



e-News

October 26th, 2022

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“Thank you to everyone who supported our Craft and Vendor Fair to make it such a successful day. Whether you donated items for the café, came and shopped, welcomed people to First Pres., served food, etc. it was all appreciated. An extra special thank you to Jodi and Lester for going above and beyond with set up and clean up duties.

- Kris Hayden”

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of healing for Pastor Bo’s dad who is now home from the hospital

Prayers of continued recovery for Rich Pool

Prayers of healing for Keith Farr

Prayers of healing for John Savage

Prayers of recovery for Mark Schneidewind after his recent surgery

Prayers of comfort for the Hayden family after the recent loss of Todd’s father

Prayers of health for Jen Gabl’s mom Joyce

Prayers of comfort for Mike and Sue Lee on the recent loss of Mike’s mother Marilyn

Prayers of recovery from the hurricane and healing following surgery for former long-time member Charles Richard (Dick) Pettigrew.

His address is 6452 Royal Woods Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33908

A Note From Our Micro-Pantry:

Did you know that just one can of soup with a pull top lid could help a person in need from hunger?

If you gave a small box of crackers with the soup it would be a treat.

And if you happened to bring a can of peaches with a pull top lid it would be a feast.

If each of us brought at least one non-perishable food item when we came to church and put it in one of the blue tubs (inside Western Ave entry or parking area entry in back) think of how many people could be helped.

What seems to be such a little thing can seem to be a treasure for someone in need.

Free Organ Lessons with Sarah By Appointment

Sarah Randolph is a retired music teacher who is offering FREE Organ lessons here at First Pres. No previous music experience is needed, you can even just try it out.

Check our website for more info!

TRUNK N TREAT! TONIGHT! *October 26th from 6 –7:30 pm*

Get your Halloween costumes on, grab a bag for candy, and come trick or treat through our parking lot full of costumed cars! In addition to the candy and costumes families can expect yummy food and even a petting zoo!

This is a free family event, all are invited!

BIBLE SUNDAY *October 30th*

Children and youths aged 4, in 3rd grade, or 6th grade will receive Bibles from First Pres. If you have a child/ children in these age groups reach out to the church office and we can make sure we have a Bible for them.

October 26th, 2022 **Stewardship Report**

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$306,398
Year to Date Expenses	\$360,767

Per Capita: \$40.00

You may text your gift to FPJ at (815)205-3044 or go online to use a credit card. You can give by mail, by online giving through our website using the “Give” tab, and through electronic giving.

Thank you for your generosity.

It's Trunk N Treat Day and the place is humming! Folks have told me how exciting tonight will be, and I'm looking forward to it.

This coming Sunday is Reformation Sunday, and we will be celebrating with churches around the world. Our Reformed Faith is rooted in Jesus through the Holy Scriptures and the Gospel Message passed from generation to generation. Presbyterians are in the center of the church's continual movement towards the Day of the Lord.

The Reformation Sunday's texts are Psalm 119:137-144, Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4:2, Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, and Luke 19:1-10. We will take another look at the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus. It's a familiar and favorite church school story and it has its own song! Is it possible that there are new ways for this event to speak in 2022? Come Sunday and discover at least one additional dimension of this ever deepening story.

BTW, there's still additional room in the Pastor's Sunday Morning Class. We meet at 9:15 or so and have the greatest of times in God's Word for 30 minutes. The time goes quickly, and we have a lively group. We are taking a closer look at the backgrounds and contexts of the Gospel Texts for each week. Hope to see you there.

Please remember and pray for our Junior High and High School Youths and their families. Be praying for the search committee to find God's person to minister to them. Also, pray to see if you would be willing to help in this ministry.

The Lord bless you,
Grace and Peace,
Pastor Roy



STARS OF HOPE

Is returning again this year! Keep an eye out for more info, the stars should be available soon.

Stars are 'wants' and 'needs' from kids in need in our community. Once you claim a star you go and purchase items from the list, bring them to First Pres, and then they are distributed through Morning Star Mission.

This has been a very successful mission each year. What an amazing way to spread God's love with those in need during a difficult time of year.



An old translation of Psalm 100:2 says :

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

I think about that verse quite often, especially when it comes to our church. As I said on Sunday, I believe that First Pres, as a church, is at its best when we are able to do the things that make this church this church! When we serve not just each other, but those around us we are at our best. When we are able to focus outside the walls of our church, we are at our best. This is more than just Trunk N Treat, this is more than the Micro Pantry, and so on, this is about us focusing on Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself.

I still believe and pray not just for our church, but for the church around the world, that we will never lose the heart of service and that God will give us opportunities to do that service. I want to encourage you to listen to your own call, and in the words of Isaiah : here I am Lord, send me!!!

What's happening at 805 Western this week:

- **Trunk N Treat is tonight-** pray for good weather and come out to greet, serve, and enjoy the trunks and everything going on tonight.
- Oasis Women's Ministry **Bingo Night is rescheduled** for Thursday November 3rd.
- The **food pantry is in need of some help.** You can donate non-perishables and drop them off as you come to worship on Sunday. Also if you can help with stocking the pantry one day, please let us know.
- Please reserve Nov 22nd for a **Community Thanksgiving Service.** More details to follow.

Blessings,
Bo Mircea

Halloween Masquerade Bingo Night

OASIS: Women's Ministry Event

HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 11/3

ALL OTHER DETAILS ARE THE SAME

November 3rd 6-8pm at Jameson's Pub

Costumes and/or masks are highly welcomed!
\$5 per person at the door
pizza, pop, dessert, a cash bar, and Halloween Bingo!
RSVP is appreciated, link is on our website