

Be a guiding light,
a safe harbor,
a beacon of hope,
and a solid foundation for
those around you.
~ Jennifer Gayle

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



When October arrives, I think of Halloween and pumpkins. Many of us may remember ourselves and our children in costumes, trick-or-treating in the neighborhood, or special activities and gatherings, or maybe a slightly spooky story shared on a cool evening. Now that I'm a wee bit older I find myself fascinated with the ancient roots of Halloween.

Halloween comes from "All Hallows' Eve" the evening *before* All Hallows' Day, or All Saints' Day, which is November 1st. This is an important day on the Christian calendar, the day set aside to remember and honor the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us and now rest in the eternal light of God. The customs of the evening before, however, have a much older, complicated, and intermingled history. Some of its traditions can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of *Samhain* (pronounced *Sow-in*), observed primarily in what is now Ireland, Scotland, and Great Britain. Samhain marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the "darker half" of the year. The central spiritual theme of Samhain was the belief that the "veil" between the world of the living and the Otherworld (the realm of spirits, ancestors, and angles) was at its thinnest on October 31st.

Samhain was also a time when people believed that the spirits of those who had died during the past year were traveling to the Otherworld. Families would light bonfires, leave food offerings, and set an extra place at the feast for their ancestors. Large communal bonfires were lit to ward off malevolent spirits, purify the community, and mimic the life-giving sun as the dark half of the year began. All domestic hearth fires were extinguished and then solemnly re-lit from the communal blaze. Other interesting traditions: Neep/Turnip Lanterns: Instead of pumpkins, scary faces were carved into large turnips or "neeps" (also called "tumshies" in Scotland) with a candle placed inside. These lanterns were used to ward off evil spirits and guide friendly souls. Guising (the original Trick-or-Treating): Children would wear disguises (guises) or costumes to confuse wandering spirits. Unlike modern trick-or-treating, they had to perform a song, poem, joke, or dance at each door to earn a treat (often nuts or fruit). Divination Games were popular for predicting the future, particularly about marriage. Examples include: "Dookin' for Apples" (Apple Bobbing): Trying to grab apples from a basin of water using only the mouth; Nut Burning: Couples would place nuts on the fire; a quiet burn meant a good future together, while a hissing or crackling nut foretold trouble; Kale Pulling: Pulling a stalk of kale or cabbage while blindfolded to predict the height, shape, and personality of a future spouse. Many families would hold great feasts and set out an extra plate and chair for the visiting souls of deceased ancestors.

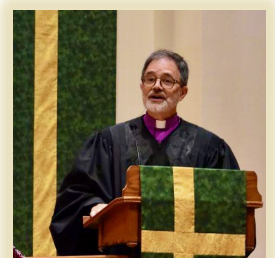
Other cultures and nations honor and remember the dead and reflect on eternity the same time of year. In Mexico and Latin America, there is a vibrant and joyous *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) on November 1st and 2nd. Families build *ofrendas* (altars) in their homes, decorate with marigolds, the favorite foods of the deceased, and photographs. It's a celebration of life—a belief that the spirits of the departed return to enjoy the offerings and company of their living relatives. In the Philippines, some Christians observe *Pangangaluluwa*, where groups go house to house singing ancient songs, often relating to the souls in Purgatory, asking for prayers or small donations. The Church transformed and integrated these ancient and popular pagan practices. Pope Gregory IV officially established All Saints' Day on November 1st in the 9th century, in part to Christianize and refocus these long-held observances. The "Eve" kept some of the folk traditions, creating the unique blend we see today.

These different traditions all share a common, deeply human desire to honor the legacy of people who were loved and to acknowledge that their death is not the end of our relationship with them. Let this be an invitation to remember our rich and meaningful Christian traditions, especially the greater context of All Saints' Day. The New Testament speaks of us being surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). This is the season of the year to consciously remember our parents, spouses, friends, and all the faithful saints of the Church—those whose lives pointed toward Christ and whose legacies inspire us.

