



St Andrew Presbyterian Church

News From St Andrew Presbyterian Church

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Reminder

Pizza & a Movie: 3rd Thursday Night –
5:00 p.m.
Men's Breakfast: 1st & 3rd Thursday -
8:30am; Bob Evans
Women's Brunch
Bunch: 3rd Tuesday. -
10:30am; Bob Evans

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From the Pastor's Desk

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." — John 11: 25-26, NRSVUE

The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. We can be in need of rising out of the depth of imprisonment, addiction, poverty, illness, and oppression — not just physically and literally, but also spiritually. What keeps us locked up inside? What holds us back from the joy of life? What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? Join us for powerful testimonies of courage, kindness, strength, and overcoming — Resurrection Stories — from those who have found "resurrection" in their lives. It might just inspire you to unlock your own rising up! Join us this Easter season.

Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz - Pastor

Bible Insights



Luke 5:29 – 6:11

In this daily Bible reading the Pharisees were criticizing Jesus and His disciples for not strictly following the Jewish laws and traditions. Jesus was not adhering to their religion. So, Jesus said, "New wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'the old is good enough.'"

If one is entrenched in a particular religion, they are comfortable with that religion. They do not see a need to change. The Pharisees were firmly established in their religion based on the Laws that God gave to Moses.

They were not receptive to Jesus' teaching. They were

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These Rocks Shall Speak: Faith and Art Workshop Saturday, May 4, 2024



**Rev. Mike Murphy and
Anita Lustrea**

Anita Lustrea is a broadcast professional with a career in radio spanning 31 years. She is a sought-after conference and retreat speaker and host of the podcast Anita Lustrea Faith Conversations.

Some call her funny, others use the word quirky. When it comes to tea, her husband says, "She's just plain obsessed. And don't get in her way if the water's not hot enough or the tea didn't steep long enough!"

Anita calls her husband, Mike, A retired Presbyterian pastor and Spiritual Director, one of the funniest people she knows, except when he's not, and then it's just not pretty! One thing is certain, she would rather spend time with Mike than anyone else on the planet. They will both be leading our Faith and Art workshop.

The workshop will be held Saturday May 4th from 9:30 to 12:00noon (including lunch). Registration is required by calling the church office at (813) 634-1252.

Bible Insights continued...

certainly not receptive to believing that God had sent Jesus to the Earth to save mankind from their sins. Additionally, they did not perceive that their own Bible, which we call the Old Testament, spoke of Jesus.

There are over 300 prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament. Even His rejection and death are prophesied. However, the Pharisees could not link Jesus to these prophecies which were in their own Bible. They were blind to the Truth.

The Bible says that a person must be reborn in Spirit to have Faith in Jesus Christ. One must totally break free of any religion that does not believe in Jesus. Then, they will be receptive to the Truth. As the Bible says, one must become a "fresh wineskin" to understand the Word of God and be refilled with the Truth.

Pizza and a Movie

Thursday, April 18, 2024 will be Pizza & a Movie Night at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church with all the pizza you can eat, an assortment of soft drinks, and delicious homemade cakes for \$8.00 a ticket plus a great, popular, recent movie. Serving starts at 5:00pm with the movie at 5:30pm. For tickets and more information come to the church office open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Phone: (813)634-1252

Address: 1239 Del Webb W Sun City Center Fl. 33573

Backpacks for Homeless

A new ongoing, exciting project at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Dean Metcalf and the Evangelism Committee, is the collection and distribution of backpacks for the homeless in the Sun City Center and Ruskin areas. Backpacks are being equipped with toiletries, baseball caps, sunscreen, and more. Along with the backpacks an invitation will be given to each person to attend the free luncheons every Wednesday at 11:30am for a delicious meal prepared by the Metropolitan Ministries. Donations of items for the backpacks are being accepted at the church office. The phone number is (813)459-1252. The address is 1239 Del Webb W Sun City Center, Fl. 33573

Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage

What Did You Do Last Weekend That Changed Your Life?

FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE offers an opportunity for you to focus totally on God's Grace, goodness, and boundless love. It is a lay-led spiritual renewal weekend designed for Christians who desire to renew, refresh, and/or deepen their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

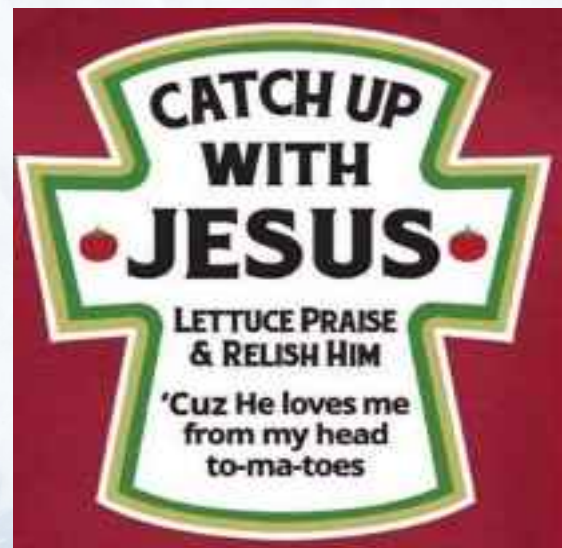
After having attended a weekend, First Presbyterian of Ocala's former Pastor, Raymond Guterman, wrote, "There's a lot of singing, lots of fellowship, short talks on pertinent topics for Christian disciples, discussions of the talks at your table of new friends, good food, great snacks, relaxing, air-conditioned accommodations and lots and lots of good surprises! Life is filled with surprises, some good and some not-so-good. At Pilgrimage, surprises keep coming and coming, and they're all good! We have many members who have had wonderful experiences at a Pilgrimage weekend, many of whom continue to meet for prayer, growth, and mutual support on a regular basis."

Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage #15 weekend will be held April 11-14, 2024, in a relaxed, non-threatening, loving atmosphere at the Retreat at Silver Springs. Twenty-eight people who have experienced the weekend will return to give you the life-changing experience they encountered on their journey. A member of Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, Mary Kay Wagner, will be serving as Moderator this year.

For further information, please visit:

www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org.

Prayerfully Consider Pilgrimage . . .





Pastor	Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz
Office Assistant	Steve Downie
Financial Administrator	Christine Johnston
Treasurer	Bob Meier
Maintenance Engineer	Inez Lafleure
Organist	Ruth Downie
Director of Worship Arts	Steve Downie
Newsletter Editor	Paul Stratton

Worship Volunteer Schedule			
Date	Worship	Usher	Greeter
Apr 7	Christine Johnson Debbie Pulcini	D. Kay Benson Harry Psenisky Jerry Bolt Sandi Bolt	
Apr 14	Al Calise Steve Reisser		
Apr 21	TBA		
Apr 28	Sandy Stratton Steve Reisser		

Pastor's Messages for April

Date	Topic	Scripture
Apr 7	Holy Communion Resurrection Stories: Freed!	Luke 24:13-34
Apr 14	Resurrection Stories: Released!	Nehemiah 9:9-15 John 20:19-23
Apr 32	Resurrection Stories: Found!	Psalm 84 Luke 24:36-43
Apr 28	Resurrection Stories: Healed!	Genesis 32:24-32 John 21:1-8

TRSS Events for April

Date	Event
Apr 9	Bus Tour of the Stained Glass at Peace Memorial PC in Clearwater.
Apr 12	These Rocks Shall Speak Walking Interactive Tours; 10am and 1pm
Please call the church office for details and to make reservations	

Bulletin Board

Courtesy Reminder

Dogs, excluding Certified Service Animals, are not allowed in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall



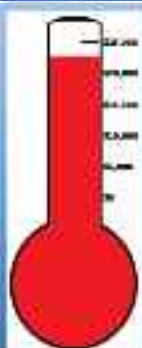
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Use the QR code on your mobile phone or follow the Online Giving instructions on andy.churchtrac.com

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FUNDRAISER - Contribute and watch the Atrium thermometer rise to the top!

- two new A/C units,
 - Atrium entrance upgrade,
 - Fellowship Hall flooring & refreshing,
 - a new computer for Sanctuary projection,
 - a fancy part to create a virtual camera for live streaming,
 - updating the Sanctuary cove lighting
- ...Lots going on!

Please mark your donations 'Fundraiser' and Thank you for your generosity!

Want to be an Event Coordinator for SAPC?

We are looking for a dynamic
EVENT COORDINATOR
to expand the St Andrew venue!

- Weddings
- Conferences
- Group Meetings
- Community Events etc



For further details contact Bob Meier or Grant Strum



Volunteers Needed

- The Nearly New Shop
- The Inter-Faith Social Action Council - **2 spots to be filled**
- Beth-El Food Distribution Ministry

If you can help contact:
Doug Campbell
dscampbell2015@gmail.com

Beth-El

Farmworker Ministry, Inc.

