

The Grapevine



HELLO
SUMMER!
: Enjoy The Holidays :

What Lies Ahead

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I write each month's lead article with the aim of inspiring you and informing you about the life of our church. Each edition of the Grapevine includes information about the variety of activities for the month and as you can tell, there are always events happening. June will be no different.

Among the opportunities to participate in church this month are the All Church Cookout/Picnic on June 5 (which is also Pentecost Sunday); a Fall Prevention Class on June 6; a presentation by the Hon. Gilbert Smith, Jr. on June 13; and a day at the ballpark on June 25th.

There will also be a Congregational Forum for members of Palma Sola on Saturday, June 18 beginning at 12:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This Town Hall style meeting will provide members of Palma Sola an opportunity to share and hear how we are doing at the present time and to consider the future of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church.

A similar event was held by Westminster on Saturday May 14 and attended by 33 members of the congregation.

Future plans include combined meetings and the forming of a visioning team comprised of members of both churches whose work will be to listen and discern for a vision of our relationship together.

“What lies ahead?” is an important question and one that will take some time to consider. Whatever is ahead for us will be considered prayerfully and carefully. I ask that you join in the opportunities to participate and you keep those who have been elected and charged with leadership in prayers.

Blessings,
Edward

We Continue Being The Church **PROTECTED BY OUR CURRENT COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

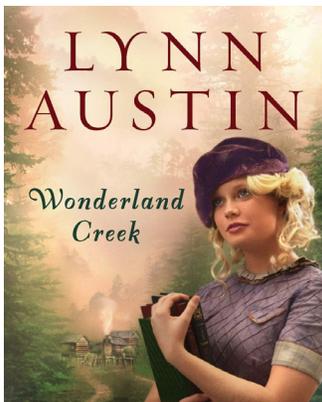
Spring/Summer 2022

As you are aware, COVID cases are again increasing in Manatee County. The current positivity index now exceeds 10%. With this in mind we have considered our safety protocol for worship.

There is evidence to suggest that while cases may be increasing, their severity is considerably less than in the past due to vaccinations and booster shots. We all continue to be more careful to minimize our exposure in crowds. Each of us appears to be managing their exposure and risk to suit their personal comfort level.

Recognizing that such is the case as conditions around change, we are continuing current protocols: wearing of masks will remain optional during worship, or while on the church campus, and socially distanced seating will continue to be encouraged.

Palma Sola Book Club



JUNE 13 | 12 - 1PM

Join in any second Monday at 12pm in the library or on Zoom for fun conversation. Our updated book list will be linked in the July issue of The Grapevine.

For more information, call Vicki Schooley at (941) 518-2315.

Men's Group



MEN'S GROUP

You're invited to attend the Morning Men's Group. Get to know the men you see in church. **Share your story. Enjoy fellowship.**

Meetings start at 8:30AM

JUNE 2 - Fellowship and breakfast at Poppi's Place restaurant, at an outside table.

JUNE 16- Fellowship and Christian topic discussions, outdoors on campus.

Attend one or both gatherings each month.

Please contact Rich Wachunis
rwachunis@tampabay.rr.com for info

Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Scheduled a congregational gathering for Saturday, June 18th, beginning with a light luncheon, for the purpose of sharing perceptions on nesting and considering the future.
- Discussed the COVID Safety Protocol for worship, in light of increasing positivity in Manatee County, and decided to continue the current optional mask policy with social distanced seating and continuation of future fellowship gatherings.
- Approved offering a Facility Use Agreement for the use of four rooms to The Better Learning School, a successful private organization that teaches troubled youth who have not been able to function well in the public school system.
- Approved replacing two air conditioners in the Office and Scout areas of the building.

Installation of the Blessing Box



We are blessed to be a blessing! With that in mind, we are pleased to introduce the installation of a Blessing Box on our church campus.

Located on the front lawn of the church near the parking lot and facing 3rd Ave. West, the Blessing Box states: Been blessed, leave something – Need a blessing, take something.

Designed as a mini food pantry, this Blessing Box is for everyone. If you find yourself in abundance, please donate non-perishable food items – canned soup, beans, veggies, fruit, meat, etc. For those in need, the Blessing Box is intended to be an additional resource to help alleviate food insecurity in our local community.