All of these traditions were a very human response to death and the unknown. October 31st can become an annual invitation to reaffirm our hope in Christ who conquered death and opened the way to eternal life. Like those celebrating *Día de los Muertos*, we too can embrace the memory of our loved ones, not with sorrow, but with profound gratitude for the time we shared. Pull out those old photographs, share a happy memory over coffee, and celebrate the *life* that God granted them. *All Hallows' Eve* can and should be more for us than a night of interesting folklore. It is a threshold—a reminder that we belong to a community that spans generations, grounded in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This October 31st let's prepare our hearts for a joyful remembrance of *All the Saints* on November 1st, and celebrate the life we have in Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world, as the daylight hours shorten and the world around us appears darker and more chaotic.

Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

Rev. Jay





Musical Notes from Melanie

Singing Helps Us Pray

It may not have occurred to us before, but singing is a form of prayer. The book of Psalms is our prime example as a large proportion of the psalms are, or contain, prayers (for example, [Ps. 3-8, 9-10, 12-13, 16-18](#)). And if there's one thing we know about the way the psalms functioned in the life of the people of Israel, it is that many of these prayers were sung—as indeed they were intended to be. Moreover they were also sung by the New Testament churches ([Eph. 5:19](#); [Col. 3:16](#); [James 5:13](#)).

This means, then, that exhortations to sing psalms include commands to sing prayers. The great value of singing our prayers is that the activity of singing helps us to engage with the emotional dimensions of the truths we are saying or the petitions we are praying. In other words, singing plays a critical role in helping us to bridge the gap between the cognitive and affective aspects of our humanity, and in helping us process our emotional pain and so bring us to a point of praise (for example, [Ps. 3-7](#)).

So each time you listen to our anthem, the choir is helping you pray!
Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 3 PM.



Melanie Bales



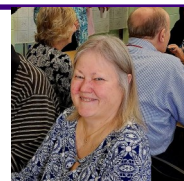


God's Mission:

to freely offer
the rich treasures
of Jesus Christ
to needy people

Debby McKinney

With the help of Joel Lemmer, President of the Wildwood Middle High School (WMHS) Booster Club, we learned of a need with the school Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program. They currently have students enrolled in classes that are designed for students that have already met their graduation requirements or are about to graduate but still require additional assistance due to their exceptionalities. Some individuals with exceptionalities or disabilities are able to live successful, independent lives after graduating.



However, this takes quite a bit of direct instruction for some students. They have classes and programs at WMHS that target the independent and daily living skills for these students but needed some small appliances to learn how to cook on them safely. Items purchased were 2 crock pots, 2 air fryers, 2 electric frying pans, 2 sets of measuring cups, spoons, and pitchers to learn measuring. Also, an ironing board, an iron, and laundry soap pods to learn how to run a washing machine. Evelyn Welch, coordinator of the group, was also setting up a sensory room where students can de-stress or calm down when needed. Items purchased for this room were throw pillows and blankets, as well as a couple of lap boards. They already had a couple of chairs and lighting for the room.

In mid-September, Dru Movizzo and Suzanne Gordon, members of the Mission team, shopped and then delivered the items to the school. The students were very excited to receive the items!

The Mission Team



Reflecting the love of Jesus Christ, we encourage all church members to give their time, talents, and treasure; to support mission projects of the First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood.



Enough Noise. Let's Be the Light.

A Reflection from the Heart

By Jeanine Parlett-Littlehale

There's a storm in the air—and it's not just outside our windows. It's in our headlines, our conversations, our social media feeds. The noise is relentless. Political outrage. Cultural division. Fear dressed up as fact. And somewhere in the chaos, we've forgotten how to listen. How to hope. How to see each other as human. And how to love.

I'm not writing this to add to the noise. I'm writing this because I believe we can do better.

We are not just consumers of news—we are carriers of light. We are not just voters or critics—we are neighbors, caregivers, and image-bearers of a God who still speaks peace into storms. America's story is not defined by its loudest voices. It's defined by its quiet heroes. The ones who bring casseroles to grieving families. The ones who sit beside hospital beds. The ones who pray in silence and serve without applause. That's the America I know. That's the America I still believe in. And if you're tired of the negativity, you're not alone. But here's the truth: we don't fight darkness by cursing it. We fight it by lighting candles. So let's light them.

