



*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.

*Dr. D. Ronald Watson, Jr., Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Hear these words from Isaiah 52:7

*"<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who  
announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"*

We are good news people! We are here to encourage each other and build each other up, speaking the truth in love. We are here to preach the gospel of peace, to announce salvation, and to proclaim the sovereignty of God.

I have a task for you, should you choose to accept it. Identify a way that you have shared good news in the last week, and if none come immediately to mind, think of way you can share good news this week. My good news is telling you that over 40 people came to our first Family Fellowship Dinner. Everyone pitched in, and we had great food and fellowship as the body of Christ. Some took food home to share, and leftovers were shared with one of our local charities. Nothing was wasted. As I sat eating, I was reminded of the story of the walk to Emmaus (words which also are on one of our stained glass windows), "He (Jesus) was known to them in the breaking of bread." Gathering at table is a very important part of being the church, be it the supper table in the fellowship hall or the Lord's table celebrating World Communion.

Anniversary-I am so happy to say that in the middle of October, we would have been together for a year! I

have tried to get to know your names during that year. From Isaiah 43 we hear "But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

I am sometimes jealous when God knows all of your names, and I do not, but alas, I am but a mortal. Please help me before my first year is up to know you. Just say, "Hello, my name is..." Or wear a nametag please.

Trunk or Treat-This is written about elsewhere, but I encourage you to come. I have been in such events before and found them to be great fellowship events which all ages can truly participate in. Not getting any trick or treaters lately? Come to church and have 100!

Programs-As we add or reconfigure programs at church, we need your participation. You, dear friends, are the church. Invite someone to worship or Trunk or Treat. Brag on your church! Tell people how you have been blessed at First Pres. Join a committee. Come visit one of the pastors and say, "I am here to help!"

Blessing-It is a blessing to be your pastor, and each member of the church and of the staff have been blessings as well. When I count my blessings, I count to 658! When you come to church for an activity, you become a blessing just by your presence here. Your kind and encouraging words lift up your sisters and brothers in Christ. We need this!

I give thanks to God for all of you. Rejoice in God, again I say rejoice!

Ron

## Rev. Natasha Sudderth, Associate Pastor

Dear Church Family,

To begin, I wanted to let everyone know that our Wednesday evening Family Fellowship Dinner was wonderful! We had a great turnout with plenty of love and food to go around, the kitchen and fellowship hall were humming with activity to make it a joyful time of getting to know each other. Everyone pitched in and worked together to get things done, renewing a treasured bond of fellowship together through service. The church will provide a meat and we ask you to bring side-dishes, salads, and desserts.



We gather together to create relationships in Christ together, support and love each other, and teach by our actions what true family looks like in Christ. Thank you for making it a success and I hope to see you again Wednesday. *Here is an easy question: What's missing in the following word—VOLUNTEER?*

We also wanted to let you know that we will soon be offering discussion and information sessions on Parenting and Discipleship in the Age of Social Media that will be open to the community. Hannah Batten and I will be planning and leading these events, looking particularly at issues of individual and communal identity, social media safety, and Christian discipleship. Hopefully this will be a place we can serve the community and offer support as the challenge of school safety increases. We ask for your support and hope you help us spread the word about this wonderful opportunity.

Grace and Peace, Your Associate Pastor Natasha

## Rev. Ruth Elswood, Parish Associate

Growing in Christ

At the end of August I was fortunate enough to be able to take a training at Montreat called *The Art of Transitional Ministry*. There were close to one hundred ministers there, almost all of us Presbyterian, and we were learning about ways to guide congregations as they face transitions of one kind and another. Given the nature of society today, change and transition affect almost every congregation in our denomination. Because of this the training drew not only ministers who were moving into interim ministry positions, but also pastors of churches whose congregations faced change of one kind or another. Some were leaders of churches that are growing, some of churches where the numbers are falling; some were pastors of churches who find themselves profoundly challenged to grow in response to the drastic changes in a surrounding neighborhood as they seek to serve these new neighbors.

