

Ola Palma Sola! Greetings Westminster!



Christian Care Alliance
of Manatee

August Ola!

A Response To the Coronavirus Pandemic Transitional Pastor, Dr. Ted Land.

Established with a significant bequest from the late Elwood (Woody) Dreyer, the Dreyer Trust was originally dedicated to providing assistance to members of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church needing financial aid to pay utilities, housing, or medical expenses.

The funds are invested through the Presbyterian Foundation Covenant Funds, and only the proceeds (earnings, interest, dividends) can be expended.

For the first several years of the fund's existence, there was not sufficient need from the congregation of Palma Sola Church to expend even a small fraction of the income each year.

In 2019, with the guidance and leadership of the Presbyterian Foundation, the Dreyer Trust was made available to assist all residents of Manatee County.

The Session and the Endowment Committee approved the Christian Care Alliance, formerly known as Manatee Religious Services, to screen persons with need. The requests from Christian Care Alliance are then reviewed by the Dreyer Trust Committee, presently made up of Transitional Pastor Ted Land, Gregg Pead, and Roy Williams.

Over the last few months, as Manatee County suffers the impact of the Pandemic, the number and amount of

the requests has increased. But the funds available are nowhere near being exhausted.

The last three months have seen 9, 8, and 6 requests, so there may be a decline in need. The Dreyer Trust/Palma Sola Presbyterian Church serves as the stop-gap, the last resort, when all other sources of funds have been exhausted by Christian Care Alliance. Payments made from the Dreyer Trust total \$30,198 for the first six months of the year.

Jane Darling, of Christian Care Alliance, wrote on June 25: "I cannot express how much this helps! We have been able to find churches for other clients because Palma Sola Presbyterian has taken on the larger dollar requests...It has been a struggle for the majority who have not been able to work due to the virus."

On July 23, Jane wrote: "At the beginning of this month, the folk you helped last month called us back to pass their thank you with tears of appreciation. I am certain these this month will be as appreciative if not more so as the stresses from the virus, not working the hours they normally get or no longer have a job and are looking—at least you have given them breathing room."

Last month, Palma Sola Church received a "thank you" note not from the beneficiary of a request, but from her landlady, who rents a house here in Manatee County and depends upon the income to supplement her retirement benefits.

Following our Virtual Communion Service ON SUNDAY AUG 2ND



We're having WPC & PSPC *Fellowship Time*

You are invited to a joint fellowship time EVERY Sunday at 11:30 am via Zoom. Grab your coffee and enjoy catching up with friends old and new from the comfort of your own home. You may join in anytime between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm by clicking on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973734462>

Never been on Zoom – it's easy! Prior to Sunday's fellowship time:

Open your computer's internet browser and type in Zoom.us to go to the Zoom website. Scroll down all the way to the bottom of the page and click "Download" in the web page's footer (second column from the left). When you are on the Download Center page, click "Download" under the "Zoom Client for Meetings" section. The Zoom app will then begin downloading.

Go to your email and click on the meeting invite link above and you're in! It may ask if you want to join by "audio" (yes) and by "video" (yes).

Any questions, contact Gail Dickerson at 941-224-1117.

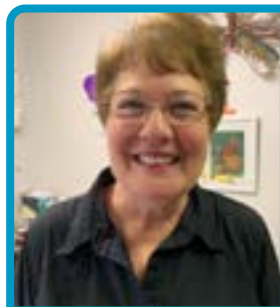
If you know of someone who has a need for assistance with housing, utility, or medical expenses, whether related to the pandemic or not, please refer them to Christian Care Alliance. Their Client Line is (941) 752-4271.

Meet The Staff of Wpc & Pspc

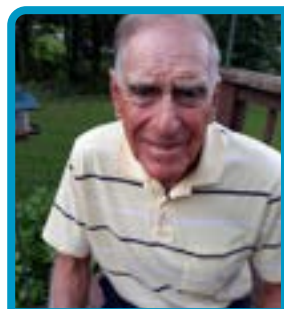
as they begin to work together for the benefit of both congregations