Let's speak truth with tenderness.
Let's share stories of healing, not just hurt.
Let's create spaces where people feel seen, not sorted.

Let's remember that grief, kindness, and courage are not partisan.
Scripture says in *Philippians 4:8*:

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—think about such things."

This isn't just advice. It's a lifeline.

So today, I'm choosing to think about the good. To speak life. To be a lantern in the window for someone who's lost in the storm. And I'm asking you—gently, urgently—to do the same.

Let's stop echoing the noise. Let's start embodying the hope and love Jesus gave to us.



Worship MINISTRY

A Prayer of Gratitude

Lord,

*Thank You for the breath in my lungs,
the quiet mercies of morning,
and the grace that carries me through each day.*

*Even in sorrow, You are near—
a steady light, a faithful friend.*

*Help me to notice the blessings tucked into ordinary moments,
and to offer thanks not just with words,
but with a life that reflects Your love.*



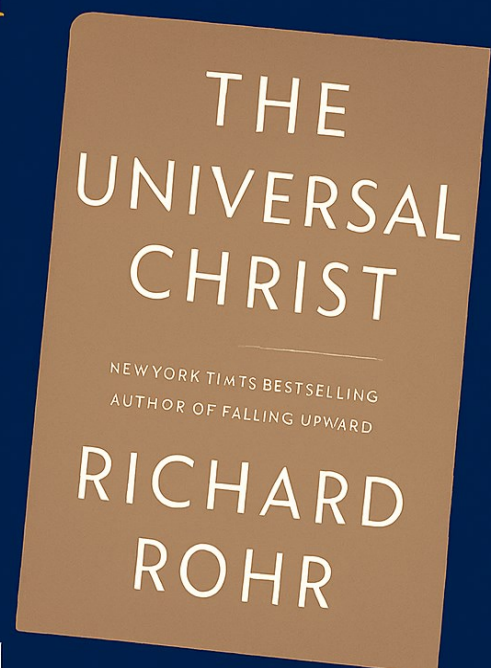
DELIGHT
IN PRAYER

New Christian Education Class Begins This Fall

A new monthly Christian education class will begin on Monday, September 29th at 11:00AM in the church conference room, meeting on the fourth Monday of each month.

Together, we'll explore *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, a thought-provoking book that invites readers to rediscover Christ's presence in everyday life. Copies are available on Amazon for \$8.95.

Rev. Jay will lead the class, guiding discussion and reflection. Whether you've read the book or are simply curious, *all are welcome* to join this enriching journey of faith and discovery.



2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

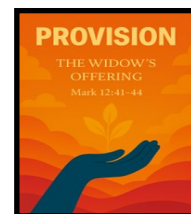
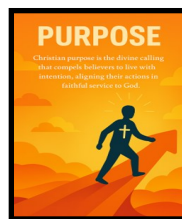
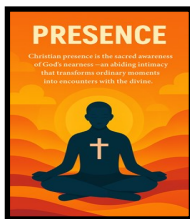
Stewardship Reflections: Presence, Purpose, Provision

As 2026 stewardship drive draws to a close, we pause to reflect on the beautiful theme that has guided our journey this year: ***Presence, Purpose, Provision***. These words have shaped our prayers, our gatherings, and our giving—reminding us that stewardship is not just about finances, but about faithfulness.

Your presence has been a gift. Whether you've served, sung, prayed, or simply shown up with a willing heart, you've helped build a community where God's love is felt and shared. Your purpose—expressed through your time, talents, and testimony—has brought light to ministries that comfort, teach, and heal. And your provision, through pledges and offerings, ensures that every effort is used for the glory of God.

As we prepare for **Dedication Sunday on October 12th**, we invite you to bring your whole self—your hopes, your gratitude, your commitment. This is more than a moment to give; it's a moment to dedicate all we are and all we have to the One who gives abundantly.

