



The Beacon

May 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood

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The Beacon is published monthly by the church staff and volunteers.

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Our Mission is to be welcoming, caring and compassionate, joyfully celebrating the Lord while sharing His love and grace

Wildwood FPC Deacons

Past – Present – Future

Our current Diaconate began in 2016 with three Deacons while Rev. Mary McKey was serving as our transitional pastor. Additional individuals were elected, ordained and installed but it wasn't until the fall of 2017 that a formal Diaconate was established and a moderator named. Rev. Takis initiated the concept of dividing our congregation and regular attenders into flocks. She then provided valuable training and specific expectations on how we are to accomplish this ministry.

Our duties include welcoming individuals into our church, praying with and for our flock members, and offering a listening ear. Simple receptions following funeral services can be provided if requested. However, we need **your** assistance in letting us know about your special needs or needs of those you know. **Please keep us informed** so that we can offer this support.

Although we are saddened by Pastor Susan's departure and our future might seem uncertain, we have an opportunity to grow as a church community. Our life experience affords us the hindsight to realize this can evolve into an occasion for change.

Our transitional pastor will help us examine where we are and where we want to be in the future. We can grow as a congregation with a deeper understanding of our place in God's plan. As your Deacons we intend to be a part of this process and hope you will too. We know that God is with us and will be here to guide us.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns, we are here to listen and help.

APRIL SESSION: THERE WAS NO SESSION MEETING IN APRIL

FROM THE MISSION TEAM:



Our Mission Team is helping a number of caring organizations that work with the needy by providing food, clothing, shelter, health care, education and loving guidance. We support these agencies through our dollars, our special collections, and by encouraging members of the congregation to engage in hands-on-mission work.

If you are looking for a way to give back to our community and make a positive difference, here are some

volunteer opportunities available in several agencies we are currently helping:

Volunteer opportunities with Love, In The Name of Christ



352 245-8774 ask for Dana

Centsible Furnishings, the upscale resale shop, and the Donations Center are consistently busy. The Clearinghouse is receiving requests for help daily. These are very good things, however there are not enough volunteers to keep things running smoothly.

Would you be willing to invest a few (or more!) hours a week to share Love In the Name of Christ with your community? There are a large number of openings to suit a wide variety of interests, skill sets and schedules.

Specifically, at **Centsible Furnishings** there are **24 Customer Service** and **3 Cashier** openings to fill. The **Donations Center** needs **23 positions** filled. For the **truck** (driver and helper) there are **6 openings**. If you volunteer for these positions, you have great flexibility with your schedule and can typically find a place to invest that suits your personal interests.

The Clearinghouse has more specific needs.

The position of **Receptionist** has openings on **Tuesdays and Fridays** for the **1pm-5pm shift**.

- There is a need for a **Verification Volunteer**, which requires a **3-4 hour shift, anytime during the week**.
- Also available is a volunteer for a **Voucher Writer/Follow-up Calls**, the shift is **1pm-4pm, any day of the week**.
- Finally, a volunteer is needed for **Data Entry/Document Archival Volunteer** (must be good with computers/word processing). This is a **4 hour shift, anytime during the week**.

Volunteer Opportunities with the Community Medical Center

352 787-8489

Provides free medical and dental care for uninsured adults and children with incomes below the poverty level.

*They are in dire need of a Nurse Practitioner

*Their Board of Directors has one vacancy which needs to be filled

Volunteer Opportunities with the Soup Kitchen

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with the Wildwood Soup Kitchen, please contact either:

Barb McManus, Soup Kitchen Board President, (352)299-6494; barb.mcmanus@yahoo.com
Clarissa Stone, Soup Kitchen Manager (352)530-0937; crstone2018@outlook.com



As you can see, the need is great! *Will you accept this important challenge?*

Mission Team, 3/13/21

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE FIND YOUR NAMETAGS AND WEAR THEM WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES OR MEETINGS.



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I can't tell you how much I have loved being part of this church as editor of The Beacon, being a choir member (although Covid canceled most of 2020-21), and taking part in the Soup Kitchen as a member of the Board.

FPC has given me a chance to use my skills for a greater good after retirement. I feel blessed for having this opportunity.

Thanks to Ken and Nancy for throwing a wonderful "good bye" party – They are the "Hostess/Host with the Hostest/Mostest!!

My hope for FPC's future will forever be in my heart, and with God's blessings, I know He will always be with you.

With love and affection,

Marge O'Kane

Pictures by Richard Barnes





UPDATES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

early in the week.

May Worship: We will have one weekly service at 10:30 a.m. during May. **Reservations are required.** Please call the church office beginning Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and before Wednesdays at noon. (352-748-2530 First come; first served. **45 reservations per Sunday so call**

Preaching in May: In May, we welcome the following preachers to FPC:

May 2: Rev. Dr. Dan Williams, Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk, Central Florida Presbytery.

May 9: Rev. Lee MacCallum

May 16, 23, 30: Rev. Bill Kramp

Pastoral Emergencies during May: If you have need of pastoral care during May, please contact either your deacon or the church office. Rev. Bill Kramp will serve as “on call” pastor for any emergencies that may arise, and both your deacon and the office will have his contact information.

PROCEDURE FOR ORDERING FLOWERS

1. Place your name on the Flower List (located outside the Pastor’s office) along with the name(s) of the person(s) being honored or memorialized.
2. FPC Wildwood has established a relationship with Plantation Flower Designs & Gifts located in Southern Trace Plaza, The Villages. **Phone 352-751-6825.** You may either contact them by telephone or stop by their shop to discuss what you want.
3. You will need to pay for your flowers upon ordering. They will give you a receipt for your order.
4. Plantation Flower Designs & Gifts will deliver the flowers to the Soup Kitchen on Saturday and they will be kept in the refrigerator overnight and brought into the church on Sunday morning by the ushers.
5. We ask that you take the flowers home with you after worship or ask your Deacon to deliver them to someone who is ill.



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Sunday, May 2	Worship (Reservation required by noon Wed)	10:30am
Tuesday, May 4	Tuesday PW Circle (Zoom)	2:00pm
Wednesday, May 5	Worship Team Meeting	9:00am
Wednesday, May 5	Mission Team Meeting	10:30am
Thursday, May 6	Thursday PW Circle Meeting (Zoom)	2:00pm
Sunday May 9	Worship (Reservation required by noon Wed)	10:30am
Monday May 10	Deacons Meeting (Zoom)	4:00pm
Tuesday May 11	Finance Teem Meeting (Zoom)	10:00am
Wednesday, May 12	Wednesday PW Circle Meeting (Zoom)	10:00am
Wednesday, May 12	Grace Group (Zoom)	3:00pm
Thursday, May 13	Soup Kitchen Board Meeting	2:00pm
Sunday, May 16	Worship (Reservation required by noon Wed)	11:30am
Wednesday, May 19	Session Meeting	1:00pm
Sunday, May 23	Worship (Reservation required by noon Wed)	10:30am
Sunday, May 30	Worship (Reservation required by noon Wed)	10:30am