Faraja Keyes
PSPC Admin. &
Communications
Assistant



Sandra Buntin
WPC Office Manager



Woody Johnson
Director of Music/
Organist



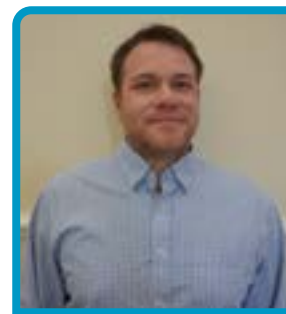
Billy Burke
Praise Band Leader



Mark Allebach
Pianist



Elenita Musgrove
Cellist/Soloist



John Tarpey
Drummer



Elise Allen
Bookkeeper



Chris Felix
Audio-Visual
Technician

PSPC SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

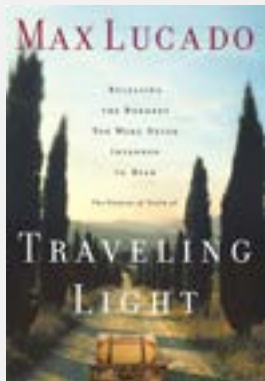
- ◇ Edwards & Associates CPS has begun its Annual Review of the church books and procedures.
 - ◇ Work has begun on the 2021 Stewardship program. The theme will be “The Lord Provides”. We hope to integrate Westminster appropriately into the worship messages of the campaign.
 - ◇ Plans were made to begin final preparation for the ultimate relocation of the Westminster office staff and equipment to the Palma Sola campus. There is much grunt work to do.
 - ◇ Session approved a Staff & Office Safety Plan and a Communications Plan for COVID-19 Exposure, as well as a COVID-19 Illness Questionnaire, drafted by the Reopening Task Group. We are now well-positioned with policies in place which will safeguard our Staff and deal with any virus illness that might occur in our midst.
 - ◇ Session endorsed having the Church Nominating Committee solicit potential nominations for 2021 offices via E-mail or telephone directly to the Chair. More information will be provided via E-blast.
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WESTMINSTER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



- ◇ The WPC session held a meeting on July 20th via Zoom video. Elder Becky Beckwith was elected to be the primary point of contact for a new Congregational Advocate program between Westminster and the Peace River Presbytery Committee on Ministry.
- ◇ Elder Florence Barnhard provided a financial report update and expressed thanks to all members for their continued support during this difficult time of on-line worship and congregational separation. Pledge support and expenses are on track.
- ◇ Elder John Progar provided an update on the property upkeep and potential sale. Westminster website is being updated and members can follow weekly video Worship and Bible Study posts. Be sure to join in the Zoom Fellowship each Sunday.

Men's Group



August 2020
Join us via ZOOM every
1st & 3rd Thurs at 8AM

Traveling Light by Max Lucado

How Psalm 23 helps you
release burdens you were
never intended to bear.

August 6 | Lesson 7

It's a Jungle Out There: The Burden of
Hopelessness

August 20 | Lesson 8

A Heavenly Exchange: The Burden of
Guilt

**Call Ron Dickerson for a Zoom invitation
(941) 792-9104**

Palma Sola Book Club

**LOVE A GOOD BOOK? LOVE TO TALK ABOUT
GOOD BOOKS?**



AUG 10TH | 11AM via ZOOM

Meets second Monday to laugh, share,
and learn. Open to both congregations
and their guests.

[View 2020 book list here.](#)

INTERESTED?

Contact Vicki Schooley:
(941)792-5672 | VLSchooley@gmail.com

Mission Update



Dear PSPC Family,

Hello! Hope you all are doing well. We wanted to update everyone about something that God has put on our hearts. We have been serving in Orphan Care for two years now. During that time we have learned so much about orphan care. We have also completed our second adoption, again learning more about the systems in place here in this country. God has placed it on our hearts to go deeper into orphan care.

We feel led to open a small children's home alongside Hope for Home Ministries. <http://184.168.38.195/locations/guatemala.html>

We have been serving in one of their homes for two years and they have mentioned to us multiple times about opening a home. As this time of quarantine has given us lots of extra prayer time and time of reflection we feel that this is the time for us to pursue this. Our first step is to be approved by their Board of Directors. While we will be under their ministry, we will still be responsible for fundraising for the opening of the home and the care of the children, as well as for our family. We will also continue to stay under Commission to Every Nation. Our next step after being approved will be to begin our fundraising for the orphanage and to actually find and move into the home. Then will come the licensing of the home. All together it is about a one year process.

We would love your prayers and counsel regarding this endeavor.

Blessings,

Carl and Lisa (And family!)