Thank you for walking this path with us. May we continue to be stewards of grace, rooted in presence, guided by purpose, and sustained by divine provision.



Gratitude for Our 2026 Stewardship Team

We extend heartfelt thanks to this year's stewardship team for their thoughtful, energetic, and joy-filled work. From crafting engaging mailers to printing, mailing, presenting, and even illustrating our beloved thermometer—every detail was handled with care and creativity. Their goal wasn't just to inform, but to inspire... and maybe even make us smile along the way. No stuffiness here—just faithful service, fresh ideas, and a whole lot of heart.

Pairs and Spares Dine In

Of the several new social groups started two years ago, one was an in-home dining group called Pairs and Spares Dine In. One of our purposes is to provide a way to meet and make new friends among our church family. People interested in entertaining and being entertained in homes are divided each year into a new group. We welcome both couples (pairs) and individuals (spares). Depending on the size of your home, you can be part of a group of either 6 or 8.

Hosts rotate and provide the main course and those attending bring part of the meal (often an appetizer, salad or dessert as suggested by the host). In addition to sharing a meal, lots of interesting talk and laughter allow us to know one another better.

Each group meets 4 times a year at a date and time of their choosing. Please let Nancy Myers or Elizabeth Richmond know if you'd like to join, rejoin, or have any questions.

A 2025-26 organizational get together will be held on Friday, October 17 at 5:30 at the home of Nancy Myers. We look forward to spending the evening with both former members and those who would like to join. Please let one of us know if you'll be able to attend. Out of town but want to be part of this group? Let us know as well





Hot Off the Press: Our Church Cookbook Is Coming Soon!

We're thrilled to announce that the long-awaited church cookbook has officially gone to production! Barring any surprises, it will be available for purchase no later than the first week of November—just in time for the holiday season.

This beautiful collection of recipes is more than just a guide to good food. It's a celebration of our community's generosity, tradition, and shared table. Every dish tells a story, and every page reflects the love and care poured into our ministries.

All proceeds go directly to support the church. So as you plan your holiday gifts, consider purchasing multiple copies for friends, family, and neighbors. It's a meaningful way to share both nourishment and faith.

Let's spread warmth this season—one recipe at a time.



Meals with a Smile

Bringing Comfort and Care to Our Church Family

If you know anyone that could use a meal while recovering from surgery, rehabilitation, illness, bereavement any other reason, please contact Rev. Jay (352-748-2530), Jeanine Parlett-Littlehale (301-514-7182) or Ron Cockman (407-463-8072). *If you would like to be on the list to make a meal, please contact Ron or Jeanine.*

Anyone need a meal?

*Thanks to those hands that
prepared and delivered the meals.*



Insta-Bomb Pot Roast: A Culinary Explosion of Confusion

It all started with a scroll. One innocent flick of the mouse, and there it was—an ad that stopped me in my tracks: “*Insta Bomb Pot Roast!*” I blinked. I squinted. I briefly considered calling tech support. Was this a new form of meat-based warfare? A roast that detonates on command? Had the slow cooker finally gone rogue?

Naturally, I did what any rational adult would do—I asked Mr. Google. And let me tell you, the rabbit hole was seasoned with mystery.

Turns out, these weren’t explosive meat grenades. They were—brace yourself—seasoning balls. Yes, actual round pods of flavor designed to be dropped into your slow cooker like culinary depth charges. No roast bursting forth from a sphere like a magician’s trick. Just herbs and spices doing their thing, quietly, without pyrotechnics.

Still, I couldn’t help but imagine the possibilities. What if technology *did* advance to the point where dinner could be summoned from a marble-sized orb? Picture it: “Alexa, deploy beef.” And boom—pot roast, mashed potatoes, and a side of green beans materialize like manna from the microwave.

Until then, I’ll stick to my slow cooker and my skepticism. But let this be a warning: if you see an ad for “Exploding Lasagna Cubes,” proceed with caution. Or at least wear goggles.

Bon appétit and God bless the algorithm.

Scripture Reflection

—Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.”

Even in the oddities of modern advertising, there’s joy in discovery—and a reminder that God’s goodness often shows up in unexpected places. Even seasoning balls.

AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT WAL-MART!





The BUCK Stops Her



Two Million Flowers!!

By Buck Buchanan

Mauri and I both love the flowers here in The Villages. The other evening, we took a drive up to Glenview Country Club. Along the road in, and especially around Savannah Circle, the beds of flowers were simply spectacular—splashes of color everywhere you looked. Bright impatiens in every shade, cheerful marigolds, petunias, and begonias—it was like driving through a living painting.

It made me wonder: who is responsible for all this beauty? So I picked up the phone and called The Villages main office. Before long, I found myself speaking with Chris Ryzoc, the Landscape Manager for The Villages District Property Management. He couldn't have been nicer, and he gave me a detailed look behind the scenes of this enormous operation.

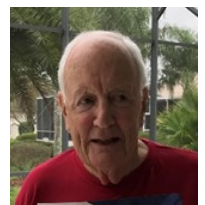
Here's what I learned:

- **Four Planting Seasons.** January, April, July, and October. Each season brings a fresh wave of color—half a million flowers every time. That's where the "two million flowers" number comes from over the course of a year.
- **Who Plants Them.** The Villages employees don't do the planting themselves. Instead, five different contractors each manage a designated area. They even follow rules about design—taller flowers in the middle, smaller ones along the edges, so everything looks just right.
- **The Growers.** Beneath the contractors are the growers and subcontractors who actually plant the seeds and raise the seedlings until they're ready to be planted around our community.
- **Water and Weather.** Every flowerbed is irrigated with buried pipes. I had always assumed the summer heat was the biggest challenge for these plants, but Chris set me straight. He told me frost is the real enemy. Just two or three nights of frost in the winter can kill off dozens of flowers. Irrigation, as it turns out, can make all the difference.

So the next time you're out for an evening drive or a morning walk, take a moment to really look around. Whether it's a bed of pink impatiens glowing in the shade, or a burst of red salvia catching the sun, know that all of it is carefully planned and tended.

I hope you enjoy the two million annual flowers in The Villages as much as Mauri and I do. They truly make this place special.

Buck Buchanan





Be Seated


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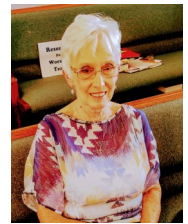
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Prayer Chain

 For the past year, we on the prayer chain have been lifting others up in prayer upon request. Each member is a "link," connected to others with hearts ready to pray. We're currently in need of a few more links to help strengthen the chain.

Your prayer request will always remain confidential. When a request comes in, I will text it to Pastor Jay and our three designated callers. Each caller will then notify the “links” assigned to them.

If you'd like to join us in this quiet ministry of prayer, we'd love to welcome you. You'll receive a call with the request and simply add that person to your prayer list—whenever and however you pray. Please join us.



Healing & Support Group Meeting

The Healing and Support group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m., in the church conference room. This group is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, processing a recent medical diagnosis, or recovering from trauma. Together, we create a safe space to share, connect, and find comfort. Here, your feelings are heard and respected, and talking becomes a part of the healing journey. We welcome you with open arms. For additional information contact Rev. Jay or Jeanine Parlett-Littlehale.

Next meeting October 20 10:00 AM TOPIC: **CARRYING THE WEIGHT** and open discussion. Is there any song or music that contributed to your healing? If so, let me know and we will play it for everyone.



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**

AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention) will hold its second annual "Out of Darkness" Walk at Lake Okahumpka Park on Rt. 44 in Wildwood on October 18th, 2025. Donations raised will benefit the local AFSP chapter here in the Villages. There is no charge to walk, but donations are welcome. In addition to walking, there will be informational booths and displays available to learn more about suicide prevention.



Stitch Pray Love

STITCH PRAY LOVE is back!

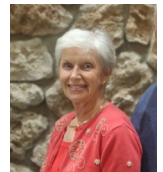
Calling all knitters, crocheters, and needlework lovers—come stitch joy into every thread and prayer into every loop.

