



*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.*
-Isaiah 9:2

Dear friends,

This year, so unsettled in the world, our nation, and in our own hearts leaves me longing for Advent, this season carved both by memory and by hope, in which we rejoice at the fulfillment of ancient promises, even as we long for the fullness of God's reign. Advent's rich and fertile invitation is to welcome light into the darkness. To that end, I offer you a poem by Jan Richardson.

How the Light Comes

*I cannot tell you
how the light comes.*

*What I know
is that it is more ancient
than imagining.*

*That it travels
across an astounding expanse to reach us.*

*That it loves
searching out
what is hidden,
what is lost,
what is forgotten
or in peril
or in pain.*

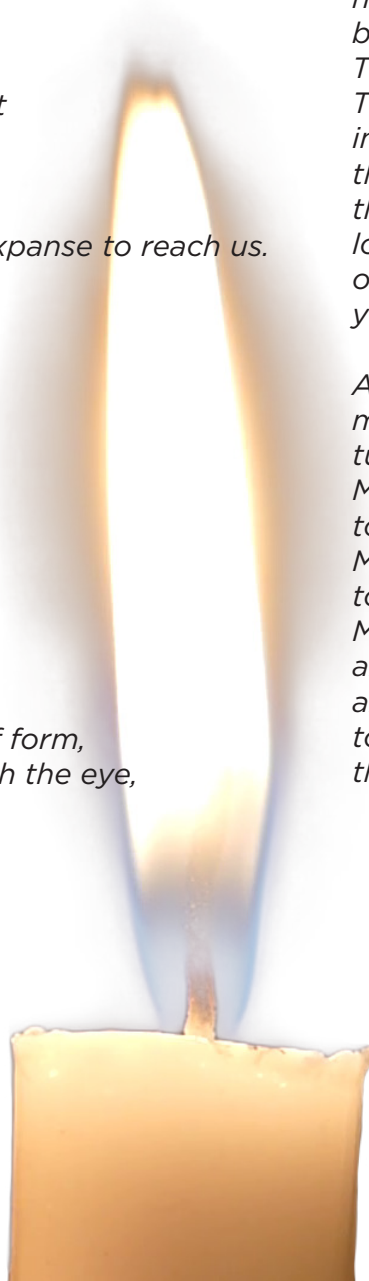
*That it has a fondness
for the body,
for finding its way
toward flesh,
for tracing the edges of form,
for shining forth through the eye,
the hand,
the heart.*

*I cannot tell you
how the light comes
but that it does.
That it will.
That it works its way
into the deepest dark
that enfolds you,
though it may seem
long ages in coming
or arrive in a shape
you did not foresee.*

*And so
may we this day
turn ourselves toward it.
May we lift our faces
to let it find us.
May we bend our bodies
to follow the arc it makes.
May we open
and open more
and open still
to the blessed light
that comes.*

Grace and peace,

Margaret



• **Update on Our Stewardship 2021 Campaign**

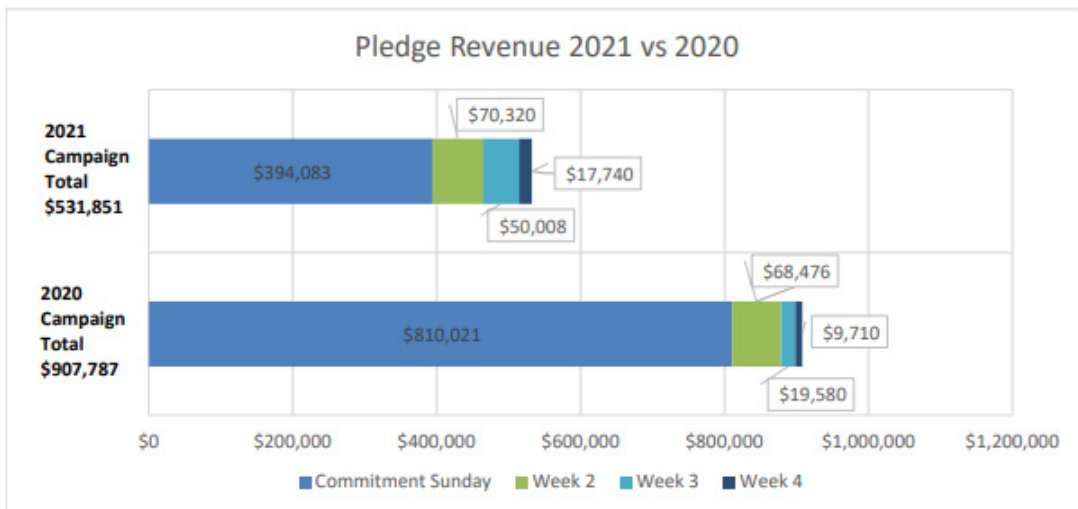
by Craig Gesell, Carol Papa and Margaret Torrence



