

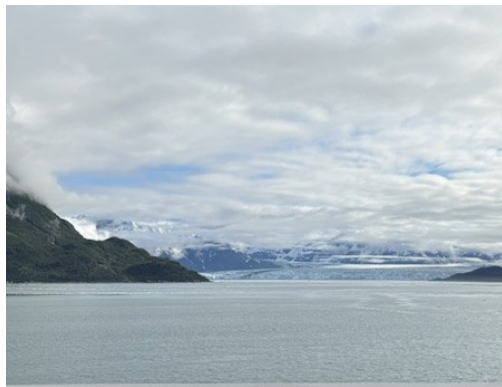


Stained Glass Gazette



First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

July 23, 2026



Dear Church Family,

As I write this article for the return of our weekly newsletter, following a brief summer break, I have just returned from Dinner at 5 with some of you, and a wonderful choir rehearsal. Cathy and I have also returned from our Alaskan cruise, and I have included a few pictures of our trip which commemorated our 45th wedding anniversary. Thank you for allowing me the time off this summer which will culminate by spending two weeks in August at our favorite Florida beaches.

Seven months ago, I began my time serving Christ with you. We have celebrated Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter together. What a joy! Now it's time to really get to work! Transitional ministry is a purposeful journey that helps a church heal, find its true identity, and prepare for the next pastor. You've heard me use these terms before... *Embracing the past, celebrating the present, and anticipating the future*. You accomplished some self-reflection last year, which will continue into August and September as we explore a guided self-study and church-wide survey to help us discern God's call to this congregation.

Fall will also provide me with the opportunity to share my first stewardship season with you. I will be working with our Stewardship Team and will encourage them to create a narrative budget instead of a dry line-item accounting sheet that will show how our gifts actively fuel ministry, mission, and community impact. Please begin to partner in prayer with our team, that our church will continue to move beyond maintenance to mission, building up an aura of gratitude and grace.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we are electing elders this **Sunday, July 26**.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting for the last time tomorrow, Friday, July 24. If you know of someone that you would like for the committee to consider, please contact the Chair, Elder Joan White (229-429-2777). Those elected by the congregation on Sunday will begin serving their respective terms in January.

See you on Sunday!

Rick

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

501 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia 31768 Email us at firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5 and Friday 9-4

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 26 following the 11 a.m. service—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect church officers

Saturday, August 1 FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING at our church!

Sunday, August 2 at Noon – THRIVE youth fun park trip

Tuesday, August 4 at 9 a.m. Shalom Bible Study

(5-week study begins, using *Second Thoughts About Hell* by Allen & Cornwall)

Saturday, August 8 at 3 p.m. OUR TIME – GAMES!

Sunday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m. RESONANCE – alternative worship, fellowship & discussion

Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPERS RESUME!!



Blessing Bags: Earlier this month, FPC Missions partnered with Moultrie PD to distribute bags filled with words of hope and personal hygiene items to help homeless or struggling people in our community.



Our Cornerstones group went to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on June 28th.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
PRESENTS

A Study At SHALOM CAFE

**FIVE WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING
TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH AT 9 A.M.**

Featuring the book *Second Thoughts About Hell*
by Ronald J Allen and Robert Cornwall
\$10 per book

What exactly does Christianity teach about Hell
and eternal judgment?
Let's think about it together.
Join our group study as we explore the surprising
range of Christian beliefs about the afterlife.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TWO 2026 FPC GRADUATES



As she prepares to begin her studies at the University of Georgia, Frances Bius was named the 2026 FPC recipient of the Rossman Family Scholarship. Fred and Ann Rossman and their family, decided in 2019 to establish this scholarship in memory of the Rossman family heritage. Here is a bit about the Rossman family: *William Thomas and Ella Jane Rossman married February 10, 1901. They moved to Moultrie in 1921. They owned and operated Crescent Dairy in Funston and became active in the First Presbyterian Church of Moultrie until their deaths. Four of their 10 kids were also active in the church during their lives. Joseph Grey Rossman, the eldest, was an Elder of First Presbyterian and father of Fred Rossman.*