The Outreach Team will initially stock the Blessing Box with a variety of items. Please leave or take items yourself, as your feel led.

Thank you Scott for your assistance in the installation! A huge THANK YOU to member George Clark for gathering the supplies and constructing the Blessing Box for us. We are so grateful for your time and talent in helping to make this idea a reality.

YOU are a blessing as well, George!



Outreach Update

Now IS NOT the time to take a vacation from service. We have done a fabulous job of BEING THE CHURCH this year, but summer is a time when volunteers and some services are in NEED OF THE MOST HELP because kids are out of school, food is in short supply, people are out of work and products are in short supply and at skyrocketing prices.

Re-Cap of Spring Outreach

- We collected 456 pairs of socks for **Turning Points**. Items of clothing and more socks continue to come in and are delivered weekly. Thank you.
- The May **Outreach Offering** was for **Meals On Wheels**, as was our **DOES IT** Project of collecting pet food for the clients' cherished pets.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing** collections totaled **\$282** in April. We donated an additional \$250 from the budget to total \$532.
- \$2000 was donated to our missionaries Revs. Scott and Elmarie Parker in Lebanon, and \$3000 to Carl and Lisa Norton in Guatemala from the Missionary Support account.
- A small group visited **Brookdale Palma Sola Senior Living Center** on 67th St. for a “**Meet and Greet**” on May 24th for casual conversation about our church and our activities.
- Volunteers continue to serve at **Our Daily Bread** on Fridays between 9:30 and 11:30. Volunteers are needed, especially in the summer. Contact Dorothy Simes at 541-409-5989 or the church office if you can help out, even for a week.
- **Holy Strollers** get out to exercise, share conversation and a devotional each Friday through May at 9:00 at the north entrance to Robinson's Preserve.
- A **3 Cents a Meal** collection was held on the 5th Sunday, May 29th to benefit Beth El, Mision Peniel or Our Daily Bread- a Westminster Missions Project.
- **May-ke A Friend** program was initiated. The team will pair the participants with each other and suggestions for “making a friend” will be given.

June Opportunities

- **Outreach Offering will continue for Meals On Wheels.**
- **DOES IT** project for June and July is collecting food items for the **food bank**. Barrels will be placed in the Narthex for these donations.
- A **Fall Prevention Class** will be held in fellowship hall on Monday, June 6th from 10-12. It will be presented by Trauma Certified Nurse Educator Cindy Filice from Blake hospital. It is open to the public.
- A **Blessing Box**, made by George Clark, will be installed for you to contribute non-parishable food items to share for those in need. (see separate news item).
- **Gilbert Smith** will present a program on **Manatee County History** on Monday, June 13th at 7PM. Join together at 6:30 for refreshments in fellowship hall.

- The summer “**Dive Into Reading**” program, sponsored by Anna Maria Oyster House, is back for the sixth year. Mentoring is fun, easy and SO rewarding. If you can give a few hours of your time one day a week for 4 weeks you will make a difference in a child’s life. The link to register: www.oysterbar.net/ reading If you need assistance call Andrea Harmon or the church office.
- **FELT: Feeding Empty Little Tummys.** Kids are off from school and need food more than ever. Please donate!

We can ALWAYS count on YOU to be Christ’s disciples and share what you have for those who do not. We are blessed!!

June DOES It

Our DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for June is collecting non-perishable food items for The Food Bank of Manatee.

The Food Bank of Manatee is the leading, local source of nutrition for food-insecure babies, children, families, and the elderly in Manatee County. The need in our community is great, especially now that school is out for the summer and fewer children will be receiving meals at school. Canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats as well as boxed and bagged pasta, rice, beans, and healthy cereal and breakfast bars are always in demand.

Drop your donations in the yellow bins in the Narthex or bring them to the church office to support those in need this summer.

June Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for June will continue to go to **Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee**, which provides nutritional assistance and caring, supportive services to homebound seniors in Manatee County. Home delivered meals – chilled dinners and frozen weekend and holiday meals – are delivered by volunteers to over 900 seniors per day. These meals serve those who are not able to leave their homes and purchase food, or who have limitations that leave them unable to prepare meals. This crucial service allows seniors to continue living independently. Last year Meals on Wheels delivered over 300,000 meals to homebound or disable seniors in Manatee County.