Not being together to physically distribute pledge cards and bring our pledge offering to the table on Dedication Sunday has meant that we have gotten off to a slow start with the campaign. We understand that the postal service is still catching up with deliveries of bulk mail following the election, and many of you still have not received your stewardship packets! If that is the case for your household, please let us know by calling the church office at 941-955-8119.

As of November 23, we have collected about 60% of the pledges we had at this time last year. But as we have begun to make follow-up calls, so many of you have been quick in your promise to respond. We are much encouraged by those calls, and also grateful to those of you who led the way for us by getting your pledges in early.

Below is a graphical representation of 2021 pledge receipts as compared to 2020 through the first four weeks of the respective campaigns. Knowing that some of you have been financially impacted by the ongoing pandemic, our Session has already committed to reducing our expenses for the coming year by 7%. Know that we will use each dollar wisely to continue the important missions and ministries of our church.



We have significant ground to cover in order to support the vital ministries of First Presbyterian. We will keep you apprised of progress through our News at First emails. Pledges can be made online, or by calling our Finance Manager, Lisa Garcia, at (941) 955-8119. Thank you for being the Church of Jesus Christ, through whom all things are possible!

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- **Respecting Each Other's Needs During a Pandemic - Re-opening Survey Results**

by elders, Dave Gulliver, Lisa Saba and Kay Steinman

To all of you, thank you for your responses to the recent congregational survey regarding the re-opening of our campus for in-person events. We had approximately 150 responses and the Session has been in the process of analyzing and discussing your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. As you would expect during this uncertain time, the results from the survey covered a wide spectrum of options to consider as we point toward re-opening.

Perhaps most importantly, responses were nearly evenly divided for the question on what factors will influence your decision on returning to in-person worship. We carefully reviewed every response, and 50 people said they would not return unless the virus is much more under control than it is now, while 42 people said they would return with mandatory mask-wearing and social distancing. Seventeen respondents felt it was safe to re-open with no safety measures in place, and 30 responses were unclear. So, as you can see, the Session and the Re-Opening Task Force have a tough job ahead as we try to meet the needs of our entire congregation.

Also, thank you for your thoughtful suggestions about ways to improve our online worship experience. While many are very satisfied with our current online worship experience, we appreciate the helpful suggestions we received from others that will allow us to enhance the appeal of our online offerings. The Session and staff will continue to study these results and look for ways to implement your recommendations.

Additionally, your alternative ideas regarding re-opening and also expanding our online offerings were most helpful. Many of you suggested outdoor worship as we move into the cooler months in Sarasota. Other ideas regarding ways to expand our online experience through additional classes, Bible studies and fellowship times were valuable. The Session and staff will look for ways to accomplish some of these suggestions.

For now, with infections continuing to rise in our area, we will worship online on Sunday mornings; but supplement recorded services with occasional in-person gatherings for worship and fellowship, with safety precautions in place. Our All Saints service in the sanctuary (on November 1) was well received. Watch for additional opportunities to gather safely during the upcoming Advent season, beginning on November 29.

We are all in this together is one of our favorite sayings in this congregation. We continue to welcome your input as we seek the best direction on how to engage each and every child of God in meaningful, purposeful worship. We continue to request your prayers for God's guidance as we seek ways to meet the wide variety of needs among our members. And we continue to ask for your support and encouragement as we work through this challenging time hand-in-hand as members of the one body of Christ.



• Advent/Christmas Activities

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

All ages are invited to gather in front of the fellowship hall to sing Christmas carols at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20**. For Christmas caroling, we encourage everyone to purchase a special singer's mask, available at numerous online sites. Because of rising COVID rates, we ask that everyone remain masked during our time of caroling.



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY SERVICE

This Christmas is going to be a lot different from what we are used to! We might not be able to celebrate with friends and family and our wider community in the ways that we always have. But, as the Mother Superior from *The Sound of Music* says, "When the Lord closes a door, he opens a window." This year's telling of the Nativity Story is OUR open window!

