9th	6:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Debbie Koch	630-8254-8844
Circle 7	Tuesday Undecided	11:00 a.m.	Choir Room	Susie Marta	304-5416
Circle 8	Tuesday December 8th	2:00 p.m.	Room 1	Lois Clardy	622-3053

Presbyterian Women, Pat Greaves, Moderator

To ALL women of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Happy Fall to each of you! I hope you enjoyed the second lesson in our study book on Tamar. Two Circles have now met and studied together. Our third lesson for November is "Rahab." Rahab is a socially unacceptable outsider who is intelligent and strong. A marginalized woman, she recognizes the power of the God of Israel. When God's own people are melting with fear, her wit and presence of mind allow God's plans to come to fruition."

Tom and Evelyn Weaver will email Tom's lesson to all the Circle members who have been receiving email or mail through the postal system. Thanks to Tom and Evelyn for their labors of love.

Circles 3 and 4 met in October and had good turnouts. Circle 1 members are looking for new Circles to join. We thank Esther Arango-Palencia for her leadership and dedication to lead Circle 1 for many years. Thanks again Esther!! Job well done!!

THE COORDINATING TEAM will meet on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

THE FALL GATHERING will meet on Saturday, November 13th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. We will have Lee's Pot Pies and side items, The cost will be $10.00 per person and you can pay at the door. If you have dietary issues, please contact Pat Greaves so that a substitute meal can be planned for you from Lee's. Mark your calendar and plan to sign up with your Circle Leader.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER will be Karla Grimsley from Interfaith Emergency Services. Karla will tell us about the Food 4 Kids program. If you are able, please bring single serving items to be placed the in the backpacks for the Food 4 Kids program. Watch for the BOGO at your local grocery store for sale items that can be donated. If you are unable to shop, we will collect cash to give for purchases for this very important program. We see families struggling every day and this is a way that we can give this Thanksgiving season.

At our GATHERING we will collect the pledges from each Circle members, honor the members who have passed since we met in the Spring, and collect our Thank Offering. Plan to come and join in the festivities.

There WILL BE NO CHRISTMAS LUNCH in December.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Thursday, October 28th, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. They will NOT MEET IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, due to the holidays. They will resume in January. The group includes both knitters and crocheters and welcomes anyone who is interested in this ministry. If you'd like to join this happy ministry group, please contact Coordinator, Liz Dickmann (908-377-8913)

Please continue to keep the work of Presbyterian Women and its leadership in your prayers. This past year has been difficult on all of us but let's hope we can move forward with God's help to do His Will and the work we have before us. Thanks to all of you for your love and support. May God continue to give us direction for Presbyterian Women and its leadership.

Food 4 Kids Program

Interfaith's Food 4 Kids program provides food for hungry kids on the weekends. Food 4 Kids makes a huge difference in the lives of hungry children by enabling them to focus on learning instead of their hunger and keeping them healthy and nourished which enables to be successful in school. Marion County, typically feeding over 1,800 children for a total of 11,400 meals each weekend.

Macaroni and Cheese (boxed)
Instant Oatmeal (single serving)
Ramen Dry Noodle Soup packets
Snack Bars (cereal bars, granola bars)
Peanut Butter & Jelly (separate, plastic containers)
Fruit Cups/Apple Sauce (single servings)
Pop Tarts
Pudding Cups
Note: No candy or glass jars
Crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese)
Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.)
Canned Meat (tuna, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.)
Snacks (pretzels, raisins – all single servings)

November Birthdays

1
Cheryl Moses
2
Marilyn Peek
5
Vicki Roberts
Gerry Gramer
6
Skye Caskey
7
Donna Lynn Winfree
8
Kyle Kimball
9
Doug Sullivan
Jill Fuller
10
Marilyn Arline
Ciara Juergens
Bryan Fennessy
PJ Standley
11
Dana Robinson
13
Deb Cone
Cindy MacKay
14
Hope Hasselkus
Todd Dailey
15
Keith Morin
Julia Slaughter
16
Leah Drake
19
Esther Arango-Palencia
Sandy Militello
20
Annette Pickard
Raul Roman
Marcia Dove
21
Suzy Heinbockel
Mike Sharpe
Judson Baker
22
Sonja Bennett
Amy Johnson
Kelly Evans
23
Janet Morehouse
Michael Hart
Lanford Slaughter
26
J.J. Peterson
27
Alice Russell
28
Bruce Moore
29
Reagan Carlisle
30
Barbara Parks
Albert Peek
Zain Smith

Prayer List

Claudia Markham-Ahl (cancer treatment)
Wilma Andrews
Bill Canganelli (grandson of Pat Bishop)
Andy Carlisle
Ella Charnley
Shirley Cochran
Edmond & Kay deBie (friends of Julia Wirono)
Mina DiGeronimo
Adele Evans (friend of Richard Grosso)
Ruth Fraser (The Bridge)
Hendley Fuseler (great-nephew of Joseph Pickard)
Barbara Harrel
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)
Biddie Kirk
Renate Lipp (friend of Nita William)
Skip McDonald
Ron McMillin
The Michael family – Kristen Crawford, Kyle and Michelle Michael (on the death of their father Tom)
Bob Mikulski (friend of Dale & Tari Ambler)
Gloria Miller
Kathy Mortensen (sister of Sharon Shirley)
Chuck Opitz
Annette Pickard
Michael Rou (cousin of Dr. David Albright)
Craig Sanders (friend of Lisa Waldren)
Betty Smith (friend of Pat Bishop)
Shannon Tanga (granddaughter of Bill Harrel)
Debbie Tompkins (sister of Rusty Juergens)
Yvonne Trusty (sister of Lisa Waldren)
Ann VanDenburgh
Richard and Sandy Valvo
Erv Wagner (brother of Lois Dolin)
Larry and Lisa Waldren
Jeffrey Young (grandson of Betty Williams)

FPC gives thanks for the life of Tom Michael who passed away on October 17, 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.

Announcements

Fundraiser for Camp Montgomery

ORDER FORM

The deadline to order is Tuesday, November 16th

Delivery dates are November 22 through 24

$25 e/a or 3 for $60

TYPE	QTY
Chocolate Chess Pie — Dark chocolate-evaporated milk custard, Firepower Roasters espresso, rum	
Citrus Cream Tart — Yuzu-lemon light curd filling, rasberry jam, citrus zest	
Bourbon Pecan Pie — Freshly shelled pecans, local cane syrup, laced with pure maple syrup & bourbon	
Sweet Potato Pie — Fresh sweet potato puree, cultured buttermilk, malted milk powder & fall baking spice	

NAME: .....

PHONE: .....

EMAIL: .....

ADDRESS: .....

CHURCH: .....

Delivery to your home church will be from November 22 to the 24.

88 SE 75th St Starke, FL 32091
office@montgomerycenter.org
(352) 473-4516

Include payment payable to "Montgomery Center"

FPC's church library is available for your use. We encourage you to see if there is something you may be interested in.

There are over 3,000 books in fiction, non-fiction, bible references and commentaries, prayer, family relationships, health, death & grieving.

There are books by popular authors like MacArthur, Lucado, Barclay, John Grisham, Mary Higgins Clark and collections of novels in a series from Jan Karon and Terry Blackstone.

We also have many children's books available and are accepting donations of them and videos. Stop in and relax or read books to your children or grandchildren. Even take some books home for a while. We would love to see you there.

Thanks and God Bless,
your church librarians, Joe and Cheryl Lara

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