As you know, change is not easy and brings many challenges. One approach to working through change that we learned about is called *Appreciative Inquiry*. It is a process that examines the strengths and the positive aspects of a situation or of a community in order to move ahead by building on these strengths. This approach really appealed to me because it felt very familiar. Before I went to seminary I worked for USF as the State Leader for an early childhood home visiting program called Parents as Teachers. Most of the families we served were very low income, many were single parents, many were migrant and farmworker families, living in dire poverty. Most faced major difficulties; but our program was a strengths-based program, meaning that our parent educators went into homes with a very positive approach to each family. They began by identifying the strengths of each family, however small and seemingly (to us) insignificant those strengths might be. From those strengths they built small attainable goals. Gradually over the years, those goals grew until parents could speak with tremendous pride of a GED earned, or a job secured, or a year's sobriety attained.

I believe *Appreciative Inquiry* or simply looking for the strengths in each other is a deeply Christian approach. Christ saw the beauty and the humanity in every person he encountered. Christ recognized individual characteristics; he knew that the first disciples he called were fishermen and would fish for people; he knew the love in the heart of the Roman centurion; he knows you and me, and every person of every race, every background, rich or poor, gay or straight; and Christ sees the beauty and strengths that we all have. Christ's love for every one of us allows us to grow and transform to be the very best that we can be. Christ's love for the church is the foundation for the transformation that each congregation can bring about as we seek to serve one another and those who seek Christ's grace and infinite love.

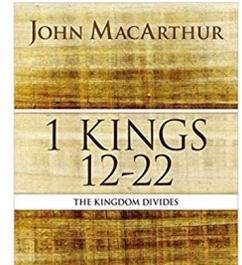
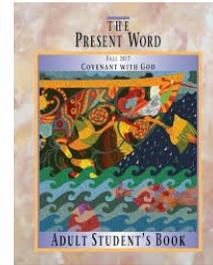
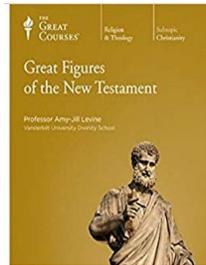
Ruth

# FPC'S 2018 Adult Christian Education Classes

## Adult Sunday School Classes

The Blakely Class studies the Uniform Bible Lessons. The class is held at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2 in the Education Building and is moderated by Jean Morse with other substitutes.

Great Figures of the New Testament by Amy - Jill Levine. The class is held at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. The moderator is Nita Williams.



## Adult Weekday Classes

All study books are available in the church office at no cost.

Faith Sisters are studying *The Present Word: Covenant with God* a Uniform Bible Lesson. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. For more information about this class, contact the Moderator Elaine Cox ([elaine.grammie.cox@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grammie.cox@gmail.com)).

Bible Classes with Steve Vincent will start soon. More information to come.

Disciple XIV's study book is — *1 KINGS: 12-22 The Kingdom Divides*. Meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Newcomers are welcome to join the group! For information, contact Barbara Parks (854-9269) or Tom Weaver (622-6028).

## News from The Membership Committee

### We Want Your Help!!

Your Membership Committee is recruiting team members to actively identify and greet visitors and help engage all churchgoers in the activities and events at First Presbyterian Church of Ocala. If you are an outgoing, smiling, friendly person who enjoys interacting with others, this is the thing for you! Growing our church is not just the role of the Membership Committee; it is everyone's responsibility. When you come to church, be friendly and welcoming, answer questions from visitors about our church, get them a name tag, make sure first time visitors return, spread the good news about things that are going on at FPC, and invite others to join you in church events and activities. That's it! To learn more about becoming a member of your church's **Hospitality Team**, look for us on the website. You may also contact Nancy Livesay, Membership Chair, by email at [nlivesay@cox.net](mailto:nlivesay@cox.net)

#### **Welcome New Member Steve Shotwell**

First Presbyterian Church of Ocala is pleased to welcome Steve Shotwell (right) into membership by reaffirmation of faith. Steve was raised Presbyterian as a young person, and, like many of us, is returning to the Presbyterian church as an adult. You will notice from his picture that he is a University of Miami football fan. Look for Steve and his mother, Deloris, on Sunday morning and help us welcome Steve as a member of FPC. Steve is a retired automotive service and parts worker. In addition to University of Miami football, he is also interested in music and plays drums.



