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May 3, 2026 "Great Stories"

Caring for Generations Offering

We will receive the Caring for Generations offering on Mother's Day, May 10. This offering assists residents of the Westminster Communities of Florida, assuring residents can remain in their homes and receive necessary care, even if they have outlived their financial resources. You may give through the website, app, or by making a note in the memo section of your check.

Mother's Day Fundraiser

Next Sunday, let our Surrender Youth help you make it a wonderful Mother's Day for someone special in your life. The youth are holding a fundraiser in the Welcome Center after the 10:30 am services.

Funds raised will help with the costs of attending the Real Life Camp this summer. There will be create-your-own bouquets and raffles for baskets.

First Come First Serve

We have updated our vending machines, and we have three that are available to be repurposed. We also have the equipment in the Fitness Room available after May 18. If you are interested in any of the available items, please let Andrea know. You will need to move the items yourself.

FPC Scholarships

FPC supports our college age students through the Morrison Endowment and Grady Endowment Scholarship Program. We are currently accepting applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applications are on the website & are due by 6/5.

Service Opportunity

We need volunteer bus drivers for Sunday mornings. The commitment is for once a month. Contact Jackie (jhansen@fpclakeland.org) if you are interested.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7. Local events include prayer at City Hall at noon; worship at Munn Park from 2-6 pm; and the "Main Event" at Munn Park at 6:30 pm.

All of the events are free and open to the public.

VBS Updates

Have you registered your kids and grands for this year's VBS? Don't wait... register them now on the FPC app or website. VBS will be held June 8-12.

Volunteer Registration

We are now registering volunteers, as well. There is a place for everyone to volunteer and help us make this an amazing week for the children. Register on the app or website.

Decoration Days

Mark your calendars to help us prepare the facilities for VBS. On Wednesday, May 13, we will be preparing our decorations from 9 am until noon in the craft room. On Wednesday, June 3, we will be hanging those decorations around the church from 9 am until noon.

VBS is a churchwide event, and there is a place for everyone to participate in making this an amazing week for our children.

Mission Partner Update

Parker Street Ministries, one of FPC's mission partners, is holding a 24 hour telethon May 7-8, from 6 pm to 6 pm. Clips from FPC worship services will be included in the telethon. Anyone interested in watching may find a link on the Parker Street Ministries website.

Upcoming Events

New Member Orientation | Today | 9:15 am | Library
Prayers for Healing | May 6 | 6 pm | Chapel
Last Kids Club before summer | May 6
OAM Spirit of Service | May 8 | 10 am | Room A
Tom Ingui Concert | May 8 | 7 pm | Sanctuary
Harrison School of the Arts Concert | May 10 | 3 pm | Sanctuary
VBS Decoration Day | May 13 | 9 am | Craft Room
Blood Drive | May 17 | 8:30 am - 1 pm | South Portico
Widow's Journey | May 22 | 11 am | Parlor
Offices Closed | May 23 & 25 | Memorial Day
VBS Decoration Day | June 3 | 9 am | Hallway
Rainforest Falls VBS | June 8-12

More event information is available on our website (www.fpclakeland.org) or on the Church Center app.