The recipient of the Leverett/Westbrook/Clark Scholarship for 2026 is Jack Taunton. He is planning to study law at the University of North Georgia. First Presbyterian of Moultrie has been awarding the Leverett/Westbrook/Clark scholarship for several decades: *The three Westbrook sisters — Lora Mae Westbrook Leverett, Myrtle Westbrook and Martha Westbrook Clark — established a \$30,000 trust as a scholarship fund for deserving students, approved by the MFPC Session on January 17, 1988. Lora served the community in many ways throughout her life and was the First Presbyterian Church Historian for 22 years. Martha Clark's scholarship fund began with a gift of Southwest Georgia Bank stock given by Martha; the earnings and appreciation are now in the Argent trust. The sisters' scholarship funds have grown over the years and have provided monetary awards for over three decades.*



Remember to bring your empty recyclable aluminum cans and also brand new toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes to help us raise funds and supplies for a medical clinic in the Dominican Republic. We are collecting these items in the fellowship hall throughout this year.



DONATION ARE FOR
NEW AMERICAN PATHWAYS

BACK TO SCHOOL

DONATIONS NEEDED! WE'RE GATHERING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR REFUGEE YOUTH IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN AUGUST.

ITEMS YOU CAN DONATE

- ★ Clear Backpacks
- ★ Glue Sticks (non-Toxic)
- ★ Pencil Pouches
- ★ 12 Count Ticonderoga Brand Pencils
- ★ Pencil Sharpeners
- ★ Notebooks
- ★ Highlighters
- ★ Large Erasers
- ★ Three Ring Binders (1 inch)
- ★ Colored Pencil Boxes
- ★ Pocket Folders
- ★ Boxes of Crayons
- ★ Containers of Clorox Wipes
- ★ Boxes of Tissues
- ★ White Board Markers
- ★ Reusable Water Bottles
- ★ Markers (Thin and Thick)

VOLUNTEERCOORDINATOR@NEWAMERICANPATHWAYS.ORG
678-727-6382



First Presbyterian Church

WELCOME TO THRIVE

A monthly gathering for youth 5th grade and up, Thrive happens the first Sunday of every month. It's a space to hang out, have fun, and connect built around games of all kinds.

Starting **August 2nd**, our first event will be a trip to the All-American Fun Park in Albany, GA. We will meet at the church at **12:00 P.M.** and take the bus. We will return at **5:00 P.M.**
Cost: **\$10**

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CONTACT DCE AUSTIN POUNDS AT:



(478)-697-5724



dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com



First Presbyterian Church

501 First Street SE

Moultrie, Georgia 31768

229-985-3158

Email: firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

www.moultriefirstpres.com

Return Services Requested

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
MOULTRIE, GA
PERMIT NO. 162

Wednesday Nights at the Church

W.A.T.C.H. SUPPERS RETURN

WED., AUGUST 12

at 5:30 p.m.

MENU for AUGUST 12:

Regular & Children: Fried Chicken, Livers & Gizzards, Yellow Rice, Steamed Cabbage, Acre Peas, Salad Bar, Cornbread

Diet : Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: Chocolate Cake, Cookies & Ice Cream

Make your reservation:

Email firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

Call 229-985-3158

BENEFIT DINNER

Eat In or Take Out

******Will deliver to CRMC******

Sunday, September 20, 2026

12 noon to 1:00 pm

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

***Benefits FDP-Women &
Children in BANGLADESH***

Best Fried Chicken in Moultrie,
Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll,
and Peach Cobbler

(and Ice Cream and Iced Tea for those who eat in)

Donation \$10.00 per plate

TICKETS AVAILABLE through Sept 14 FROM
members of the Missions Committee
OR FROM THE OFFICE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH