

VBS Thank You

Children's Ministry would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers for the giving of your time this past week!! We would also like to thank all those who contributed to our "Back to School" mission in which we were able to fill 100 backpacks!! The backpacks will be given to Hope South Florida, The Pantry of Broward, Lauderhill Point, Angel Tree, Women in Distress and the remaining backpacks will be given to local public schools. Your generous donations certainly will put smiles on many of the children in our community!

Pebbles of Faith Women's Evening Bible Study

Join Pebbles of Faith Women's Bible study Tuesday, August 22! Potluck dinner at 6:00pm Room NC-219 (second floor of the Neumann Center at the end of the hallway) Contact Kim White: west_kim@bellsouth.net.

Christian Women Connect "Getting to Know You" Summer Fun Day

Join us on Thursday, August 17 at 10am in the Study and Renewal Center for a variety of summer fun activities. A mini coffee bar & sweets and muffins will be served! For information: LauraZ@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9312.

Haiti Donation Drive: August 27 – September 17

Our very own Sam McCawley, a Sophomore at Cardinal Gibbons High School, is seeking help for a community project that he initiated last year. Over 80% of the buildings in Southern Haiti were destroyed when Hurricane Matthew struck the island in October 2016. Recovery has been difficult, rebuilding has been very slow, and the community still has a tremendous need. Sam will have collection bins in the Harbor, the front office, the lobby of the Neumann Center, and the Choir Room.

Items needed include: Boys and Girls Sneakers, socks, toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc), backpacks, notebooks and notebook paper, soccer balls and other sports equipment.

Family Campus Now Closed for Renovations!

The Family Campus to the west of the Cottage is now closed for renovations. Please use the main lot on SE 15th Ave. during the week. On Sundays, the triangle lot on the corner of Tarpon Dr. and SE 4th St. and the lot across from the Hoch Center/Harbor on SE 15th Ave. will be available for parking. **Look for the big white sandwich board signs.** Looking forward to a safer, more secure and better lit parking/ activity area.

Sign up for AAC's Summer Lunch Bunch

Thursday, August 24: Kelly's Landing - New England Seafood (1305 SE 17th Street). Meet at the restaurant at 11:30am. Join us, this will be a fun day! RSVP: TriciaY@firstpres.cc or 954-598-9344. (Let us know if you would like to ride the church bus.)

Save the Date! Sunday, August 27: RALLY DAY 2017!

Welcome New Member!

Martin Meissner (Reaffirmation of Faith) Martin was introduced to FPC by Jennifer Dudas. Originally from Victoria, BC, he moved to Fort Lauderdale after 14 years in Chicago. Martin is passionate about vintage German cars.



Join us for fellowship dinners on Wednesday evenings during summer!

5pm – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. \$8 age 12-adult / \$4 ages 7-11 / kids under 6 eat free. Dinner Menu August 16: Grilled Stuffed Pork Chop. RSVP by noon Monday to Mona Petersen at 954-598-9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc.

Summer Movie Night: *The Case for Christ*

August 23 at 6:15pm in Fellowship Hall (following summer dinner)



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

SUMMER DINNER NIGHTS!

Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm
August 16 menu: Grilled Stuffed Pork Chops

MOVIE NIGHTS: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
"The Case for Christ" August 23

Divorce Care

13 week DivorceCare support group begins Wednesday, August 9th 6:30pm-8:30pm
Facilitated by Tricia and Ronnie Young Spanish Room
contact: triciay@firstpres.cc
This is for anybody who is separated or divorced.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Timothy 1 & 2 for Everyone

Sundays at 9:30am
Facilitated by Bill Cranshaw Room NC - 216

Beginning in September Parables, Aphorisms & Questions of Jesus

Sundays at 9:30am
Facilitated by Herb Clark and Paige Brody Chapel In The Sky

Get plugged in and connected!