Wednesday, October 1
Conference Room 12:30 PM

Bring your yarn, your stories, and your spirit. Whether you're crafting a cozy scarf or a radiant quilt, let's create something beautiful—together.

“She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.” — Proverbs 31:13
Let your hands be busy and your heart be light.

Questions? Call Brenda Heist at 352-751-5421



FUND RAISERS

RIBS The Masons are going to smoke ribs again! We will start selling them in September with pick up on Saturday, October 11. Orders must be received by October 4th with an order form and check for \$25 made out to FPCW. Just drop it into the collection plate.



Please make a note, the monthly calendar will no longer appear in the Beacon. Please go to our website.



“Strangers in Time’ by David Baldacci

I love to receive recommendations from other readers. One, it makes my job easier. Secondly, I have trouble finding enough good books to report on.

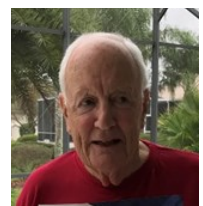
Today’s book is an excellent book. It was recommended to me by a woman in The Villages, and she asked that I not use her name, OK, but it was a good recommendation.

The book is “Strangers in Time” by David Baldacci. I believe I told you I have an Excel file on my computer, and I have over a thousand books that I’ve read in the past two plus decades. Twenty-five of these are by Baldacci. Strangers in Time is the best one of his that I’ve read.

The book takes place in London during World War Two. There are three major characters; Charlie Matter, a fourteen year old orphan who is basically a street urchin, Molly Wakefield, a homeless fifteen year old from a well-to-do family but whose parents have disappeared and are presumed dead, and Ignatius Oliver, who runs a small out-of-the-way bookstore in London.

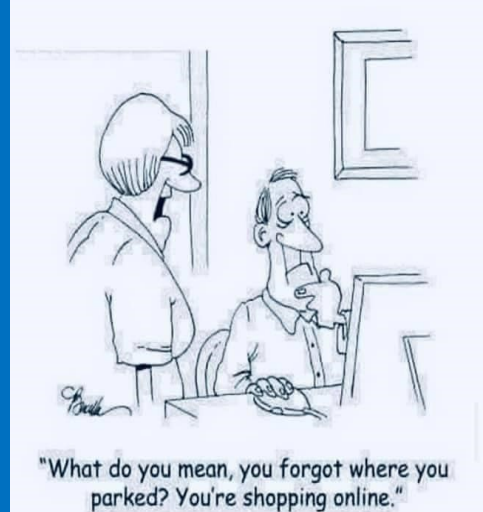
Much of the book is about bombing of London, with many deaths described. Gruesome. Charlie and Molly end up being taken under the wing of Oliver. Lots of other stuff, including a German spy. A good read!!

Buck Buchanan





**I heard a someone is
suing smart water for
not making them smart,
& I'd like to formally
announce my lawsuit
against thin mints.**



**A pastor giving a children's
sermon on vestments asked:
"Why do you think I wear this
collar?"**

**One kid answered:
"Because it kills ticks and fleas
up to 30 days?"**

**I FELL ASLEEP IN
CHURCH, THEN I HEARD
"STAND UP" SO I
STOOD UP AND PEOPLE
CLAPPED, THE PASTOR
SAID WHO ELSE WILL
GIVE \$2000**

**Danger of falling asleep
in church**



KINDNESS STORY

The Loaf and the Letter

It started with a loaf of bread.

Marjorie, a quiet widow in our congregation, had been absent from Sunday service for several weeks. No one knew quite why—only that her usual pew sat empty, and her name lingered in the prayer requests. One afternoon, Ellen, a member of our caregiving ministry, felt a nudge in her spirit. She didn't have answers, but she had flour, yeast, and a heart full of compassion.

She baked a simple loaf, wrapped it in a tea towel, and tucked a handwritten note inside:

"You are missed. You are loved. You are not alone."

That small act of kindness became a ripple. Marjorie called Ellen in tears, sharing that she'd been overwhelmed with grief and hadn't known how to ask for help. The bread reminded her of communion—of Christ's body, broken and shared—and the note reminded her of the Body of Christ, still holding her close.

