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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM AND 1:30PM—5:00PM, Monday—Friday



Dear Dear Friends,

I am excited to share with you and offer my appreciation for your support in the completion of my Spring 2018 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program.

For the last five months, I've spend 30 hours a week at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) as a chaplain intern, working towards my CPE Unit I certification. This was a distinct honor. I am grateful to the hospital and my family for allowing me to take this time to explore pastoral care. Learning active listening skills and how to be a compassionate presence for others has been life changing.

This 400-hour certification program is a requirement of PC(USA) ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. With its completion, I can now focus on taking the the Bible Content Exam and the Ordination exams, four exams that focus on denomination knowledge and biblical interpretation. I ask for your prayers as I work towards this next set of goals on my path towards ordination.

Each day, I receive affirmations that God has a plan, not just for me, but for all of us. I've sent this short message to you to say you have been part of those affirmations for me, and I am thankful for you.

Blessings,
Erin B. Rosica, MDiv

Interested in What's Happening at the
223rd General Assembly?

Below are two links that you may like.

Program Docket:

https://issuu.com/pcusa_oqa/docs/ga223_program_book?e=33600028/61883947

News email sign and overview page:

<https://ga-pcusa.org/#Anchor-EmailSignup>

Wednesday, June 20, is World Refugee Day

First Presbyterian Church will host a community prayer vigil at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will pray for all refugees and especially for immigrant families at the U.S. border. In keeping with a recent change in policy, immigrant parents are now being arrested and their children are being taken from them and sent to mass detention centers.

I am appealing to the First Church community to attend. If you can serve as an usher or greeter, please e-mail the church office at office@oldfirstchurch.org.

Brant Copeland



Summer Fun - Youth Event

Thursday, June 28, 2018

This is a day-long event - more information will be emailed to you. But, mark your calendars for a day of fellowship together.

Growth and Change in our Church School Program

With the growth of class sizes in our preschool and elementary aged classes, and with the excitement of parents and teachers about some new ways to provide Christian faith formation for our church's children, we are looking for a few new volunteers to either teach or act as an assistant in our preschool and elementary classes. If you are interested, or have ideas about who might be wonderful in a teaching or supportive role, please contact christy@oldfirstchurch.org. There will be a training session on Sunday, August 5 from 9-10:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided. The commitment is primarily once-a-month. Good co-workers and friendly environment.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Fall Gathering

**Sunday August 26th at 3:30 pm
in the Westminster Room**

**The Reverend Dr. Pamela King Phillips
will introduce our new Bible Study
*God's Promise: I am with You***

**This is a wonderful occasion for all the circles to
meet together after the summer hiatus.**

**Members will receive their new study books and
directories. Circles will make plans for their first
meeting. Child care will be provided.**

**We are asking all who are able to come to bring a few
school supplies for our**

First Presbyterian Preschool.

The following are suggestions:

- 1. Fiskars 5" children's scissors, blunt or pointed**
- 2. Colored Construction Paper**
- 3. Decorative Foam Stickers**
- 4. Glue sticks**
- 5. Children's washable colored markers**
- 6. Sharpie markers for the teachers**
- 7. Printer Paper**
- 8. Play Dough**
- 9. Boxes of Kleenex**

COME JOIN US!!!!



**YOU CAN STILL GET YOUR PHOTOS TAKEN
FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

**Photographers will be available in the
Westminster Room on
Friday, July 13 (1pm – 7pm) and
Saturday, July 14 (noon – 5pm)**

There are 3 ways you may sign up:
See Ann Del Rossi after church the next few Sundays;
Email Ann at adelrossi@fsu.edu; or
Call Ann at 850/566- 7995

Those who get their photo taken will get a free 8x10
picture and a hard-copy of the directory. If you are
not available on these dates but would like your
picture in the directory, you may email a photo to
adelrossi@fsu.edu.



Lectionary Readings

**June 24, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20
Or
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41**

Lectionary Readings

**July 1, 2018
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43**



Food First Sunday

July 1, 2018

(a week from this Sunday)



Mark your calendars now to bring a bag of nonperishable items with you to worship on that day and leave it in the narthex. The clients who are served by ECHO will be grateful for your generosity during this hot month of July.