We are calling on all First Presbyterian families to participate in this year's pre-recorded Nativity Story to be shared at our **interactive and participatory Zoom-style Christmas Eve service** at 4:00 p.m. (<https://zoom.us/j/92931175482?pwd=RitMeEFUcDZGd2NBcGgzTzA0ZkdCZz09>). If you miss the live service a recording of it will be available through the church website.



It's a COVID Christmas, Charlie Brown!

CHRISTMAS EVE - CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Our traditional candlelight and communion service will be available online starting at 5:30 p.m. (<https://firstpressarasota.org/worship/worship-live/>) Look forward to a string quartet and singers to be a part of this beautiful service.



• ***Growing Strong Together***

First Presbyterian Preschool is so grateful to our generous congregation and preschool families! Thanks to you we are already over halfway to our GROW STRONG fundraising goal of \$50,000.

Custom Air & Plumbing Inc., Michael & Jamie Bressan, Patty & Steve Largo, Marilyn Manzer, The Family of Delaney Fish, Julie & Larry Easa, Kristie Skoglund, Julie Kindelan, Jean Emery, Cynthia & Alfredo Ordonez, Shane & Brigid Saah, Mauren & Rich Dubee, Beth & Steve Horn, Rod & Judy Rhoades, Preschool Graduate, The Turek Family, Corey & Rachel Williamson, Emily & Todd Weitekamp, Drs. Jack & Susan McDonald, Mrs. Marica W. Kleinschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Householder, Kent & Joanne Simons, Nichole Niffenegger, The Hart Family, Elyse Manzer, Jason & Leigh Hughes, Kelly & Chris Mangino, Jessica & Ryan Featherstone, Candy & Jay Swick, Dick Wigton, Jim & Bobby Dean, Saramana, Mick Dean, Richard Clapp, Dee & Charles Stottlemeyer, Jim & Elaine Barnett, Jinny & Ron Miller, Pat Woody, Jim & Dorothy Murphy, Barbara E. Epperson, Merle & George Chorba, Michael B Brown, PA, Jean & Bill Fulton, In Memory of Vicki Fry, Scott & Janice McLoed, Craig & Ellen Gesell, Karen Turner, Bob & Diane Bittner, Nancy Lindsley, Elizabeth Hastings, Katherine M. Werner, Kathy Herron, Alan & Fran Lawrence, Rev. Julio Travieso, Brian and Lois Bowen, Kenneth and Marsha Fischl, Harriette & Phil Humphreys, Beth Ann McFadyen - Boyer, Dwight & Donna Ferguson, A. Lamar & Janet Synder Matthews, Kitty Werner, Dr. Margaret E. Towner, Karen & Ted Eastmoore, Linda & Alan Nelson, Dunlap and Moran, PA. A donation was made in honor of the 2020 First Presbyterian Preschool Teachers & Staff: Andrea Bailey, Clare Carter, Lydia Chapdelain, Sue Cole, Candace Ferguson, Chris Ganert, Lisa Garcia, Beth Horn, Nancy Pagano, Janine Taber, Jenn Villaveces

Growing Strong Since 1947



• **Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America**

submitted by Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse

Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America (EHE) is a bold plan that aims to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030. EHE is the operational plan developed by agencies across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to pursue that goal.

In its first phase, the initiative is focusing on areas where HIV transmission occurs most frequently (Florida being one of the areas), providing 57 geographic focus areas with a rapid infusion of additional resources, expertise, and technology to develop and implement locally tailored EHE plans.

Thanks to advances in antiretroviral therapy, the medicine used to treat HIV, individuals with HIV who take their medicine as prescribed and, as a result, maintain an undetectable viral load can live long, healthy lives and have effectively no risk of sexually transmitting HIV to a partner.

Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a daily regimen of two oral antiretroviral drugs in a single pill, has proven to be highly effective in preventing HIV infection for individuals at high risk, reducing the risk of acquiring HIV by up to 97 percent.

Key Strategies

Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America focuses on four key strategies that, implemented together, can end the HIV epidemic in the U.S.: **Diagnose, Treat, Prevent, and Respond.**

- Diagnose** all people with HIV as early as possible.
- Treat** people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.
- Prevent** new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).
- Respond** quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.