You may donate to **Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee:**

- **during the worship service, in your offering envelope,**
- **by mailing a check to the church office with “MOW” in the memo line, or**
- **Palma Sola members may also contribute through [online giving](#)**

Event Reminder: Fall Prevention Class

Our Fall Prevention Class is scheduled for Monday, June 6th from 10 am – noon in Fellowship Hall.

Join Trauma Certified Registered Nurse Educator Cindy Filice from Blake hospital as she teaches skills and strategies to maximize safety and minimize falls. The event is free and open to the community. We encourage you to attend and learn how to prevent falls and injuries for yourself and those you love.

Contact Gregg Pead with questions 941-348-0773.

Manatee County History Presentation



Mark your calendar for **Monday, June 13th at 7 pm** to hear our own **Judge Gilbert A. Smith, Jr.** talk about local history and the lawyers and legends of Manatee County. Did you know that Manatee County was created in 1855 and Bradenton did not become the county seat until 1888 when it was known as Braidentown? Or that until 1954, the most popular way to travel from Bradenton to Palmetto or Anna Maria Island was by ferry? Learn more details about these and other interesting facts by attending our free event. Gather in **Fellowship Hall** at **6:30pm** for dessert and coffee and to get settled for the **7pm** start. **Sign-up in the Narthex** or call the church office to reserve your spot. The event is open to the community, so bring a friend and see you there!

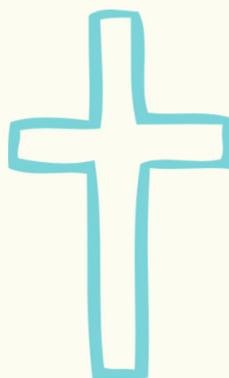
Programs on Summer Break:

- Please note that the Holy Strollers walking group is taking a break for the summer! We will resume strolling in September after summer travels (and high temperatures!) are over. Hope to see you then!
- Chancel & Bell Choir will resume in Late Aug/Early Sept. Stay tuned for updates in The Grapevine.



**CHURCH
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SUNDAY JUNE 5**

FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE



Fellowship Sundays

We need VOLUNTEERS! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex every week.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUN 3 Scott Mattson
JUN 4 Russ & Mary Montano
Calvin & Ella Schafer
JUN 8 Darlene Haas
Richard Pratt
Paul & Shelly Harripersaud
JUN 9 Don & Linda Azbell
JUN 15 Gregg and Lorrie Pead
Mary Jane Tenny
JUN 16 Judy Giles

Michael "Mike" Stone
JUN 19 Norman "Norm" Lee
JUN 20 Chibuzor "Chib" Onugha
JUN 21 Daphne-Ann Haynes
JUN 23 Harris Onugha
JUN 24 Patricia "Pat" Byrnes
JUN 26 Don Forster
JUN 27 Anita Smith
Laura Rieley
JUN 30 Ann Twomey

TAMPA BAY RAYS VS. PITTSBURG PIRATES



FAITH DAY **\$35**
WITH THE RAYS
JUNE 25TH, 2022

Gates Open @ 11:40a | Game Starts @ 1:10p
Please contact Gail Dickerson at 941-222-1117
for more information.

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Bradenton, FL 34209
941-792-3141
pspchurch.org

Westminster Presbyterian Church -June Newsletter 2022-

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Bradenton, FL 34209
941-748-2848
wpcbradenton.com



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			1	2 Morning Men's Group 8:30a Renewal - 6:30P	3	4
5 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Worship Service Communion 10am Church Picnic 11:15am	6 Fall Prevention Class 10 am	7 Outreach Team 3pm	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 10am	13 Palma Sola Book Club 12p Manatee County History 6:30p	14	15	16 Morning Men's Group 8:30a FINANCE - 3:30P ON ZOOM	17	18 Palma Sola Congregational Forum 12 pm
19 <i>Father's Day</i> Worship Service 10am	20 <i>Juneteenth</i> WPC SESSION 1pm PSPC SESSION 6:30pm	21	22	23	24 Newsletter Input Deadline (July/August Issue)	25 Faith Day w/ The Rays 12p
26 Worship Service 10am	27	28	29	30		

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday | 9am - 4pm

View the online church [Calendar](#) for latest information about Sunday worship services, Bible study, outreach and other events. Livestreamed and recorded worship services may be viewed at [Online Worship](#).