

TRENDS OF THE CHIMES JULY 2014



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On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.

Sunday Service and Fellowship:

8:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m. - Traditional Service

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday - CLOSED



Brown Bag Book Bunch

The Brown Bag Book Bunch will not have a book club meeting for July. The Church office will be closed for the 4th. please have a fun and safe 4th of July.

On August 2nd we will be discussing the second half of Summers Child. Summer of Roses by Luanne Rice.

On September 6th will be the Peach Keeper by Sarah Addison Allen.

BIBLE STUDY @ HARBOUR TERRACE (SOUTH PORT)

On the first and third Tuesdays of every month, the Pastor leads a Bible Study and serves Communion to the residents of South Port.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this outreach to the South Port residents.

All programs are at 10:15 a.m. on the third floor.

FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ...

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for men of the church to help maintain the buildings and grounds. A four hour "work day" is held once a week, on Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dedicated, weekly volunteers are needed to keep our church looking nice and inviting. For further information and to sign up, please contact Brad Messick @ 941-391-7830 or Jack Leonard @ 941-391-4140.

Brad Messick, Buildings & Grounds Committee



VETERANS' GROUP



The next meeting for the Veterans Group will be September 18th 10:00 am

For GOD and COUNTRY,

Braden Messick, Director

FPC Veterans' Group / Port Charlotte

Ph: 941-391-7830

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIPS

The Veterans' Group invites all widows of veterans to join us as Auxiliary Members.

If interested in joining, please contact Brad Messick at 941-391-7830 or Tim Smalley at 941-258-0746.



NURSING HOMES / ALF CENTERS

Charlotte Harbor Health Center

(255-5855)
4000 Kings Hwy., Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Consulate Health Care

(743-4700)
18480 Cochran Blvd., P.C., FL 33948
Veronica Whitmarsh - 103B (255-2554)

Harbour Health Center (South Port)

(625-1220)
23013 Westchester Blvd., P.C., FL 33980
Flossie Latta - 150B
Leala Neil - 168A
Marilyn Reynolds - 119A

Harbour Terrace (South Port)

23053 Westchester Blvd., P.C., FL 33980
Natalie Brown - 304
Frank Mulkey - 207
Wanda Stevens - 247

Quality Health

(426-8411)
6940 Outreach Way, North Port, FL 34287
Mary Lou Davis - 134A

Royal Palm Retirement Center

(627-6762)
2500 Aaron St., P.C., FL 33952
Charlotte Jean Reynolds - 224
Gail Setchel - 443 (629-0592) - *no visitors*

Sandhill Gardens

(764-6577)
24949 Sandhill Blvd, P.C., FL 33983
Marjorie Hausam - 531 (624-2167) (Bayfront PC)
Anita Smillie - 531 (624-2167)

Sterling House of PC

(743-9300)
18440 Cochran Blvd., P.C., FL 33948
Gwen Butts - 134 (625-6955)
Jean Hill - 139 (627-3001)

Sunset Lake Health & Rehab

832 Sunset Lake Blvd., Venice, FL (VRMC)
Ronnie Gamble - 415

The Palms of Punta Gorda

(575-9390)
2295 Shreve St., P.G., FL 33950

Vick Street Manor

(627-5388)
22332 Vick St., P.C., FL 33980
Sandra Dillon - C114

Village Place ALF

(766-8900)
18400 Cochran Blvd., P.C., FL 33948
George Wilson - 320B (813-610-2761)

Village Place Health & Rehab

(766-5300)
2370 Harbor Blvd., P.C., FL 33952
Tom Perunovich - 5A
Kenny Stewart - 21A

Douglas T. Jacobson Veterans Home

(613-0919)
Ed Lukin

Private Residences

Ada Collins (629-8830)
457 Garfield Ave., P.C., FL 33952
Nathaniel & Claire Hopkins
21260 Brinson Ave., #109, P.C., FL 33952
Leila Rohlehr
1458 Dewitt Street, P.C., FL 33952
Amy Walfall
3312 Dupree Street NE, P.C., FL 33980
Marilyn Younger & Family (941-204-5290)
526 Cooper Street, P.G.

Special Days



Happy Birthday :

Rosemary Alexander 7-7

Majorie Hausam 7-29

Happy Anniversary:

Frank & Elvira Ferjanec 74-47

Philip & Judy Marshall 7-20-85

Drennon & Betty Judy 7-26-47

David & Kristy Holmes 7-30-94



“PARKSIDE PARISH”

(A ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte)

Please join us every Saturday at 6pm starting June 28th for free food, fellowship, music, and fun. “Come as you are!”

