



The Grapevine



Celebrating Our Heritage

Reverend Edward Dunn

Where do you come from? One of the popular PBS programs explores the family histories of celebrities – Finding Your Roots takes a journey through the family tree and usually produces surprises for the featured person and piques my curiosity about what might be discovered in my own family history.

I know the names of ancestors (at least on my paternal grandfather's side) and the places in Scotland where they lived. I hope one day to travel to those places in search of more information or just to see where I come from. Online genealogical services such as Ancestry can connect us to our past. Sharing our stories of today will shape the information known by future generations.

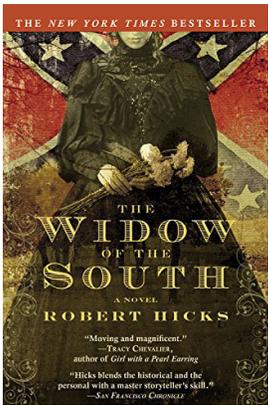
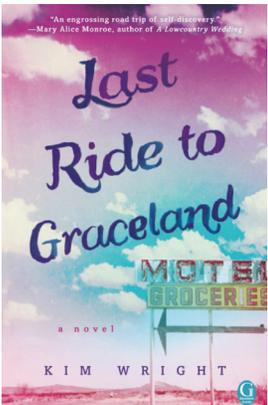
I invite you to join us our Presbyterian family as we celebrate a part of our heritage on October 30, a day on which we commemorate the Reformation. That day we will celebrate what is known as the Kirkin of the Tartans.

This event, while connected to an earlier historical moment, is one rooted in the past century. The first Kirkin service took place in the United States in April 1941. The Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC sought to remind his parishioners of the struggle of Europe and Great Britain as World War II raged. He adapted an older practice within the Scottish church in which the tartans or plaids of the clans were blessed by the church in defiance of a prohibition enacted by Parliament.

An act of Proscription in 1746 was enacted following the Battle of Culloden. The wearing of anything tartan was forbidden but in defiance faithful Scots would conceal a small patch of their clan's plaid until the clergyman gave a signal and offer a blessing. The clansmen would touch their bits of tartan and with no overt sign, a sort of underground kirkin would take place.

Our celebration of the Kirkin will not be secret. It will feature liturgy from the Scottish church, an acknowledgement of God's blessing on families and the Church, and become a new chapter in our local history. I hope you will join us for this celebration and the meal that will follow. Worship begins at 10a.m. that morning.

Palma Sola Book Club



OCT 10 | 12 - 1PM NOV 14 | 12 - 1PM

Join in any second Monday at 12pm in the library or on Zoom for fun conversation.

2022-2023 READING LIST

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 8:30A

OCT 6 - Fellowship and breakfast | Poppi's Place restaurant

OCT 20 - Fellowship and a discussion about Christian Living | Fellowship Hall

Please contact Rich Wachinus rwachunis@tampabay.rr.com

Palma Sola Session Highlights

- Approved a motion to request the Presbytery to exercise its role/authority to begin consultation with Palma Sola and Westminster to merge our congregations. A joint Steering Committee will be formed to work with the Presbytery to develop a Plan of Union to ensure that the many details of the merger are worked out to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.
- Approved having the congregation participate in a Vital Congregations Survey to determine how members see our progress toward the seven hallmarks of a vital congregation.
- Concurred in Pastor Dunn being nominated to fill a vacant one-year position on the Presbytery's Steering Committee.
- Concurred in having the Deacons contact members of Westminster to invite them to be added to the Palma Sola Flocks for prayer and regular contact. Westminster no longer has a Board of Deacons.
- Noted that additional Ushers are needed to enable a return to collecting the offering during worship.
- Session enjoyed having the first meeting held in the newly refurbished Room 14 in the Pre-school area. This room is now our premier campus small group meeting room.

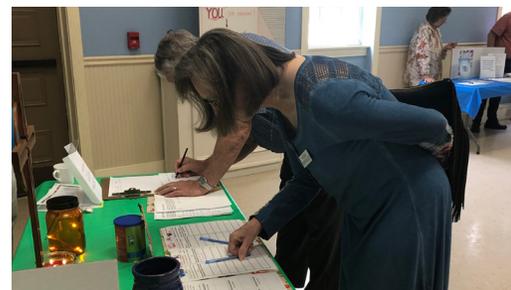
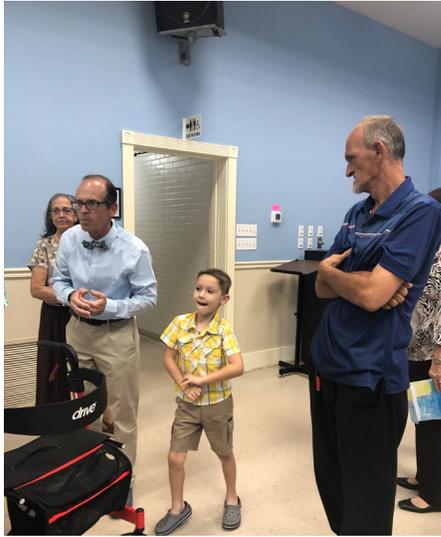
Westminster Session Highlights

- The Westminster Session approved a request to Peace River Presbytery to exercise its authority to merge the congregations of Westminster and Palma Sola in consultation with the members of the congregations.
- The Session held a meeting in a new meeting room in the Church.
- The deaths of members Mary Jane Tenney and Alan Margreither were noted.
- Nancy Shimandle will be the Ruling Elder Commissioner to the October 15 presbytery meeting in Fort Myers.
- Worldwide Communion Sunday will be observed on October 2. Communion will be served to worshiper in their seats for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.

