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October 4, 2026 "The Name Above Every Name" World Communion Day

World Communion Day

Today is World Communion Day, an annual day of observation originated in 1933 by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, who was pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg.

We celebrate this day on the first Sunday of each October. The purpose of the observance is to promote Christian unity and global connection through the Eucharist. Kerr wanted a way to share Christian interconnectedness across denominations and borders, and he used the act of holy communion as a symbol of unity.

OAM Spirit of Service Luncheons Resume

FPC's Older Adult Ministry (OAM) will resume their monthly Spirit of Service (SOS) luncheons in October. While this is an OAM event, all are welcome.

The event will be held on Friday, Oct. 9 at 10 am in Room A. The presentation will be "The Importance of Bees," given by Alecia Crauswell and friends from Red Roof Farms. A lunch will be held after the presentation. The (optional) lunch is \$12 per person.

Please RSVP today by emailing Sandie (sandie@fpclakeland.org) or on the Church Center app.

Meaningful October

This month, we observe our annual stewardship drive in which we make commitments to the church and to God to give back to him what is his through our involvement in the local church. You should be receiving commitment cards in the mail, and we ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment.

October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be a member of the Pastoral Care Committee in the Welcome Center on Sundays to receive cards and love offerings for our pastoral staff.

Prayers for Healing

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm in the pastoral suite for our monthly Prayers for Healing. Join with others to pray for those in our church and community who need healing. All are invited to attend.

Generations Sunday

Mark your calendars for Oct. 11 and plan to attend our second annual Generations Sunday. We'll be celebrating the different generations of FPC that day.

Our youth will be leading in the 10:30 am Classic service, and our children will be singing at the luncheon which will be held after the 10:30 am services.

The Faithful Fifties luncheon will be a catered buffet, and all are invited. At the lunch, we will also celebrate those who have been FPC members for 50 years or more and those who have been married 50 years or more.

Correction: Please note last week's worship announcements mentioned a need to RSVP on the Church Center app. No registrations are necessary to attend this event. We look forward to celebrating with everyone.

Congregational Meeting

Our annual fall congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18, following the 10:30 am services. The congregation will vote to elect new elders to serve on Session, the church's governing body. Please make all attempts to be present for this meeting.

Upcoming Events

Pastor Appreciation Month | October

Stewardship/Annual Fund Campaign | October

OAM Fieldtrip to IKEA | Oct. 2 | 9:15 am | Cost: \$5 plus any personal purchases

Prayers for Healing | Oct. 7 | 6 pm | Pastoral Suite

OAM Spirit of Service (SOS) | Oct. 9 | 10 am | Room A

Merida Mission Trip | Oct. 10-16 | Be in prayer for our team in Mexico.

Generations Sunday | Oct. 11

Chili Cookoff Team Registration Begins | Oct. 11 | Welcome Center

Congregational Meeting | Oct. 18 | 11:45 am | Sanctuary

Youth Worship Band Bake Sale | Oct. 18 | 11:30 am | Welcome Center

Inclusion Sunday | Nov. 8

Chili Cookoff | Nov. 8 | 4:30 pm | Loudon Hall

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

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