Here in Sarasota, we are fortunate to have CAN Community Health, a not-for-profit organization offering compassionate treatment and trusted care to those living with HIV, Hepatitis C, STDs and other diseases. They also offer psychological and lifestyle counseling. You can learn more about them at cancommunityhealth.org.

Taken from www.cdc.gov/hiv



• **FPC Blood Drive**

The next blood drive is **Sunday, December 6**, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contact Cheryl Track, 4tracks@comcast.net to reserve your spot.

• **Good News of Great Joy Christmas Joy Offering**

The PC(USA) offers you the chance to bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Your gifts to this special offering will be distributed to retired ministers and missionaries in need and our Presbyterian racial-ethnic colleges. We will be receiving the Joy Offering on **Sunday, December 20**.





With Faith in God, SURE Forges Ahead

*by Dorothy Murphy
SURE Team Leader*

Answers to Some Questions

The SURE network members of First Presbyterian are resolved as SURE continues with steady action in Sarasota. We share this unity of purpose with 23 other Sarasota congregations.

Our research teams of Affordable Housing, Restorative Justice (now in a monitoring position), and Criminal Justice understand the problems which have been addressed. We have identified possible solutions and have analyzed information and data. We seek hard data, facts, and answers, not just opinions. Who has the ability to implement these solutions? What would it take? What would it cost? Meetings via Zoom continue to be taking place with elected officials. This takes time and effort. Fortunately, there are two SURE staff organizers, and 23 congregations involved with this fact-finding.

We strive for Sarasota to be a place where people can afford housing in the city they work in. Our children deserve an enlightened school system that uses expulsion only as a last resort. We believe juveniles and adults who make unfortunate mistakes by committing misdemeanors should not be branded for life with an arrest record.

This call to action is not easy. But we answer Micah 6:8, what the Lord requires from each of us: *To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.*

SURE is not a political entity. We never support particular candidates or officials. We do not take any government monies. Under the partnership with DART (Direct Action and Research Training Center) and active statewide criminal justice groups, we take action with the goal of bringing needed change.

When we are asked, "How does SURE accomplish change?" The answer lies in the following annual timeline being faithfully followed, one that has been in practice the 23 years SURE has been in existence:

HOUSE LISTENING MEETINGS

Take place every September
(sacred conversations)

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY

Hearing house listening concerns
and voting to enact research agenda

RALLY

Prepare for Nehemiah Action

NEHEMIAH ACTION

1,000 SURE supporters in attendance
and officials make commitments

CELEBRATION

Commemorating accomplishments
and investing in our ministry

SURE's Accomplishments Over the Years

- Comprehensive Treatment Court funded to help those living on the streets with mental illness into housing and services rather than incarceration.
- Pushed the Sarasota County Transit Authority [SCAT] to extend bus service to Longboat Key so that lower income residents had access to jobs on the Key. Additionally, SURE got SCAT to extend the scheduled time of bus service so that second and third shift workers have access to public transportation.
- SURE worked with the Sheriff to Implement a comprehensive substance abuse rehabilitation program in the county jail in 2010.
- Juvenile Civil Citation Program. SURE, working with the statewide collaborative, ensured that the Juvenile Civil Citation program is not only in Sarasota County but is a statewide mandate.

Our research teams of Affordable Housing and Criminal Justice are organized and meeting regularly. The Restorative Practices (school expulsions) team is now in a monitoring position because the restorative practices program has been instituted in eight elementary schools. The Criminal Justice team is currently working with State Attorney Brodsky regarding a draft which hopefully will lead to an Adult Civil Citation mandate.

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With Faith in God, SURE Forges Ahead

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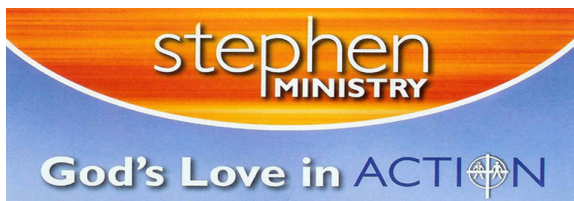
The Nehemiah Action will take place on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. CDC guidelines will be followed or it might be online. We will learn the decisions of elected officials. FPC's attendance goal for this event is a minimum of 125 people.

**Do not lag in zeal,
be ardent in spirit,
serve the Lord.** - Romans 12:11



• Presbyterian Women

This was a very special year for the Presbyterian Women as they elected not the usual one but instead voted to give this year's Life Membership to Co-Moderators: Pamela Lamb and Flossie Paul. These ladies have continuously worked very hard the last few years to see that the PW moved along smoothly, and we have been truly blessed with their dedication to this important organization.