- Your Outreach team continues to “reach out”. Our “**Drive Away Hunger**” food to drive to benefit the **Food Bank of Manatee County** was held on July 11. Fifteen cars drove through from both Palma Sola Presbyterian and Westminster and donated an astounding **520 Pounds** of Food. Thank you to all of those who contributed. Special thanks to **Andrea Harmon, Myrna Felix, Al Zimmer, Janice Saylor and Don Azbell** who donated their time and energy to organize the event, receive your donations and sort the food items
- A check for \$1350 was sent to **Meals on Wheels PLUS** as a result of your generous contributions to our **May and June Outreach Offering**. We continue to be humbled by your support for those in need in our community.
- Several attended the **Estate Planning Seminar** on Zoom 10AM-11AM Friday July 31st presented by attorney Jim Johnson. It was a one hour informative presentation that included information to assist pre-death planning and the distribution of assets at death, including preparation of a will, living will, health care surrogate, and power of attorney. Thanks to Gregg Pead for organizing that.
- **Upcoming Rummage Sale**- Al Zimmer is organizing a rummage sale in October, if we are back serving the community in person. In preparation, we are scheduling a drop off collection of items (no furniture or clothing items please) on **Saturday August 8, between 9 and 1**. Please drop off your items at the shed in the parking lot, or by fellowship hall. He will need some volunteers to assist. Contact him directly at Alvin.zimmer@frontier.com, or 941-792-8859. He would also like to have about 4 volunteers to help sort through the items after the election on Wed. 8/12. If you can help him out, contact him at the above email or phone number.

Connect with your friends and stay well. Blessings to you all from Outreach!

Outreach Offering

Food Security is one of Palma Sola Church’s focus areas for community outreach and support. The need in our community is great – now more than ever. **Our Outreach Offering for August will go to** one of our main mission partners in this cause, **The Food Bank of Manatee**.

To support The Food Bank through Palma Sola, please mail your check with memo “Food Bank” to the church office or use Give Online on the website. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in Manatee County!

For More Info

Contact Andrea Harmon aharmon5@tampabay.rr.com

DRIVE AWAY HUNGER

FOOD DRIVE



Event Photo Gallery



CALLING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Church Nominating Committee is ready to begin the process of preparing a slate of officers to serve Palma Sola Presbyterian Church into our future. As part of this process, we seek input from the congregation by August 15.

As you prepare your recommendations, we ask that you prayerfully consider who should help lead this church. We need leaders who have the flexibility, vision, and vitality to lead us forward in God's good will for this congregation!

Church members may recommend more than one person, but the person that you recommend must be a member of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church. Let us all embrace the diversity in our congregation as we consider our next class of leaders. To help you with your recommendation, we have included a brief description of the character, responsibilities, and time commitment for each office.

OFFICE POSITIONS

- **DEACON** – a person who exhibits spiritual character and sound judgment while participating in a ministry of compassion, witness and service. A Deacon will be a spiritual shepherd to those in need, sick, friendless, and in distress. Deacons meet every other month and are responsible for contacting the members on their shepherding list to make sure they are aware of events happening at PSPC. They are to recognize birthdays, anniversaries and to relay any individual concerns back to the Church. They will require a minimum of 3 hours a month in shepherding plus 1 hour every other month in a Deacon's meeting.
- **ELDER** – a person of wisdom, maturity of faith, and compassion, who will serve on session and exercise leadership in governing and leadership by example. Together, with the teaching elder (pastor), they are responsible for the life of our congregation as well as the whole church. Elders will attend a monthly session meeting, be a member of a standing committee, and will periodically serve communion.
- **Congregational Nominating Committee Member (CNC)** – a person of wisdom, maturity of faith, and sound judgment. The committee will meet in late summer and fall to solicit recommendations for church leaders (Deacons, Elders, CNC). They will contact prospective nominees to discuss the office for which they are being nominated to serve. They will then prepare a nomination recommendation list (slate) to be presented to the congregation.

Please contact Andrea Harmon by August 15th with any recommendations you may have at 941-761-9847 or aharmon5@tampabay.rr.com. The Congregational Nominating Committee thanks you for your assistance in providing us with this information. Please pray for this committee as we also pray for God's guidance in recommending those who will lead our church.

**Palma Sola Presbyterian Church
Recommendation for the Officer Nominations for 2020**

Return by August 30, 2020 (Sooner would be better!)

(This nomination does not guarantee selection for the final slate of nominees.)

Position (please check one)

- Deacon
- Elder
- Congregational Nominating Committee

Please discuss your recommendation for nomination with the person you are recommending prior to submitting this form.