## News from The Scholarship Committee

**Applications for post-secondary education scholarship funds** for the January term are available in the church office. The **absolute final deadline** to submit applications to the church office is by the end of the workday on **Thursday, November 1st**. FPC members and their member dependents or children may apply for scholarship assistance. Applicants may apply once in a calendar year. Questions should be directed to Scholarship Committee members—Chair Kay Yancey, Todd Carstenn, Elaine Cox, Nancy Livesay, Paul Vowinkel, Bonnie Vorwerk or Tom Weaver.

# October Birthdays

<b>1</b> Patricia N (Pat) Bishop Dr. James (Jim) Edwards	<b>8</b> Ruth Albright <b>11</b> Cheri Bedenbaugh <b>12</b> Savannah Jane Bennett Robert P (Bob) Drake Michael C Griggs <b>13</b> Kristen Crawford Lloyd T (LT) Manning <b>14</b> Ryan James Edwards Barbara I Gowie Gary Steven Merians Hannah Ashlee Ruiz Ross Stevens Winfree <b>16</b> Howard Behrens Evan Timothy Byrd Rev. Rhonda Cummings	<b>17</b> John Scott Hagood <b>18</b> David Austin Albright, II Sharon Virginia Jank <b>19</b> Henry M Dennis Trusten (Trusty) Drake Henry (Hank) Goedert Virginia Miller <b>20</b> Clayton (Jake) Casler Neige Stabler <b>21</b> Jeffrey D Hart Zachery Welch <b>22</b> Jane Beebe Allison McDonald Nita Read Williams <b>23</b> Valerie Landyn Baines Christine (Chris) Johnson	<b>24</b> Jane H Geer <b>25</b> Oliver Mayhew (Dale) Cook, IV Carolyn Mason Gloria Ann Miller  Phyllis Ann Wilson Von Ebers <b>26</b> Lauren Elizabeth Beebe Jane Hutcheson Susan Raffa <b>27</b> Caroline Ann Dailey Ullman Danny Gilman Tracy Hester Dr. Walter G Laseter <b>28</b> B Hope (Hope) Meffert <b>29</b> Charles (Chip) Morris	<b>30</b> Dawn Michelle Kirk Max Morin Gwyneth Tull <b>31</b> Jill K Callahan Peighton Christine Labagh  Jerry Murphy Dr. John L Peterson  Sarah Paul (Sally) Williams  Katherine W (Kay) Yancey
<b>3</b> Joe Dickman Joe Fante, Jr. Kaylyn Jo Guest Dianne McDonald Anna Marie Miller	<b>4</b> Robert C (Bobby) Bryant Samuel Tull	<b>5</b> Mary F (Biddie) Kirk Betty Jeanne Spencer	<b>6</b> Mary L Carstenn Benjamin Draime Samuel D Langley, III Howell Winfree, III	<b>7</b> Dawn Bourne Pamela C Curtis Kerwin Hafner



## PRAYER LIST

**Ruth Albright** (*Brentwood at Fore Ranch, please call before visiting*)  
**Kayla Ali** (*granddaughter of Yvonne Simms*)  
**Brent Barber** (*Gera Fleming's son-in-law*)  
**Gary Blackwell** (*Mary Kauffman's brother*)  
**Andy Boyer** (*Fran Gilchrist's son-in-law*)  
**Randall & Linda Deyton** (*Pickard family prayer concerns*)  
**Kathy and Terry Donovan** (*Nita Williams' friends*)  
**Ellen Drummond** (*Brookdale*)  
**Jamii Fuseler** (*the Pickard's niece*)  
**Mary and Wayne Guest** (*parents of David Guest*)  
**Gary Harward**  
**Maxine Heinbockel** (*John Heinbockel's mother*)  
**Tristan Hunter**  
**Betty-Ann Jones** (*Margaret Trump's sister*)  
**Anna Marie Miller**  
**Stuart & Sharla McElhaney** (*on the death of Stuart's mother, Shirley McElhaney*)

**Alex Morin** (*on the death of her father*)  
**Maria Myers** (*Hampton Manor*)  
**Ray Newhouse** (*Pat Bishop's brother*)  
**Charlene Preston**  
**Dave Proctor** (*Sue Straub's son-in-law*)  
**John Reynolds** (*Suzy Heinbockel's brother*)  
**Janice Schafer** (*Palm Garden*)  
**Wes & Linda Schultz**  
**Bill Shirley**  
**Tom Shurknight** (*Ellen Matthews' cousin*)  
**Keith Shotwell**  
**Steve Shotwell**  
**Betty Jeanne Spencer** (*Lady Lake Specialty Care*)  
**Charlotte Symonds** (*Ruth Elswood's daughter serving in Iraq*)  
**David and Cathy Taylor**  
**Rich Valvo** (*Rusty Juergens' friend*)  
**Sally Williams**  
**Bob Wilton**

*Please also remember HELPS Ministries in India, our sister church in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and all those who serve you in prayer.*



## THE GIVING TREE

- \* Do you like to shop, organize, wrap, and give Christmas gifts?
- \* Do you like to help others?