The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry, by calling the church office (941-955-8119) to speak with Pastor Margaret LaMotte Torrence; Cheryl Track, Faith Community Nurse; or Steven Phillips, Director of Music Ministries and Congregational Care.

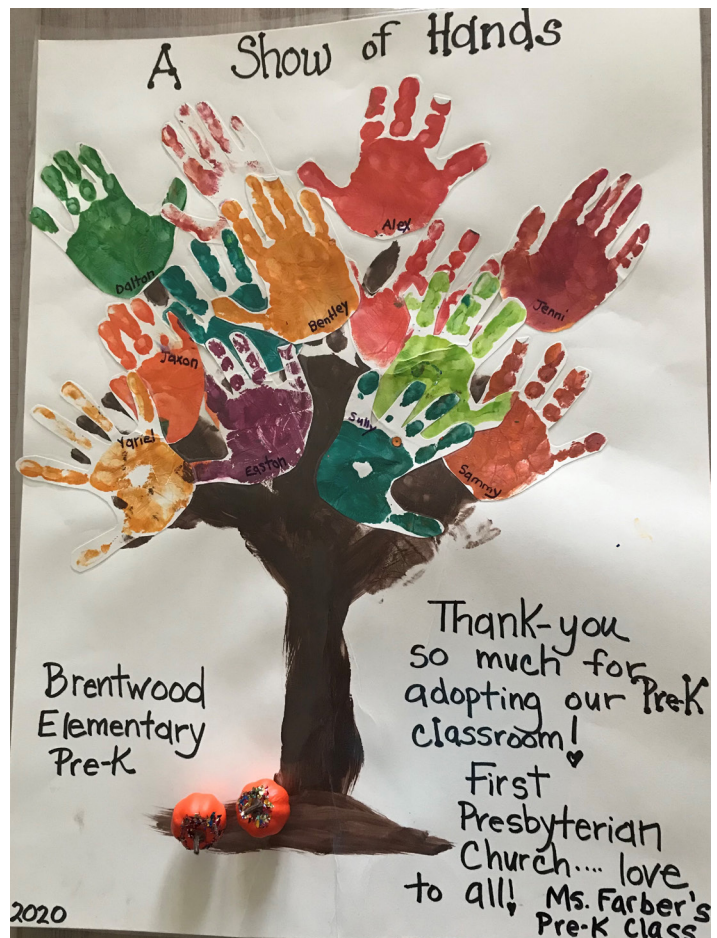


• There is Still a Bit of Time!

This is a gentle reminder to be sure to get your gift cards to the church office by Thursday, December 5 to bless Brentwood Elementary School students, their siblings (50 children in all) and parents. Please see the Blessing Tree details on page 9. Thank you for sharing with these families who need our love and help.

• Love Notes

Because of the generosity of some of our members, the FPC Invest in Children steering committee "adopted" two classrooms at Brentwood Elementary School this fall. Enjoy the poster we received from the preschool class and their teacher, Mrs. Farber:



First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota
presents our annual



Blessing Tree

Brightening Christmas for
Brentwood Elementary School
Students in need & their families



In the last several years our congregation has been extremely generous in providing thoughtful gifts for students in need from Brentwood Elementary school (BES), their siblings and parents. We have received stars from our Blessing Trees, shopped for gift suggestions received from the families, and celebrated together at a spectacular dinner in the FPC Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID-19, this year we have imagined a new possibility for expressing our love and care to these students and their families. We will still . . .

- **Provide gifts for BES students and their siblings** (fifty children total) from families in need—in the form of **two \$30 gift cards each!** (*Target or Walmart, suggested*)
- **Bless their parents with two \$50 grocery gift cards!** (*Publix, Winn-Dixie, Target or Walmart, suggested*)
- **Joyfully receive checks to support this project and Brentwood Elementary school—**made out to FPC with "BES Christmas" in the memo line.

Please deliver your gift cards and/or checks to the church office by December 5.

Your support is needed to reach our goal of one hundred \$30 gift cards for the children and forty \$50 gift cards for groceries for the whole family. Thank you in advance for your generosity. You will be a blessing for these families in need!