Ministry Fair Photos



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September Outreach Update

Fall is officially here. May not look or feel like it, but we will be getting into the season of thankfulness and giving, although that is our churches season all year long.

Give thanks for what we have done.

- We collected money for **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for the Outreach Offering in September.
- A total of **\$890.50** was collected in July and August for **The Food Bank of Manatee County**.
- Peanut butter, jelly and sandwich bags were collected for the **DOES IT Project** to begin our on-going sandwich making ministry for **Our Daily Bread** after worship each week.
- Many attended an informative presentation from the **Alzheimer's Association** on Tuesday September 20th.
- Joan Carlson led some line dancing at the **Brookdale Palma Sola Retirement Center** on Thursday September 22nd. They enjoyed music, dancing, conversation and refreshment. We plan to visit each quarter with a program of interest. If you have a suggestion or would like to present a program or entertainment, let someone from the Outreach Team know.
- A wonderful **Ministry Fair** was held on Sunday, September 25th where the congregation was presented with many opportunities to "Come Grow With Us".

Opportunities to "Come Grow With Us" in October

- **Outreach Offering** will continue to be for the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program**.
- **DOES IT** for October will be collecting warm wear, towels & washcloths for **Turning Points**.
- **Pen Pal Letters** from the second graders at Palma Sola Elementary school have been received and are ready for you to select one or more to write back to. The letters are available for you to sign up for and take. They will be due back by **October 23rd**.
- A **Hope Seeds Packing event** will be held on Friday, October 14th from 10-12.
- We will collect for the **3 Cents a Meal** program on Sunday, October 30th.
- **Holy Strollers** will start up again the first Friday in October, the 7th. Come join us for exercise, conversation, appreciation of nature and a short devotional at 9AM at the north entrance to Robinson's Preserve.
- A presentation "**Habitat to Save Wildlife, from Costa Rican Rain Forests to Our Local Landscapes**" will be presented by our own members Amy Pedon and Betty Bashaw on **Friday evening, October 21st from 7-8:30 in Fellowship Hall**.
- Our first Palma Sola/WPC workday for the **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build** home is on **Saturday, October 22 from 7:30-noon in Palmetto**. 8-10 people are needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- Please continue to contribute food items to the cart in the Narthex for **Our Daily Bread**.
- **Don't forget** to contribute non-perishable food items to our **Blessing Box** by the parking lot entrance to feed those in need in our local community, & **FELT**- feeding empty little tummies.

September DOES It - Warm Wear Donations

Our DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for October is collecting warm wear for Turning Points. Turning Points provides a variety of free services designed to help individuals and families on their path to financial stability and independence. Clean out your closets (or purchase new!) and help us donate items to those in need as the weather turns colder this year. Gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, and blankets in all sizes for men, women, and children are needed. Turning Points is also in need of towels and washcloths to be used in their shower area. Collection bins are in the Narthex through October 30th or you can drop off your donations at the church office.

October Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for October will go to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church USA. PDA is on the ground when a disaster or crisis begins and remains active through the entire recovery process, accompanying their partners in the area to determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

You may donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

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

Habitat For Humanity - Work Day!

Work on the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build house has begun!

We have scheduled a workday for Palma Sola and Westminster members & friends on Saturday, October 22nd from 7:30 am to noon. The home for the Vazquez family is located at 215 11th St. West in Palmetto. We need 8-10 volunteers, and all needed equipment is provided. No experience is needed and there will be competent leaders to guide you in any tasks.

Please sign-up in the Narthex and fill out the waiver to reserve your spot.

Who, Me? Yes, You!

The Church Nominating Committee at Palma Sola will be meeting soon to fill Session and Deacon vacancies for next year's Class.

Please let us know your suggestions for those you feel should be a part of the church leadership. Forms for making suggestions are available in the Narthex, or you may simply call the Church Office with your suggested names. It is also okay to suggest your own name as well.

Next year promises to be an exciting year for our two churches. We will need people to help us plan for our future.



**FELLOWSHIP
& WORSHIP
COMMITTEE**

**Let's get together to spread God's word.
Join the Fellowship & Worship Committee
Today! Reach out to Gail Dickerson for more
information at 941-224-1117**

Fellowship After Worship

We could use your help! Are you are able to volunteer to bring in food or drink? Maybe you can assist with set up & clean up. Join in on the fun!

