The Summer Choir meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Choir Room. All are welcome to sing. Bring the family! Contact Judy Arthur or the church office for more information, or just arrive on Sunday at 10:00. No midweek rehearsals, no vestments.
The Session met last week with Reverend Sheldon Steen, the moderator appointed by the Presbytery of Florida to assist as we search for an Interim Pastor, attend to pastoral needs of the congregation, and continue the important ministries of our church.

At the meeting, the Session elected an Interim Pastor Search Committee that will begin its work this week. The seven members of the Committee are: Jane Atkinson, Donna Barber, Carolyn Bradley, Barbara Busharis, Robyn Stevenson, David Strange, and Peggy West. Linda Shelley will work with the Committee as our congregation’s liaison with Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry. Please pray for and support our Search Committee as it begins this critical work for the congregation.

The Session also addressed how it will provide pastoral care to the congregation this summer. We will provide this information to the congregation soon.

You also may be interested in the Personnel Team’s plans—pending arrival of an Interim Pastor—for managing and supporting staff. The team:
- Met with Pastor Margaret Fox just before she departed Tallahassee.
- Met with Christy, Jim, and Lori last Friday and will follow up next week to hear individual perspectives and concerns.
- Will share its conclusions and important takeaways with the Session.

In the absence of a head of staff, members of the Personnel Team will take turns each week: (1) staying in touch with staff by phone and in-person, (2) providing management support, (3) being “on call” to hear questions, concerns, and needs, and (4) serving as a liaison between staff and the Session.
What better way to spend a summer afternoon than READING A BOOK!!

On August 25 we will meet to discuss, *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan. This is the story of C.S. Lewis’ wife, Joy Davidman, also a writer and poet. It is a love story (maybe a little lighter summer fare than we are used to) but we will find many things to discuss about this writer and independent thinker in a time when that was not well accepted by the culture. We will also learn more about C.S. Lewis, theologian and author of many books including the beloved Narnia series.

Christy Williams currently has two books to lend out at the church and hopes to get a few more. Let her know if you need one. With the amount of time we have, we may be able to pass a few copies around before our Book Group on August 25.
Did you know... We have two separate prayer ministries, and invite you to participate in either, or both. You are not limited to asking for prayers for yourself, but when the prayer requests involves another individual, please get permission from the person concerned before submitting his or her name.

To have a prayer concern read aloud during worship, please call the office during the week (850-222-4504), and Lori will ensure that your request is relayed to both our pastoral care team and the Care and Outreach Team. You may also indicate whether the request should be repeated from week to week.

In addition to prayers read during worship, you can contact Debbie Gibson (gibsond1207@gmail.com) to be placed on a list shared with a group that has covenanted to pray for specific requests. Once Debbie knows of a need, it will be relayed to the prayer chain for the volunteers in that ministry to hold up the specific concerns or celebrations in prayer for as long as is needed.

Prayers requested through Debbie will not be read during worship unless you ask for that to happen as well.
Due to a change in Florida law, Supervisor of Elections Mark S. Earley is contacting some voters by mail asking for information missing from your voter registration record. This is not junk mail!

According to the Supervisor's website, there is no deadline for submission of the information, but your Healing Racism Task Force wants to encourage you to comply. It is important to make sure that our Supervisor of Elections office is not vulnerable to unfounded allegations of fraud or voting irregularities, and it is always important to protect your right to vote.

Fill out the back of your letter and mail it or drop it off at one of the Supervisor of Elections offices.

OR

Go to RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov

OR

Call the helpful employees at the Supervisor Elections office at (850) 606-8683.

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Christy will serve as substitute summer camp executive director at Dogwood Acres, our Presbytery Camp, this week (June 26-July 1) and July 10-15, 2022.

While away, Christy will check her email, so don’t hesitate to contact her: christy@oldfirstchurch.org

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Gifts can be made online, by calling (800) 872-3283, by texting PDAUKR to 41444, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with "DR000156-Ukraine" on the memo line.

Mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
Summer Nursery and Preschool Childcare

10:00 a.m. – the end of worship

- Infants and children up to three years old – main floor nursery
- Three – Pre-K children – third floor preschool classroom

The Twinkle Toes Agency staffs both rooms. All our sitters are CPR/First Aid trained and have had a full background screening. There are two sitters in each room. Please don’t hesitate to contact christy@oldfirstchurch.org if you have questions about our summer childcare.

July 11 and 25
Resume weekly publication
August 1
The newsletter is prepared on Mondays, including those Mondays that fall on holidays. Please submit items for publication to: newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org no later than noon on production Mondays.

Presbytery of Florida produces a monthly electronic newsletter that you may access using this link: Panhandle Presbyterian
Holy scripture teaches us that God created humankind in God’s own image. Christ calls us to love God, with all our mind, soul, and heart, and our neighbor as ourselves. With this comes the sacred responsibility to treat each human being with the love and respect due to a child of God.

We acknowledge the long history of systemic racism that, through violence, laws, policies, and their implementation, was intended to exclude persons who are not Caucasian from benefits and opportunities - from the first European settlers who considered themselves entitled to land and violently displaced indigenous people from their homes, to the equally long history of slavery which built the wealth of this country, to Jim Crow laws to current instances of police brutality and the overwhelming mass incarceration of people of color.

We declare ourselves utterly opposed to all forms of systemic racism. We are committed to standing with those who find themselves on the receiving end of any form of racism. We will seek out opportunities to oppose all forms of systematic racism and to ensure that black lives matter, as do those of indigenous, Asian, and Latinx people and persons of all colors or countries of origin.

Our faith tells us that we can do no less, if we truly affirm that all human beings are made in God’s image.

We dream of a day in which all persons are treated as bearers of that image.
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- **Evening:** Pss. 138; 98
  - Josh. 6:1–14
  - Rom. 13:1–7
  - Matt. 26:26–35

**Sunday, July 17**
- **Morning:** Pss. 19; 150
- **Evening:** Pss. 81; 113
  - Josh. 6:15–27
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- **Morning:** Pss. 135; 145
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  - Matt. 26:36–46

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- **Morning:** Pss. 123; 146
- **Evening:** Pss. 30; 86
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  - Matt. 26:47–56

**Wednesday, July 20**
- **Morning:** Pss. 15; 147:1–11
- **Evening:** Pss. 48; 4
  - Josh. 8:30–35
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- **Morning:** Pss. 36; 147:12–20
- **Evening:** Pss. 80; 27
  - Josh. 9:3–21
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**Friday, July 22**
- **Morning:** Pss. 130; 148
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**Saturday, July 23**
- **Morning:** Pss. 56; 149
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  - Josh. 23:1–16
  - Rom. 15:25–33
  - Matt. 27:11–23

**Sunday, July 24**
- **Morning:** Pss. 67; 150
- **Evening:** Pss. 46; 93
  - Josh. 24:1–15
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  - Mark 2:23–28

**Monday, July 25**
- **Morning:** Pss. 57; 145
- **Evening:** Pss. 85; 47
  - Josh. 24:16–33
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**Tuesday, July 26**
- **Morning:** Pss. 54; 146
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  - Judg. 2:1–5, 11–23
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  - Matt. 27:32–44

**Wednesday, July 27**
- **Morning:** Pss. 65; 147:1–11
- **Evening:** Pss. 125; 91
  - Josh. 3:12–30
  - Acts 1:1–14
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- **Morning:** Pss. 143; 147:12–20
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**Friday, July 29**
- **Morning:** Pss. 88; 148
- **Evening:** Pss. 6; 20
  - Judg. 5:1–18
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  - Josh. 5:19–31
  - Acts 2:22–36
  - Matt. 28:11–20

**Sunday, July 31**
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  - Judg. 6:1–24
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  - Mark 3:20–30

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