• **Lisa Garcia's 15th Anniversary at FPC!**



This December marks Lisa Garcia's 15th anniversary as FPC's Finance Manager. We are grateful for Lisa's long dedicated service to our church and its members. Lisa has an impeccable work ethic and integrity which she graciously offers. Her skill and

experience ensure that our church's finances are handled with the highest standards.

While Lisa's work may not be readily seen, her impact is great. Whether a church leader or other member of the congregation needs a financial report or one's own contribution details, Lisa is quick to respond with accuracy. She maintains confidential information and genuinely cares about each and every member. Most people are unaware of all that Lisa does. She oversees the counting and recording of contributions, payroll and payables. She provides the Business Affairs Committee and the Session with detailed monthly financial reports, prepares extensive documentation for the church's annual audit, and makes sure that our accounting practices are in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Lisa works closely with the Finance Ministry Team Chair and Treasurer for financial accounting and banking communications. Her work is also an integral part of the yearly Stewardship pledge campaign and budget preparation. In addition, she oversees the financial accounting of First Presbyterian Preschool.

Besides Lisa's many comptroller responsibilities, she contributes her creative talents as the editor / producer of our monthly *Cross Connections* newsletter. This publication has become especially vital for the church's communication during this unusual season of COVID when we are not able to have in-person worship services, classes and church-wide gatherings. Lisa shares the stories and images of our church life, as well as opportunities for worship, outreach and fellowship. You'll also see Lisa's handiwork in the beautiful, customized

pledge cards, membership directories, and Christmas and Easter floral dedication folders, among other special publications.



Lisa is the proud mom of her young adult children, John and Sydney. She has a soft spot in her heart for her dogs and cat and enjoys wildlife from her serene backyard lake view. Lisa is a loyal fitness queen—engaged in everything from demanding workouts to peaceful yoga sessions.



Lisa is a beloved colleague and friend to our church staff—and to all who know her. Be sure to tell Lisa how much you appreciate her on this special anniversary milestone in her life. You can email her at: Lgarcia@firstpressarasota.org or mail her a note to FPC, Lisa Garcia, 2050 Oak Street, Sarasota, FL 34237.

• **A Florida Christmas**

by Anna H. Bedford

So there I was, basting like a turkey, settling in for a slow steady snooze on the sand. Lulled by the rhythmic wash of waves, I was drifting into a doze, dreaming of a blazing hearth with a blizzard outside, when I felt a gentle nudge from a flip-flopped foot.

“What the--” I opened one eye and raised my shades a tad. Good Lord! The guy looked like Jesus, what with the light behind him and all. If you can picture Jesus wearing a towel and holding a surf board.

He nodded and shrugged. He’d read my mind! That made me sit up with a start!

“Maybe you were expecting Santa? You know—Ho, Ho, Ho, cottonwool beard, red cap, bowlful of jelly midriff—because it’s Christmas. But Santa vanishes December 26, and I made a promise: ‘I will be with you always.’ With a deal like that, I find it works best to fit in.”

“So--” I blurted out. “How come you’re visiting me here and now?”

“Well, as I said, it’s Christmas. Your custom is to give presents to your friends and family.”

“Oh, I’ve got that one taped,” I said. My family picks out what they want on Amazon. I just whip out the old credit card and let someone else do the card-writing, gift-wrapping, shipping and delivery. No worries!”

“So how come you buy stuff for friends and family who can buy stuff for you in return? I was pretty clear about that. If you want to buy a gift for someone, pick someone who needs it, someone who can never pay you back. Read the Book!”

“Remember how the three Rastafarian astrologers brought me lovely gifts when I was a baby? Wealthy and well-educated, they didn’t care that we were too poor to bribe the innkeeper into letting us sleep in his bed, so we ended up in a smelly stable. We couldn’t even stay there for long, but fled certain death to become refugees in Egypt. Even three years later it wasn’t safe to go back home, but we ended up in Nazareth where there was a lot of construction and my dad could get a job.”

“I get the picture, Lord. What can I give you?”

“You might check out your church newsletter for a start. You’ll find me there. In the Herald Trib, too.”

I passed him the suntan lotion. “Here, Lord, this is all I’ve got to offer right now.”

He smiled and sat beside me on the sand. Absent-mindedly, he began gently rubbing the lotion on my back...

“Oh, I get it,” I said.

“I think I’m starting to see how this giving thing works....”