Dates are always available!
Please see sign up sheet in the Narthex!

3 Cents A Meal Offering

With five Sundays, October is another month of opportunity to donate to the 3 Cents-A-Meal program!

91 days since our last donation (July) x 3 meals a day = 273 meals
@ 3 cents = \$8.19. Please feel free to round up to \$10.00. Please use envelopes in the pews and mark for 3 Cents-A-Meal (Palma Sola members have the option of on-line giving.)

The offering will be collected on Sunday, October 30. Offerings go to Beth-el, Mision Pienel and Our Daily Bread after each collection.

Hope Seeds Packing

Pack a seed, fill a need! You are invited to a Hope Seeds packing event on Friday, October 14th from 10 an – noon in Fellowship Hall.

Join with other volunteers to assemble seed packets to be distributed all over the world. Hope Seeds is a Christian, charitable organization that seeks to improve the nutrition of the poorest in the world by providing quality garden seed and agricultural education through Christian missionaries and organizations. All supplies are provided and work is done seated at tables. Come for an hour or stay the whole time. Friends and family are welcome!



Safety Meeting (Update!)

There was a new committee meeting held on September 14th at 2 PM about Safety in the Church. Everyone attending participated in sharing their ideas and left satisfied with their time invested.

In attendance: Pastor Edward Dunn, Ron Dickerson, Nancy Shimandle, Dennis Schooley, Burt Tupper, Al Zimmer, John Progar, Rich Wachunis, and Jan Jarrell.

The committee moderator was Ron Dickerson.

The committee's first objective was to collect ideas to focus on. The broad categories decided on were property, people and community. There were 13 topics under property and 5 topics under people listed.

At the next meeting more topics could be added. Committee members will divide up to work on the identified topics.

We are inviting anyone interested in adding ideas and effort to this important task to jump on board. This is a fun and easy way to "grow with us."

The next committee meeting will be September 27th, Tuesday, at 2 PM.

Mark your calendars!

For more information, please contact Ron Dickerson at 309-531-3842.

HABITATS TO SAVE WILDLIFE

From Costa Rican
Rainforests to Our
Own Yards

FIND OUT ...

- Why rainforests are important
- What is being done to save them
- How you can become involved

... LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- Plants that host birds and butterflies in Florida
- Plant sale to support rainforest preservation

* Families Welcome

* Refreshments Served

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2022
7:00-8:30 PM

PALMA SOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6510 3rd Ave W, Bradenton FL



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCT 1	Myrna Felix Shirley Christian	OCT 17	Vicki Sokolich
OCT 4	Debbie Grubb James Wolf	OCT 20	Betty Bashaw Walter & Roberta Rae McWhirter
OCT 5	Elizabeth Dykstra	OCT 21	Julie Mumford
OCT 6	Marcia Campbell	OCT 23	Amy Pedon
OCT 12	Douglas Johnson	OCT 24	Walter Campbell Deanna Gordon Walter McWhirter
OCT 14	Jolanda Sirovy	OCT 25	Ella Schafer Lorraine Stork
OCT 15	Tracy Starcher	OCT 27	Nancy Ball
OCT 16	Betty MacClinchy Roberta Rae McWhirter		

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7P IN THE SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAYS AT 6P IN THE SANCTUARY

HOLY STROLLERS
WALKING GROUP



JOIN US ON A WEEKLY STROLL
TO GET SOME FRESH AIR

EVERY FRIDAY | 9AM

ROBINSON PRESERVE
(NORTH ENTRANCE)



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OCTOBER

2022

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

2
Worship Service
10a | Communion

3

4
Outreach / 3p

5
Bell Choir | 6p

6
**MEN'S GROUP
8:30a**
Stewardship 2:30p
*Renewal
6:30p*

7
**HOLY
STROLLERS | 9a**

8

9
Worship Service
10a |

10
*Palma Sola
Book Club / 12p*

11
Deacons Mtg | 7p

12
**SAFETY
MTG | 2P**
Bell Choir | 6p

13
Finance / 3p

14
**HOLY
STROLLERS | 9a**
**HOPE
SEEDS | 10A**

15

16
Worship Service
10a |

17
WPC SESSION | 1p
**PSPC SESSION
6:30p**

18

19
Bell Choir | 6p

20
**MEN'S GROUP
8:30a**

21
**HOLY
STROLLERS | 9a**
**NOV. NL
DEADLINE | 5p**
*Habitats to save
Wildlife / 7pm*

22
**HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY
WORK DAY!
7:30A**

23
Worship Service
10a |

24

25

26
Bell Choir | 6p

27

28
**HOLY
STROLLERS | 9a**

29

30
Reformation
Sunday Worship
Service 10a | 3
Cents A Meal
Collection

31

Kirkin The Tartan
Dinner | 5:30p

Happy Halloween!

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](#).