Please PRINT all your responses

Name of the Church member you are nominating:

Nominee's phone number _____

How long have you known this member? _____

What church ministries or activities does this member participate in?

Yes, I have discussed my recommendation with the person named above.

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

The Congregational Nominating Committee thanks you for your assistance in providing us with this information. Please continue to pray for this committee as we also pray for God's guidance in recommending those who will lead our church.

The final list of officer nominees will be presented to the congregation and voted on by the congregation

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUG 1	Lael & Ernest Wilson	Nancy Slocum
AUG 2	Marian Anderson	Barbara Harris (WPC)
	Gilbert Smith	AUG 14 Gail Dickerson
AUG 5	Dan Mustaine	AUG 15 Nancy Shimandle (WPC)
	Dale Crandall (WPC)	AUG 18 Pam Insani (WPC)
	Beth Stone (WPC)	AUG 22 Tom Sprenger
AUG 6	Liz Brackmann	AUG 24 Roy & Jo Williams
AUG 8	Joyce Johnson (WPC)	AUG 25 Suzanne Tyrrell
	Tammy Barr (WPC)	AUG 28 Evelyn Nelson
AUG 10	Rich Wachunis	AUG 29 Nancy Regal (WPC)
AUG 12	Marilyn Gillette	AUG 31 Ron McLeod
	Jan McGowan	

Prayers & Condolences

The last week of July was a time of sadness and joy, as there was an ingathering of the saints into the kingdom of heaven.

Each one will be missed by those who knew and loved them, but we rejoice that their hope of heaven has become a reality.

- Peggy Meador now walks the streets of gold hand in hand with her beloved husband, Ray. She had been under hospice care at Westminster Manor.
- Diane Hayward's husband Robert (Bob) departed this life from the Memory Care Unit at Freedom Village, where he had been a patient for some time.
- Cal Shaffer's daughter, Vickie, joined the church triumphant after surgery for a brain tumor in a hospital in Fort Lauderdale.



Presbyterians Today,
July/August 2020

Presbyterian Mission's Magazine, Presbyterians Today, Now on the [PSPC Website](#)

Read inspiring stories about making change happen in the July/August issue.

Click on feature articles in the current issue, and view complete current and past issues, at Resources > Presbyterians Today Magazine. The July-August issue features reflections on how churches are responding to a world changed by pandemic and antiracism protests. Read stories about how church leaders and members—with imaginations set free by crisis—are exploring new expressions of faith, and churches are partnering to bring about social change. We are reminded that partnering is “the heartbeat” of PSPC.



In Sept. 2019, Palma Sola Presbyterian Church donated \$5,000 to the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, Inc.

Update From The: Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance

Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, Inc. is happy to announce a resounding “YES” vote from the Collier County Planning and Zoning Commission last Thursday to build 128 decent, safe, hurricane-resistant, rental units for low-income farmworker families in Immokalee, FL.

At last year’s spring Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery, churches and members were challenged to contribute \$100,000 to start us on our way to purchasing the land, 10 acres off Lake Trafford Road in Immokalee. Through the generosity of our churches, we exceeded the challenge and, after the final meeting of Collier County Commissioners in September, we expect to close and begin the infrastructure.

Short term, IFHA is dedicated to solving the problems of families living in unsafe and unhealthy conditions such as mold, rats, snakes, poor or no electrical connections, poor or no bathing and toilet facilities, families forced to live with strangers in the house, broken appliances and other fixtures, lack of play and study areas, and rents consuming 50-60% of the family’s income per month. Especially in these times of coronavirus, the population has experienced mass contagion due to overcrowded living conditions.

Long term, we hope for a community with pre- and after-school care, playgrounds, computer access, homework assistance, adult education, religious services and affordable rents. Children will do better in school. Families will be safer and healthier.

Housing has been the missing link for many years in assisting farmworker families to escape poverty and exploitation. Lower rents will free up needed money to buy food, clothing, medicines, and oth-

er necessities. The ripple effect will be economic growth and stability for the city of Immokalee. The IFHA goal is to build affordable, low-maintenance, well-managed, housing with this neighborhood-model and have the dilapidated trailers some now call home condemned by the county.

We are so grateful to the churches of Peace River Presbytery for your prayers and faith in our mission and giving us the jump-start to do what we know the Lord is calling us to do. And we welcome the addition of our newest board member, PRP General Presbyterian, Rev. Melana Scruggs. Our Hands--God’s Work.