Soon, others joined in. Cards arrived. Meals were delivered. A neighbor offered rides. And Marjorie returned—not just to church, but to community, to hope, to healing.

Kindness doesn't always come with fanfare. Sometimes it's a quiet loaf and a quiet love, offered in Jesus' name. But it multiplies. It nourishes. It restores.

As we close this year of *Presence, Purpose, Provision*, may we remember that kindness is one of God's most powerful provisions. And may we continue to be vessels of His presence—one loaf, one letter, one life at a time.

Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Prepared by Jeanine Parlett-Littlehale
with the assistance of Facebook stories





The next ladies lunch will be
on Nov 12 at 11:30
The Front Porch Café
706 W. Main Street
Leesburg, FL

RSVP to
Janet Moe
603-289-1635



The men meet on the last
Wednesday of each month
at 9:00 at Bob Evan's
located at Colony Plaza off
466A. Come join us for
fellowship and breakfast!

No RSVP
required



Next Dining Out will be in
Oct 13 at 6 PM
La Palma
Mexican Grill
1690 Citrus Blvd
Leesburg, FL

RSVP to
Carolyn Lindgren
305-331-9662
Brent Morrow
352-239-4332



Stay tuned. We are changing
locations.
Watch the Sunday bulletins.
4th Friday of the month at
9:30.

RSVP to
Jeanine Parlett-
Littlehale
at 301-514-7182.





October Birthdays

Margaret Hupe 2, Stan Heist 5, Paul Neal 5

Ellie Fesel 7, Jill Voss 8,

JoAnn Koster 10, Carolyn Schotts 10, Denise Park 15,

Patsy Hansen 19, Kari Rowland 21, Bill Kamm 25,

Dorothy Breslin 26, Kim Stuchell 27,

Sharon Hamilton 28

October Anniversaries

Brian & Carol Roth 6

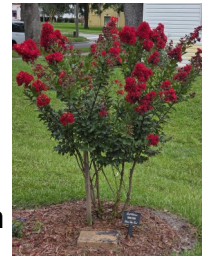
Dave & Lynne Wagner 24



Connie and Jeanine celebrated their birthdays, Sept 18th, with Marilyn Englesbee at Ms. Kathy's Cotillion. The salted carmel cake was delicious!

Team Leaders....

Administration	Bill Caldwell
Beacon	Jeanine Parlett- Littlehale
Book Club	Diana Sharer
Building and Grounds	Herb Lunden
Communications and Outreach	Dru Movizzo
Dining Out	Brent Morrow
Finance	John Ulrich
Sunday Fellowship	Neville Cullen
Healing and Support Group	Rev. Jay or Jeanine Parlett -Littlehale
Ladies Luncheon	Janet Moe
Membership	Nancy Myers
Men's Breakfast	Brent Morrow
Mission	Debby McKinney
Pastoral Care Ministry	Jeanine Parlett-Littlehale
Prayer Chain	Liscette Headly
Stitch, Pray, Love	Brenda Heist
Worship Committee	Michele Loser



There is an area between the church, the Clow Center and Fellowship Hall that is dedicated as a memorial garden. Memory markers are \$12. Forms are available to order a marker through the church office or Herb Lunden. Make checks payable to FPCW with "memory garden" in the memo line. You can plant a bush or perennial next to the marker, if you wish. Additional information is available by contacting the church



We share the sad news that Lloyd Munch, a former member of our congregation, passed away on September 17 in Texas. Lloyd and his wife, Janet, had moved there to be closer to their children.

Please keep the Munch family in your prayers during this time of loss, asking for comfort, peace, and the assurance of God's presence.

We remember with gratitude the life of Glen Keel, a former member of FPC, who entered into God's eternal care on Wednesday, September 17. Many of our longtime members will recall Glen and his wife, Onya, for their faithful and active presence in our church community.

Glen played a meaningful role in welcoming Neville and me into FPC, and his kindness left a lasting impression. We invite the congregation to hold Glen's memory in prayer and consider honoring him during Sunday's service.