### We Have A Job For YOU!!

The Christmas Giving Tree Committee is a wonderful committee that meets only a few times between September and December.



**Greet 'n'  
Eat Time!**



### **Out to Dinner Fellowship set for Thursday, October 18th**

*This group meets the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in different restaurants in the Ocala area.*

The Out to Dinner group will meet on

**Thursday, October 18th**

**Carrabba's Italian Grill**

2370 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34471

**Newcomers are urged to attend.**

Make reservations by contacting Susie and Tom Marta  
(352) 304-5416

## FPC's 2018 Mission Fair and SERRV Sale

  
creating connections  
fair trade • handmade • nonprofit



**Sunday, November 4**

**9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**in Fellowship Hall**

Come and meet the people who represent the benevolence organizations we support and purchase wonderful products from around the world (All proceeds go to SERRV)

**Refreshments will be provided by Presbyterian Women and the Christian Outreach Committee**

*VIP will not be resuming in October as previously indicated. We will provide you with an update as soon as it is available*



First Presbyterian Church Ocala gives thanks for the life of **Elizabeth Parsons Whelan** a longtime member who joined the saints of light on September 7th.

*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.*

## The Steinway Fund

**OUR  
current  
PIANO**

**WAS BUILT IN THE 1920s and  
DONATED IN THE 1960s  
ALREADY rebuilt MULTIPLE TIMES  
IS NEAR THE END OF ITS LIFE**

**OUR  
new  
PIANO**

**WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY and  
CRAFTSMANSHIP WILL LAST TO  
2120 AND beyond!**

**WILL ENHANCE worship AND CONCERTS  
and BE MORE DURABLE**

**The Steinway Fund** to purchase a new Steinway for our sanctuary and a new upright piano for Fellowship Hall has already received **\$66,000** towards our goal of \$88,000. The Session is asking the congregation if they would like to make gifts to the fund. If you wish to help us improve our music's sound, please mark your donation "piano."

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Attendance				
<b>Worship services</b>	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23
8:15 a.m.	23	42	37	41
9:30 a.m.	117	84	97	86
11:00 a.m.	84	89	92	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>230</b>

# Presbyterian Women

**Presbyterian Women** – To all the women of First Presbyterian Church of Ocala

Presbyterian Women is off to a good start with all Circles meeting in September. If you are not presently active in a Circle, you are welcome to select a day/time that suits your schedule and join a Circle at the times listed below. We are studying from the Horizon's Bible Study book *God's Promise, I Am With You*, by Amy Poling Sutherland. Study books are available from the contact person listed below or contact Pat Greaves, Moderator, at 236-0716. Come and join in Christian fellowship.



**THE FALL GATHERING** will be held on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu for the lunch will be a variety of soups. The cost will be \$6.00 and you may sign up through your circle leaders during October. Our guest speaker will be our very own Rev. Natasha Sudderth, Associate Pastor. The 2018 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women will be dedicated. The theme of the dedication is "Diverse, yet one in Christ," based on the Scripture from Romans 12:4-6. "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have

the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..."

## Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings for October 2018 Bible Study and Fellowship with your Sisters in Christ

	Date	Time	Meeting Place	Contact	Phone
<b>Bible Moderator Mentoring</b>	October 2	5:30 p.m.	Room 1	Tom Weaver	622-6028
<b>Coordinating Team Mtg.</b>	November 6	7:00 p.m.	Room 1	Pat Greaves	236-0716 or 352-362-0013
<b>Circle 1</b>	October 9	2:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Esther Arango-Palencia	732-6626
<b>Circle 3</b>	October 15	10:00 a.m.	8140 NW 46th Street, Ocala 34482	Shirley Cochran	351-1681
<b>Circle 4</b>	October 9	6:30 p.m.	Conference Room	MaryBeth Rivers	625-3372
<b>Circle 7</b>	<b>October 16</b>	11:00 a.m.	Choir Room	Susie Marta	304-5416
<b>Circle 8</b>	October 9	2:00 p.m.	Room 1	Lois Clardy	622-3053

## Presbyterian Women's Program Meetings for October 2018 Ways to Serve with your Sisters in Christ

Program	Date	Time	Location	Contact	Phone
<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	October 25	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Liz Diener-Dickmann	732-6368
<b>Stress Free Book Club</b>	October 23	1:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Nita Williams	237-6789

**Book Club selection for October: *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom**

<b>WeCare Sewing Ministry</b>	October 29	9:30 a.m.	Room 1	Evelyn Weaver	622-6028
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### **THE STRESS FREE BOOK CLUB HAS A NEW COORDINATOR, THANKS TO NITA WILLIAMS!**

The Stress Free Book Club will resume meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Our book for that date is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. There are only four copies at the library (including the CD), so you might want to get it early. It is about an orphaned Irish girl who finds herself a slave in the kitchen house of a tobacco planta-

## Presbyterian Women, con't.

tion. In case anyone is looking for something to read in the meantime, our September book, *Hounded* by David Rosenfelt is a mystery, written with humor and wit. There are five copies of it, including the CD. If you read it, you will be able to put your few-line review in our book at the October meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone again. If anyone needs a ride, please call Nita: 237-6789. There will be snacks at our first meeting, but I hope we can resume that tradition soon. We invite new members to join us. As the title says, this is a Stress-Free book club; that means that it is ok if you don't read the book. Just come and socialize and listen to book reports by others until you are ready to join in and take your turn. We need new members, so we urge you to come and try it out!!

**PRAYER SHAWL!** We did not meet in August but the ladies have been busy knitting and crocheting shawls whenever and wherever they can. Thanks be to God for all willing hands. We were able to give comfort to many with our shawls and the prayers that go with them. We are also making hats for Thornwell's Home for Children, as well as scarves for soldiers.

We welcome all knitters and crocheters and if you would like to learn how to knit, come and join us as we will be happy to get you started. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:** FPC/PW will be hosting this gathering in our Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Natasha Sudderth, our Associate Pastor, will be the guest speaker with the celebration beginning at 10 a.m. The emphasis is on "Reaching for Wholeness in Harmony with God's People." If you have any questions, please call Gera Fleming at 629-6065.

## Notes from the Library

Ann O'Hart

Now that fall will soon be with us (we hope), why not take time to relax and read a good book from our church library? We have a variety of fiction and non-fiction books including best sellers by writers like John Grisham and Mary Higgins Clark. We have large collections of novels in a series such as those by Terry Blackstock, Jan Karon, and Karen Kingsbury. We even have classics (from our student days) that are fun to reread—including *Little Women*, *Call of the Wild*, *Jane Eyre*, *Robinson Crusoe*.

Our non-fiction collection includes Bible references and commentaries on the Old and New Testaments, and books on prayer, ethics, family relationships, world religions, Christianity, health, family relationships, death and grieving. We have children's books, biographies and autobiographies, and books about Ocala and Florida. One of our most popular authors is William Barclay who has written numerous Bible commentaries which our Disciple classes rely on to assist in their studies. Other favorites are Max Lucado and C. S. Lewis.

We now have a shelf of "Notable Books" about interesting and timely topics. Current notable books include a biography of John McCain written in 1999, a biography of Abraham by Bruce Feiler, and a biography of Moses by Charles Swindoll. You may recall Feiler from his PBS docu-

mentary *Walking the Bible* in which he walked the places Moses walked in the Old Testament. The subtitle of the Moses bio is "A Man of Selfless Dedication." John MacArthur's *The Truth War* finds truth at war with heresy and lies. This book was published in 2007.

Our library has acquired additional space in an area I call the Alcove, across the hall from the choir room and next to our fiction section. The Alcove has a 14 volume set of Albert Barnes' Bible commentaries on all the books of the Bible. We have sets of commentaries by Karl Barth, Gilbert Beers, and Matthew Henry, and a three volume set by Ernest Thompson entitled *Presbyterians of the South*. There are volumes of the daily Guideposts for 2004 to 2015 and a 7- volume set of the *Complete Sermons of Martin Luther*.

Surely we have something in our library to interest you. I hope to have a complete listing of our books available soon. For now, please stop by and browse and hopefully find a book that interests you. All we ask is that you sign out the book and return it when you have finished it. Please call and leave a message if you have questions or need help in locating a book. My number is 368-7067.

**HAPPY READING!**



## David Bedenbaugh, Music Ministries

While living in Nashville one summer with time on my hands, I spent a day writing and recording this song. It occurs to me that the lyric is now appropriate not only spiritually, but quite literally. If you'd like to hear the song, I'd be glad to give you a free copy of the album that I wrote and produced in Nashville. Cheri and I are so grateful for all the wonderful support of this church!

### I Need a New Heart

I was sewing patches over tears,  
In a garment, thin and torn from all the wear.  
And I was pouring water on my soul  
To revive me, but it leaked through all the holes.  
Everything I do only seems to prove

I need a new heart, I want to start again,  
I need a new heart, so would you please come in?  
Pour Your light into me now, 'till there's nothing  
left but You,  
How I need a change, oh, how I need a change  
I need a new heart.  
I was drawing from the well of who I am

This old heart confuses the wisest of us,  
'Cause out of the mouth it can both curse and bless,  
What's a soul to do, can the old become new?  
Bursting from the pressure that's placed upon it,  
This old heart can only stretch so far.  
You say that you can fill it with your Holy Spirit  
If only I would give it to you now

I need a new heart, trade you for one that's true,  
I need a new heart, I want to love you too.  
Pour Your light into me now, 'till there's nothing left  
but You,  
How I need a change, oh, how I need a change  
I need a new heart.



Dear Deacons,  
I cannot thank you enough  
for the wonderful gift bag!  
I know that everything in  
it will be very useful as I  
transition to UF. That was

so kind and thoughtful of you all and I'm so incredibly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Thanks again! Ryleigh Gladdin

FPC will soon be offering information and discussion sessions on "**Parenting and Discipleship in the Age of Social Media**". We invite anyone interested to join us as we look at the world of social media and the many challenges we face today as we navigate the complexities of identity, safety, and Christian discipleship.

If you have questions please contact Natasha Sudderth or Hannah Batten by calling the church office (629-7561).



# Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 28  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
in the FPC athletic field  
Family fun for all!!!

# fall festival

Trunk Contest + Costume Contest + Candy + Games + Prizes

## FPC Announcements and Events



### Church Women United World Community Day to be held Friday, November 2

Church Women United's World Community Day will be held at First Presbyterian on November 2, 2018. The theme is, "Reaching Toward Wholeness." All women are invited to join women from throughout Marion County at 9:30 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall for registration and fellowship, followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Natasha Suderth will be the speaker. Reminder to circles: each circle please provide one plate of finger, breakfast foods for our fellowship time and bring them to Fellowship Hall by 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

**Contact Gera Fleming at 629-6065 or [joegerafl@cox.net](mailto:joegerafl@cox.net) for information.**

REACHING FOR WHOLENESS



## SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

### October Stewardship Thought...

*A church that is alive needs the generous, sacrificial support of the people who love it. Only a dead church demands no sacrifice. Martin Luther once wrote, a church "that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing."*

**Deadline for the Spire is the second Tuesday of the month.  
Send to: [HQuinlan@FPCocala.org](mailto:HQuinlan@FPCocala.org)**



Join us every Wednesday night for a **Family Fellowship Dinner at 6:00** in the fellowship hall.

Bring a covered dish and gather for good food and fellowship and invite a friend. If you can bring a little extra, that wonderful! If you have dietary restrictions, we hope you will still join us and bring something for yourself. Each of us will pitch in and do what we can to make this weekly event a success; cook, clean, organize, spread the word, or bring members who cannot drive.



Most importantly bring your joy! What a gift it is to have time to sit together and get to know one another as fellow Disciples of Christ.



## First Presbyterian Church

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- If you did not include an email address or wish to make a change or upload a picture, please provide information to the church office.
- Church staff will be available Wednesday evening 6-6:30 and Thursday morning from 10:-10:30 to assist you. Bring your phones, laptops and questions to the church office for assistance.

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