Contact Mona Petersen,
Director Adult Christian Education & Small Groups
954.598.9345 / MonaP@firstpres.cc

TUESDAYS AM / PM

Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:45am
Room NC - 202 / Neumann Center Library

Pebbles of Faith Evening Women's Bible Study

"Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer
Fourth Tuesday of the month
Potluck dinner at 6:00pm with study and discussion to follow
Facilitated by Kim White Room NC - 219 (second floor of the Neumann Center at the end of the hallway)
Upcoming meeting dates:
August 22nd
September 26th

THURSDAY AM / PM

Christian Women Connect!

Thursdays at 10:00am
Study & Renewal Center
July 27: Mission Day - Gifts for the Homebound

August 3: Movie Day "The Shack"
August 10: Fellowship Lunch at Sage
August 17: Summer Fun Day - "Getting To Know You"

(We will not meet Aug 24 or 31)
September 7: Welcome Back Social

Men's Bible Study & Lunch

Facilitated by Eric Johnson
Thursdays at 12:00pm/noon
NC-202 / Neumann Center Library



11 AM

August 13, 2017
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! As a courtesy to others around you, please silence your cell phone. Nursery service is available in the Neumann Center for children aged 3 and younger. Ask an usher for assistance, if needed.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (to be read silently by each worshiper)
Gracious God, because You have claimed us as Your children, help us in these quiet moments to put aside all thoughts except those directed toward You. Help us to sense Your presence with us so that we may understand more clearly the reality of Your Lordship over us. Equip us to be Your faithful servants in Your world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ORGAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

NICHOLAS MERCHANT

Leader: "Trust in God with all your heart.

People: **And lean not on your own understanding.**

Leader: In all our ways let us acknowledge God.

People: **And God shall direct our paths."**

Leader: Let us all now worship God. *Proverbs 3: 5-6*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)

O God, You are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, Your creative hand is seen in all the world around us. You alone are God, and there is none like You in all the universe. You are full of love and compassion and forgiveness, and You alone deserve our complete adoration and praise. With humility we come to worship You, and sing praises to Your Holy Name. Although we are not worthy of Your presence, grant us the joy of knowing that You not only live among us, but also within us. We offer all our prayers to You in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us ask God to forgive us for whatever we have done that has offended God.

All: Merciful God, we acknowledge that we do not deserve Your forgiveness, but we pray for it. We admit that we have failed to live as You have taught us. We admit that we have not used Your gifts wisely, so that there are people in the world who are lonely, hungry, forgotten, neglected, displaced and dying. You have called us to be servants of Jesus Christ, but we have set limits on our availability. We have rationalized our actions, and we have at times been unfaithful to You and to each other. Now in mercy, once again forgive us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Be assured, do not doubt, Christ has promised complete forgiveness for everything we have done or failed to do for which we are sorry.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we do believe we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Amazing Grace”**

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

ANTHEM “My Tribute” JEANNELLE BENEK, *soprano*
– Andre Crouch

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (From the Confession of 1967)**

God has created human beings for a personal relation with Himself, that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female, and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations, and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

PASTORAL PRAYER TIMOTHY B. DOBBINS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Online giving is available by going to www.firstpres.cc, clicking the tab labeled GIVE, and following the prompts.

OFFERTORY “My Heart Ever Faithful” JEANNELLE BENEK, *soprano*
– J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 43-48

Please feel free to follow today’s scripture reading on your mobile device. To access WiFi go to fp_guest. Password: fp_guest (case sensitive)

SERMON

REV. DR. ROBERT W. BOHL

“You must be perfect!... are you kidding?”

***HYMN 417** “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” REGENT SQUARE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” SUSAN DODD, *organ*
– David Cherwien

WELCOME GUESTS!

- Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment outside the Neumann Center (across the street) after worship.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.
- For families with young children: in addition to the nursery in the Neumann Center (Room NC 120), we have a “crying room” located in the Spanish Room with a live stream of the service. (Also through the double doors at the front left side of the Sanctuary.)
- Our Summer Sunday School Schedule:
9:30 am: PreK3-kindergarten will remain with Sunday school in NC 127. Children 1st-5th grade are invited to attend worship with their parents
11 am: Children’s Chapel is held in Watts Chapel. Children ages 4 and up will join together in exploring their faith with a Sunday School lesson and fun Bible story activities.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY: Rev. Dr. Robert W. Bohl, *Temporary Supply Pastor*, Timothy B. Dobbins, *Pastoral Associate*, Nicholas Merchant, *Director of Youth Ministry*

PLEASE VISIT <http://firstpres.cc/about-us/staff/> for the full staff listing.

WORSHIP FLOWERS Please call 954-462-6200.

Available dates: August 20, August 27, September 3

THE PRAYER PAGER MINISTRY enables you to let someone know that you have just prayed for them. It is an easy, anonymous, and effective way of providing encouragement and comfort during a difficult time. Please call the church office if you, or someone you know, could use this means of caring support. This week, please pray for:

Michelle and John Pidgeon – call pager number 954-823-0115
Georgiana Schuldt – call pager number 954-823-0118

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

We offer breakfast in the St. Andrew’s Room every Sunday morning from 9:15 am – 11 am. So whatever service you attend – you can still join

us for a delicious, homemade breakfast before or after church. Come fellowship with friends, new and old! Cost is \$5 per person. No RSVP needed – first come, first served.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF PRAYER?

The prayer ministry team would like to pray with you. At the end of the service, come to the front of the church, and you will find a team member ready to pray with you. Prayer requests may be noted on the Connect Card inserted in your bulletin, then place it in the offering plate, and your prayer request will be added to our weekly prayer letter. If you would like to be a prayer warrior and pray for our church family and their needs, please let Tricia Young (TriciaY@firstpres.cc) know and you will be added to receive the weekly prayer letter.

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Vanessa Ouellette	8/13	*Jane Grieger	8/17
Ruthanne Reiss	8/13	Beth Smoker Priest	8/17
*Sally Farquhar	8/14	Sam Stark	8/17
Matt Ferrelli	8/14	Marti Staton	8/17
Peter Grimm	8/14	Susie Williams	8/17
Jane Nigrelli	8/14	Greg Cookson	8/18
Carol White	8/14	Doreen Haynie	8/18
Jessica Wynn	8/14	Yoly MacDonald	8/18
Kathy Craven	8/15	*Marilyn Serslev	8/18
*Lou Merchant	8/15	Chris Walsh	8/18
Terry Mularkey	8/15	*Norma Callaghan	8/19
Kay Anselmo	8/16	Paul Coan	8/19
Carolina Berger	8/16	Steve Emberlin	8/19
*Dot Cobb	8/16	Shelley Hartman	8/19
Jim Flavell	8/16	Julia Lane	8/19
*JoEllen Glade	8/16	Kitty Nichols-Hope	8/19
Patricia Haag	8/16	Alex Upp	8/19
Sheri Bland	8/17	Marge Visscher	8/19
Maureen Fengler	8/17	*Member - Endowment Birthday Club	

Newest Members of the Endowment Fund Birthday Club Jan – Aug:

Richard Owen 1/30 Dee Gallo 8/1

Fund total to date: \$11,249

Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The earnings will benefit youth activities. It is a fun way to count the blessings of life! *Simply designate “Birthday Club” on a check or join online at www.firstpres.cc/GIVE and designate in the box marked “Other”.*

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

New Member Orientation:

Become a member of our First Pres family **TODAY** at 12pm (for approximately 30 minutes) in the Binger Conference Room, S-114 (1st floor of the church building, in the Apostles hallway).

Churchwide Final Beach Night – TONIGHT!

All are invited to enjoy a cookout, our beautiful summer evenings, and great Christian fellowship sponsored by Children’s Ministry **TONIGHT** from 6-8 pm next to the old Yankee Clipper, right by the volleyball courts. We will serve all you can eat hamburgers, hotdogs, and sodas. If you would like to bring something here is our suggestion: If your last name begins with A-H: salad, I-P: side, Q-Z, dessert. See you there!