IFHA, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization and this project will be entirely funded by foundation grants, individual and organization donations. There will be no mortgage and IFHA will be exempt from paying real estate tax. Take a look at our website: IFHA.info

Upcoming Class on the Books of the Apocrypha



Beginning this Fall, Al Zimmer of PSPC will lead a 12-week class on the books of the Apocrypha.

The class has been taught by Al in years past and will include a DVD-recorded lesson followed by discussion. Class location will be decided later—in the parlor or fellowship hall, or via Zoom or another teleconference service.

In the meanwhile, Al is providing weekly short installments of information about the Apocrypha on the [PSPC website](#).

Find out more about these fascinating books covering the 400-year period between the Old and New Testaments.



Millicent Riley Writes:

I am on the mend, and I am so grateful to everyone for all the cards, calls, flowers, but most of all for the prayers that our wonderful church family extended to me! I love you all! Millicent Riley



MEDICAL DONATIONS

Most of Westminster's members know that we have disbanded our medical loan closet. We dispersed our medical equipment to a local facility and we no longer loan out nor accept this type of equipment



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Westminster continues to be blessed with three office volunteers who work on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We thank Linda Progar, Nancy Shimandle and Nancy Atherton for their continued support.



Thank You!

We also want to thank all our members who continue to faithfully support Westminster with their financial contributions. Contributions may be mailed or carried into the Westminster office during our office hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 am til 1 pm.



PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Anyone who has a pastoral emergency may call Pastor Ted Land at 863-444-0716. For other church related calls, please feel free to call Westminster during the week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am until 1 pm.

August Sermon Schedule

Led by Transitional Pastor: Dr. Ted Land

AUG 2	MATTHEW 14:13-2	FIVE LOAVES, TWO FISH, TWELVE BASKETS COMMUNION SUNDAY*
AUG 9	MATTHEW 14:22-33	TO WALK ON WATER
AUG 16	MATTHEW 16:10-28	WIT AND WISDOM
AUG 23	MATTHEW 16:13-20	ON THIS ROCK
AUG 30	MATTHEW 16:21-28	A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A CROSS

Sermons can be viewed online **EVERY Sunday** via [YOUTUBE](#)
Details are available on the [PSPC](#) / [WPC](#) Church Website and
links are provided in the Mid-Week and Sunday messages.

Palma Sola Puzzle Program!

Gregg Pead has organized and made available 50+ puzzles of various skill levels (250 – 1000 pieces) that can be checked out and returned through the church office.

Contact, Faraja (941-792-3141) at the church office to specify puzzle piece preference, confirm contact info and pick-up details.

Delivery is also available if needed!

JOIN US FOR

B I B L E
S T U D Y

*Every Wednesday
Online*

August 5 Deborah
August 12 Jael
August 19 Delilah
August 26 Salome

Our Mid-Week Bible Study for August focuses on
Dangerous Women of the Bible.
Tune in weekly!

For more Information visit the [PSPC Calendar](#) on the Palma Sola website

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August

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Donation Drive – 9a
2 Worship Online Eucharistic Sunday	3 PNC — 6:45p	4 OUTREACH MEETING – 4p RENEWAL ZOOM MEETING – 6:30p	5 BIBLE STUDY Online	6 MEN'S GROUP 8a Zoom Meeting		8 Donation Drive – 9a
9 Worship Online	10 Book Club Palma Sola 11a ZOOM MEETING PNC — 6:45p	11 P&G ZOOM MEETING—6:30p	12 BIBLE STUDY Online	13 COMMS TEAM—1p STEWARDSHIP MEETING – 2:30p FINANCE ZOOM MEETING—3:30p	14	15
16 Worship Online	17 WPC SESSION MTG—1p PNC — 6:45p	18 DEACONS ZOOM MTG—5:30p PSPC SESSION MTG—6:30p	19 BIBLE STUDY Online	20 MEN'S GROUP 8a Zoom Meeting	21 SERVING AT OUR DAILY BREAD—9:15a	22
23 Worship Online	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE PNC — 6:45p	25	26 BIBLE STUDY Online	27	28	29
30 Worship Online	31 PNC — 6:45p	<p>The Church Office is Temporarily Closed Please email palmasolachurch@verizon.net or call 941-792-3141</p> <p>For more information and to view video-recorded worship services and bible lessons please visit pspchurch.org</p> <p>ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM</p>				