



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

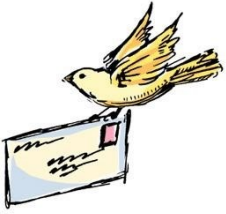


MARCH 2024 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	4 Craft & Fellowship 1:00 pm	5 Beach Bible Study 9:30 am FPC Bible Study 10:00 am	6 Prayer meeting 9:30 am Soup for the Soul 11:30 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Fellowship Supper 5:45 pm/ Potluck Choir 7pm	7 Christian Education meeting 10:30 am Finance committee meeting 3 pm	8	9
10 Daylight savings time begins Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	11 Craft & Fellowship 1:00 pm Mission Outreach meeting 3:30 pm	12 Beach Bible Study 9:30 am FPC Bible Study 10 am Administration meeting 4:00 pm Session meeting 5:30 pm	13 Prayer meeting 9:30 am Soup for the Soul 11:30 am Bible Study 4:30 pm Fellowship Supper 5:45 pm Choir 7 pm	14	15	16
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24 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am 31 Easter No Sunday School Worship 11 am	25 FUMC Holy Week Service 6:45 am Craft & Fellowship 1:00 pm	26 FUMC Holy Week Service 6:45 am Beach Bible Study 9:30 am FPC Bible Study 10:00 am	27 FUMC Holy Week Service 6:45 am Prayer meeting 9:30 am Soup for the Soul 11:30 am Cong. Care meeting 4:00 pm Bible Study 4:30 pm No Fellowship Supper Choir 7pm	28 FUMC Holy Week Service 6:45 am Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm	29 FUMC Holy Week Service 6:45 am	30



Notes and Reminders



To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your love, prayers, notes, cards, texts and phone calls during my stay in the hospital. It sure brightened up my days to have the love and support of my church family. I have been so blessed by you all!

Don, thank you so much for your visits and prayers. It really meant a lot to me. You are so good to visit and pray for your church members!

I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart!

In Christian Love,
Polly Kincaid



Easter lily order forms are available. Cost is \$15.00 per plant. *(The church is covering some of the cost this year. If you would like to cover the full amount of \$18.50, you are welcome to.)*

Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Easter Lily". Last date to order is Sunday, March 24, 2024.

March Birthdays

Dave Fraser—March 2

Shona Whiddon—March 3

Ron Poppell—March 6

Joanie MacNeill—March 13

Ashley Biddy—March 14

Janece Campbell—March 16

Carrie Albritton—March 18

Sheena Jenkins—March 19

Bob Lutz—March 19

Harley Smith—March 24

Vaughan Early—March 27

March Anniversaries

Alex & Kristie Lutz—March 6

Steve & Jennifer Caruso —March 25



Lent

February 14, 2024 through March 30, 2024

For us, Lent is a season of reflection on our own deep needs for God's redemption, as well as contemplation of the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. Lent is not just a time to give up something, but principally to give ourselves up to God anew as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sundays are not counted in the forty days before Easter that comprise the season of Lent. The reason is that Sunday is always the Lord's Day, the day of Resurrection, a "little Easter", and therefore a day of rejoicing, quite in contrast with the penitential mood of Lent. So, while we reckon the Sundays in Lent, they are not of Lent.

A journey across Haiti

Going back into the world



Cindy Corell

February 20



My new passport just arrived! And it's about to be filled.

As some of you already know, I sadly will not be able to return to my beloved Haiti any time soon. The political and security situation remain horrific.

Gang violence spills into just about every neighborhood in Port-au-Prince, and quickly more and more communities around the country are affected by threat of violence. A de facto prime minister continues in office though his mandate clearly has passed. The United Nations is on the brink of sending armed police led by Kenya to reinforce the beleaguered Haitian National Police.

But I serve as a global mission co-worker and after more than four years accompanying our Haitian partners from Virginia, I'm on my way in early summer to live in the Dominican Republic. I'll be much closer to our siblings in Haiti, and in fact, will be able to accompany many people of Haitian descent living in the D.R.

It's difficult for Haitians to live in Haiti – or anywhere. I'm eager to learn more about our Presbyterian partners in the Dominican Republic.

My work also is changing, though I still serve our Joining Hands network in Haiti, FONDAMA. In my new role as catalyst for food, hunger and agribusiness concerns, I will take what I have learned in 11 years in Haiti to explore and better understand similar issues regionally and globally.

Global Solidarity Network is the latest iteration of international Presbyterian Hunger Program work. It means examining root causes of hunger in several places – from other countries to similar issues in the United States.

It means walking with members' grassroots communities close to the land. From the land-grabbing that robs small stakeholder farmers from their ability to feed families in Haiti, Sri Lanka and Cameroon, to sugarcane workers in El Salvador who suffer because of the poisons applied to the large corporate agricultural fields where they work.

I will tell you the stories of these siblings. I hope to help you learn along with me as I go.

In about a month, I will travel for a short visit to San Salvador, El Salvador, and meet with leaders and farmers of RUMES, our Joining Hands network there. I also will be meeting members of the Central America Migration Mission Network as it kicks off!

When I began this journey, I called my blog Long Way Home. I knew it would be a meandering journey. I am excited to share that I'm back on the path. From my first home to a new home.

Please know that even in the excitement of new adventures, Haiti remains in my heart.

I am so grateful for all the ways you have supported me since 2013. Financially you have provided a way for me to learn and tell new stories. But prayerfully, you've held me close and made it all possible.

I ask for continued support and especially prayers as I navigate through the process of visas and where I'll settle and – perhaps most importantly – learn Spanish!

Oh, esto no es fácil! Pero qué emocionante!