- **All Saints Day** Sunday, November 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m.
Images of the Service of Remembrance
This service may be viewed online through the church's website.
(Photos courtesy of Carol Papa and Rachel Martin)



- **Hanging of the Greens** Sunday, November 22, 2020
(Photos courtesy of Michael Fingerle and Rachel Martin)



- **2021 Offering Envelopes**

2021 Offering Envelopes are here! If you are a regular user of envelopes we have ordered them for you, but please check with the office to make sure, before you make a trip. Since the cost of mailing the envelopes is expensive, we are asking that you come to the church to pick them up. **They will be available in the parlor at any event we are having at the church during Advent or you can come to the church Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. starting December 7 through December 18.** Please call the church office (941) 955-8119 X101 to let us know you are coming.

• **Birthdays**

1	Evan Eastmoore	14	Ginny Haydon	29	Velma Allen
	Jill Cardinal		Sindy Burggraf		Landon Cook
	Drew Stuart		Tracey Beeker		Kathy Pedicini
	Trisha Dempsey		Michelle Fantauzzo		Bliss Rippy
	Joe Davis	15	T.J. Wishart	30	Kathleen Carter
2	Alice Mills		Terry Davis	31	Kay Dunn
	Gabriel Monahan	17	Alan Lawrence, Sr		Jason Clark
	David Dunlap	18	Matt DeLuca		Timothy Hall
3	Bill Yackey	19	Lois Fruehwald		Jim Smith
4	Bette Lou Cookson		Rob Kimbrough, Jr.		Jan Nelson
	Dent Davis	20	Chad Papa		Diane Marsh
5	Lamar Watson		Joan Scott		
	German Diaz		Douglas Lauber		
6	Ryan Chapdelain		Arthur Nelson		
	Craig Gesell		Janet Robinson		
7	Doris Hackett	22	Kent Bartruff		
	Merle Chorba		Marion Hughes		
	Anne Hathaway		Carol Smith		
	Wendy Mastripolito	23	Ann Proctor		
8	Linda Nelson		Jimi Camastro		
9	Rhonda Hawkins		Meg Lowman		
	Rachel DeWyngaert	24	Chuck Duddingston		
	Lacey Anderson		Charles Proctor		
10	Savannah Camastro		Jo Jo Morrison		
	Laverne Borst		Bob Wrobel		
	Margarita Contreras		Heather Lamb		
	Jim Minton		Katie Hart		
	Sam Roby	25	John Herrli		
11	Lorenzo Mills		Connie Brussee		
	Trisha Roby	26	Arianna Dulaney		
	Marilyn Claxton		Jack Senterfitt		
12	Bob Hultz		Zoey Stine		
	Rolando Garcci	27	Bruce Blomgren		
13	Jeff Steiner	28	Debbie Williams		
	Robin John		Morgan Courter		
	Patrick Duggan		Alia Wilson		
	Aly Papa		Shelby Webb		

• **Anniversaries**

1	Eric & Marissa Tingstrom	25	Brian & Lois Bowen
2	Matt & Tracy Bretoi	26	Denny & Bonnie Geer
3	Duane & Doris Harff	27	Stephen & Reva Mitchell
6	Gabriel & Tina Jiva	28	Kent & Jane Bartruff
9	Ron & Karen Saba	29	Alan & Linda Nelson
16	Jim & Bobbie Dean		Frank Frey & Annette Landes
	John & Linda Parks		Dick & Barbara Wigton
17	Rene & Helen Corcoran		John Edds & Nicole Muir
	George & Jessica Armstrong	30	John & Velma Yost
19	Sam & Trisha Roby		Neal & Diane Price
20	Cullen & Katy Sabin	31	Arthur & Jan Nelson
21	Steve & Jan Papenfuss		
22	Bill & Nancy Rexrode		
23	Harry & Mary Jo Steltmann		



**Blessings from
your church family**



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Return Service Requested

Sign up NOW to volunteer at First Presbyterian's
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE

Volunteers are needed each Thursday. Task options include sorting and distributing food,
setting up, cleaning up and directing traffic.

NEW Volunteer Times

First, third and fifth Thursdays:
8:45-11:30 a.m.

Second and fourth Thursdays:
3:45-6:30 p.m.

All safety measures are in place: Masks and closed-toe shoes required for volunteers;
gloves and hand sanitizer provided; masks required for walk-up food recipients

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact
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or Dave Householder, dphouse47@gmail.com or (724) 462-4235

