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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM AND 1:30PM—5:00PM, Monday—Friday



The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is launching with 40 days nonviolent direct action in over 30 states and D.C. Poor and dispossessed people, along with other moral leaders, are taking action together and putting our bodies on the line to force the nation to address the reality of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and our distorted moral narrative.

Moral Mondays throughout the 40 days consist of a non-violent moral fusion direct action training which includes learning Poor People's Campaign freedom songs and chants, information on how to stay safe during the direct action events, a brief overview of the history of the Poor People's Campaign and its guiding principles. Logistics of the afternoon actions will be covered at this time and you will get information on how to get more involved with the actions and organization of the campaign. Each Moral Monday agenda is:

9:00 - 11:00 am - Nonviolent Direct Action Training - Florida People's Advocacy Center, located at 603 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

12:30 - 1:30 pm - March from Florida PAC to Capitol

2:00 - 3:00 pm- Speakers, song, prayer, and action in the Capitol

3:30 - 5:00 pm - Capitol Walk-through and Advocacy Training

Upcoming dates and themes for Moral Monday events are:

May 29 (a Tuesday due to the Memorial Day holiday): the War Economy and Militarism

June 4: Ecological Devastation, Poverty, and Lack of Access to Sustainable Healthcare

June 11: Everybody's Got a Right to Live - Equal Access to a Living Wage, Housing, and Education

June 18: A New and Unsettling Force

More information about the Florida events is available on the Florida campaign's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FLAPPC/>

Truthful Tuesdays throughout the 40 days feature a teach-in webinar at 7:30 pm, which may be streamed on the national campaign's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/anewppc/>

From the Compassion and Social Justice Committee.

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Pastor's Column

by Brant S. Copeland

"It's been happening everywhere. I've always kind of felt like eventually it was going to happen here, too."

So spoke Paige Curry, a student at Santa Fe High School in the wake of the mass shooting at her school last week. The horror of more children dying at the hands of another child armed with guns is bad enough. Paige expresses a view that, until recently, was unthinkable: Kids slaughtered by guns at school is to be expected.

I was born in Texas and attended public schools through the sixth grade. In the culture I grew up in, guns were everywhere. I was rewarded with a matched set of Wyatt Earp six shooters when I stopped sucking my thumb. Those were toys, of course, but there was enough real gun powder in those rolls of caps to create a pleasant association: smoking gun = fun.

A favorite pastime on my grandparents' farm was target practice with a single shot .22 caliber rifle. We'd also shoot jack rabbits whenever we got the opportunity. My uncle would drive down the dirt roads while my cousin and I stood in the bed of the Ford pickup. We'd bang on the roof when we saw a jackrabbit running through a field or pasture. My uncle would hit the brakes, and we'd take turns with the .22. (The premise was, jack rabbits ate Granddaddy's cotton, but the truth was, my cousin and I liked killing things.)

I understand why a hue and cry has not arisen from the students of Santa Fe High. "Gun control" is a dirty word in Texas. To Texans, owning and using guns is as natural as driving pickups and wearing boots. At least that was the case for my generation.

The shooter at Santa Fe did not use a military-style weapon. That hardly matters, in my opinion. I still think we need common sense gun control. More important, we need to take the romance and adventure out of the act of killing. Our whole culture needs to change – even the culture in the state of my birth.

Summer Childcare at FPC on Sunday Mornings



Lectionary Readings

May 27, 2018

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Our nursery and preschool rooms are staffed by childcare providers from the Heavenly Helpers Agency. These childcare professionals are background checked and trained in infant/child first aid and CPR. They are present in both rooms from 10:00 a.m. – Noon each Sunday.

Main Floor Nursery: Our nursery is for infants and toddlers up to two years old. Parents can drop children off beginning at 10:00 a.m. and children will be cared for through the worship hour. There is a sign in sheet for parents to list who will be picking their child up, an emergency phone number and any particular needs the child may have while in the church's care. Children should come with a bottle or sippy cup, preferred snack and diapers. Diaper wipes and additional snacks are available.

Preschool Care: Beginning at age two, children go to the third floor preschool room. Drop-off begins at 10:00 a.m. and children are cared for through the worship hour. There is a sign in sheet for parents. Snacks are provided.



Schedule for Summer Newsletters

June 4 June 18
July 2 July 16 July 30

Resume weekly publication August 6

Please plan your submissions for publication in the newsletter accordingly.

Although the deadline for submission of an article is **noon** on the publication date, you may always submit earlier; just specify the date or dates you wish the article to appear.

The next newsletter will be published June 4.

Submit items for publication to:
newsletter@oldfirstchurch.org



Welcoming Ministry

If you are interested in joining the small but dedicated group of people who welcome new members and visitors, please let the Care and Outreach team know by contacting Ann Del Rossi, chair, at adelrossi@fsu.edu. We are happy for any suggestions about improving our outreach to those who may be considering making First Pres their church home.



Dogwood Acres Church Family Retreat September 28-30, 2018

Young or old, mark your calendars for our Fall Church Family Retreat! Last year we filled the camp to the brim with folks from age 2-92! Really!! This year we hope to have more time for fun, relaxation, enjoyment of God's good creation and one another's company.



GROUP THERAPY SUMMER 2018

Session Information

Group therapy sessions for individuals include coping with stress and anxiety from 5:30PM - 7:00PM and couple enrichment for couples from 6:30PM - 8:30 PM. Group therapy sessions will take place on Wednesdays (couples) and Thursdays (individuals) at First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL. For more information, please call the Center for Couple and Family Therapy at (850)644-1588.



8 sessions for \$80

Couple Therapy

Individual Therapy

Family Therapy

May - August
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Call (850)644-1588

<http://www.ccf.fsu.edu>

Go to

<http://www.dogwoodacres.org/summer-camp/>

and see the weeks and availability for our Presbytery's camp. Christy Williams and Brant Copeland will be the chaplains at the camp from July 8-13, 2018. Our Middle School youth will be attending camp that week as will several of our elementary school children. Join the fun and register your child or grandchild this week!

If you are a high school junior or senior who loves Dogwood Acres and would like a chance to earn some money this summer, check out the resource counselor position at the DWA website. You can choose your week(s) to work...work as many or as few weeks as you want....and you will be paid \$100 per week!

This is a new position this year.

For more information contact Ben Powell, DWA camp director, at 850-528-3575.

First Presbyterian Church Calendar for May 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Sunday Schedule	10:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens	Education Building	Care for children last through the worship hour
	10:45 a.m.	Lord's Day Service	Sanctuary	All are welcome
Wednesdays	4:30 p.m.	Choristers	Choir Room	St. John's Episcopal Church
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	First Presbyterian Church



Food First Sunday

June 3, 2018



It's time, once again, to fill a bag with nonperishable items for our food-insecure neighbors in Tallahassee. Bring this with you to church this Sunday and leave it in the narthex before the worship service.

Here are some suggested items you may include in your bag: peanut butter; canned tuna, canned vegetables or fruit; boxed mac and cheese; cereal; soups.



Coffee Sunday

June 3, 2018

Fair trade coffee may be purchased after the worship service in the education building conference room. This is a mission of the Presbyterian Church and here at Old First Church \$1.00 per bag goes to Presbyterian Disaster Relief.