Here are some suggested items you may include in your bag: peanut butter; canned tuna, canned vegetables or fruit; boxed mac and cheese; cereal; soups.



Dogwood Acres Church Family Retreat

September 28-30, 2018

Young or old, mark your calendars for our Fall Church Family Retreat! Last year we filled the camp to the brim with folks from age 2-92! Really!! This year we hope to have more time for fun, relaxation, enjoyment of God's good creation and one another's company.

Go to

<http://www.dogwoodacres.org/summer-camp/>

and see the weeks and availability for our Presbytery's camp. Christy Williams and Brant Copeland will be the chaplains at the camp from July 8-13, 2018. Our Middle School youth will be attending camp that week as will several of our elementary school children. Join the fun and register your child or grandchild this week!



**First
Presbyterian
Church
delivers
Meals on
Wheels
July 4, 2018**



A number of faithful members signed up yesterday after worship to deliver meals or to work in the kitchen at Elder Care Services on July 4. Others of you will have an opportunity to add your names to this list of volunteers this Sunday, June 24. You may opt to drive a route or to be a navigator beside the driver by signing up in the courtyard following worship. There are enough kitchen helpers. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend worship but would like to participate in this service project, please call Walter or Marian Moore at 877-1609. Kitchen assistants are asked to be at Elder Care Services from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Drivers and navigators will be on their routes from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, approximately.

Elder Care Services is located at 2518 W. Tennessee Street.

Thank you, on behalf of these frail, elderly neighbors, for spending part of your Independence Day by bringing some food and joy into their lives.



Schedule for Summer Newsletters

July 2

July 16 July 30

Resume weekly publication August 6

Please plan your submissions for publication in the newsletter accordingly. Although the deadline for submission of an article is **noon** on the publication date, you may always submit earlier; just specify the date or dates you wish the article to appear.

The next newsletter will be published July 2.

Submit items for publication to: newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org

If you are a high school junior or senior who loves Dogwood Acres and would like a chance to earn some money this summer, check out the resource counselor position at the DWA website. You can choose your week(s) to work...work as many or as few weeks as you want....and you will be paid \$100 per week!

This is a new position this year.

For more information contact Ben Powell, DWA camp director, at 850-528-3575.

First Presbyterian Church Calendar for June 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Sunday Schedule	10:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens	Education Building	Care for children last through the worship hour
	10:45 a.m.	Lord's Day Service	Sanctuary	All are welcome
	10:00 a.m.	Choir Practice	FPC Choir Room	Summer Schedule



MEAL MINISTRY



Our meal team provides meals for members and their families during times of celebration and challenge. Please know that special dietary needs are not a problem as long as we know about them! Let us know if you are aware of any situation where a meal would be welcome. We use the Lotsa Helping Hands website to coordinate most meal requests, and you can access that through the First Presbyterian home page. The Lotsa Helping Hands website is password-protected, meaning we cannot simply forward a link to the meal calendar. We chose this option for the privacy of members of the congregation. This means you need a user name and password for both the church website and the Lotsa Helping Hands website. However, once you have created your user name and logged on, you will get email notifications about meal needs.

If your email address has changed it is a good idea to visit the Lotsa Helping Hands website to make sure we are using your most current information. For assistance with any problems, or for more information about the meal ministry, please contact Barbara Busharis (bbusharis@hotmail.com).

Summer Childcare at FPC on Sunday Mornings

Our nursery and preschool rooms are staffed by childcare providers from the Heavenly Helpers Agency. These childcare professionals are background checked and trained in infant/child first aid and CPR. They are present in both rooms from 10:00 a.m. – Noon each Sunday.

Main Floor Nursery: Our nursery is for infants and toddlers up to two years old. Parents can drop children off beginning at 10:00 a.m. and children will be cared for through the worship hour. There is a sign in sheet for parents to list who will be picking their child up, an emergency phone number and any particular needs the child may have while in the church's care. Children should come with a bottle or sippy cup, preferred snack and diapers. Diaper wipes and additional snacks are available.

Preschool Care: Beginning at age two, children go to the third floor preschool room. Drop-off begins at 10:00 a.m. and children are cared for through the worship hour. There is a sign in sheet for parents. Snacks are provided.