Volunteers needed
Wednesday mornings @ 8:30



Andy's Kitchen opens with a **free** lunch on Wednesdays at 11:30 – bring a friend!
Now with weekly entertainment
Donate a Cake for Dessert!



1st and 3rd Wednesdays
10am in Room 2

Knit, Crochet,
Pray Group

Contact Kim Bauer
(813) 344-9213

Donate yarn or funds with the Church Office

A Course in MIRACLES

- Study Group -
Understanding Jesus' Messages

Weekly meetings
Tuesdays @ 4pm
in Room 1


JOIN US:
WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Third Tuesday @ 10am
Venue: **Bob Evans**
Next Meeting: Apr 16

MEN'S BREAKFAST

1st & 3rd Thursday at 8:30am
Venue: **Bob Evans**
Next Meeting: Apr 4 & 18

Bulletin Board



BIBLE STUDY

Starts Wed Apr 3
1:30pm in Room 2

Apr 6 6
9 to 11

Spring Arts & Craft Fair

Raffle
Model Train Display
Roamin' Oldies Car Show
LIANE SALE

HEARING AID PROJECT

Recycling for a Good Cause!
We collect the following items
Collection bins in the Atrium

- **Used Hearing Aids in any Condition**
- Sertoma Speech and Hearing Foundation, Hearing Aid Project
- **Stamps** - Franked, Printed, Presort, Non-Profit - just not 1c
- Alliance Stamp Ministry
- **Bottle Caps to Benches** - any Color, any size, cap or lid

'trash into treasure'

'These Rocks Shall Speak'

Upcoming Event
APRIL 9
depart 9:30am
return 3:00pm

Excursion to Peace Memorial
Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
(lunch at Columbia Inn included)
Sign up or call the Church Office
(813-634-1252)

April 11~14
2024
Ocala, FL

Contact Christine Johnson for further details:
standrewfinacct@gmail.com

Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage
"Be Transformed by the renewing of your mind."
- Romans 12:2

'These Rocks Shall Speak'

FREE 'TRSS Walking Tours'
APR 12 @ 10am & 1pm
guided tour + cookie & punch reception
Sign up or call the Church Office

HOSPITALIZED or NEED HELP?

HELP ME

If you are hospitalized, need help or a visit from the Pastor...
Please have a friend or family member call the Church Office so that we are aware of your needs...
813-634-1252
We're here to help!

The Giving Tree
located in the Atrium

Give a little extra boost for specific needs or projects.
Every little helps!

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WIDOW'S MITE MINISTRY

Help your Sun City neighbors who do not have enough money to meet their need for food and other basic necessities.
A dollar, or two or three, once a month will help the church fill requests for assistance.
Administered by your Care & Compassion Committee.

Thank You!

Our Mission:
St Andrew Church is called to -

"Welcome all to connect with God and one another, through creative worship, innovation in ministry, and embracing hospitality, by renewing and restoring the joy of a spiritual home."

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30a AA Meeting	2 10:00a Christian Ed Mtg 4:00p Course In Miracles	3 11:30a Andy's Kitchen 1:30p Bible Study	4 8:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Men's Breakfast 12:30p Democratic Club 3:30p Choir Rehearsal	5 12:30p Rummikub	6
7 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Astun Gardens Worship	8 9:30a AA Meeting 10:00a Evangelism Mtg	9 1:00p Stewardship Mtg 1:00p Property Mtg 4:00p Course In Miracles	10 11:30a Andy's Kitchen 1:30p Bible Study	11 10:00a Celebration Mtg 3:30p Choir Rehearsal	12 12:30p Rummikub	13
14 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Astun Gardens Worship	15 9:30a AA Meeting 1:30p Eagle Autism Society	16 10:00a Ladies Brunch Bunch 12:30p Bearing Loss Group 1:00p Sessions Mtg 4:00p Course In Miracles	17 11:30a Andy's Kitchen 1:30p Bible Study	18 8:30a Men's Breakfast 10:00a Inverforth Council Mtg 3:30p Choir Rehearsal 5:00p Pizza & a Movie	19 12:30p Rummikub	20
21 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Astun Gardens Worship	22 9:30a AA Meeting	23 <i>Pastover</i> 1:00p Republican Club	24 11:30a Andy's Kitchen	25 3:30p Choir Rehearsal	26 12:30p Rummikub	27
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