Bring the entire family, friends, and neighbors as we present to you what we are about; and it’s all about your ideas for making Parkside a better community. It will be held at MacDonald Hall 2230 Harriet St. Port Charlotte. We are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested please call the office at 625-5045.

Prayer Request

Special prayers for our Family and friends in the Military.

Darkhorse 3rd Battalion
 5th Marines and their families
 A1C Paul Borst
 Lt. Rob Garner
 Col. Maria Gervais
 Jesse Landreth
 Ben Littrell
 Michael S. White, USMC



Prayers for other Family and Friends.

- ◆ RuthAnn Jones - Health
- ◆ Carol Joyce Hostutler - Recovering at home
- ◆ Ronnie Gamble - Health @ VRMC
- ◆ Rayetta Bittinger - Health -surgery
- ◆ Donald Sorensen- Health
- ◆ Robert Koenig - broken hip & breathing problems (brother of Audreyann Parent)
- ◆ Audreyann Parent - health issues back and legs
- ◆ Makayla Souchak - 3 yr old with brain tumor neighbor of Addie Schaad
- ◆ Marybeth Leonard - Health
- ◆ Charlotte Whaley - health
- ◆ Jean Heim - health
- ◆ Russ Reed - health
- ◆ Jan Schneider - health @ Tampa General Hospital
- ◆ Clara & Art Mayes - health
- ◆ Marjorie Hausam - health @ Bayfront PC

VISITING SHEPHERDS

Our **Visiting Shepherds** tend to the flocks. They visit those who are ill, the shut-ins, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. They are a vital part of the Outreach Ministries of our church and they are in need of more people to help in this outreach. **Prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Visiting Shepherds.** Please contact the Church Office for more information on this very important ministry.



“LAKESIDERS” Bible Study

The “Lakesiders” completed one of the most exciting Bible studies for the season entitled “Heaven”. This was by authors Randy Alcorn and Dr. David Jeremiah. This was one of the most informative and soul searching studies we have done. Both of these men are well know and respected for their Bible knowledge and research. If you want to know more about where we as Christians are going to spend eternity you NEED to plan to attend the classes which are being planned for September. The classes are 90 minutes in length. We have a study guide as well as a CD or DVD which is presented by these authors. Class size is 8-10 people and the study guide is around \$7 per person. If you can't pay the cost come anyway it will get paid. Look for further notices for time and day and sign up sheet. You may also contact Ruthann Jones @ 255-5160

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

In heaven.....Should we expect to maintain our own identity? Read John 20:15-16

COFFEE HOUR



Coffee Hour is at 8:45 am to 9:45 am on Sunday mornings.

This is a wonderful time of fellowship!

Additional volunteers are needed for this time and if we want to have another after the service! Stop by the Coffee Hour and see Jan, or Katie for information on how you can serve.

Thank you,

mah jongg



The Mah Jongg group meets each Thursday at 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun, games, and friendship in the Parlor. We welcome anyone interested in playing or learning the game to join us. Each player contributes a dollar to play, with the high point winner, the quarterly luncheon guest of the group. This group contributes the monies collected to the Church.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

NO CIRCLE MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST



Sarah & Abraham Circle

Leader: Darlene Stewart, 941-475-7749
Date: First Tuesday of each month @ 1:30 p.m.
Location: Conference Room

Dorcas Circle

Leader: Joleen Howard, 941-625-3748
Date: First Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.
Location: Conference Room

Deborah Circle

Leader: Clara Mayes, 941-627-2084
Date: Second Monday of each month @ 9:30 a.m.

All ladies are invited to participate in one of the circles listed
(the Sarah & Abraham Circle includes men).
For more information on the Bible Study or the Presbyterian Women Circles,
please contact: RuthAnn Jones, PW Director, @ (941) 255-5160.

June 22-July27, 2014

Purpose: The **Sunrise Kiwanis Shoes for Kids** project collects **new tennis shoes** for children (pre-K, elementary, middle, and high school) in Charlotte County Public School System. The need for the 2014-2015 school year is 4800 new pair of sneakers. So please consider helping this worthwhile project!

Sponsor: Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Port Charlotte

Donations accepted: For more information on the project or on making a monetary donation, visit our website at [www. shoesforkidsproject.org](http://www.shoesforkidsproject.org) or call 941-637-5611



Small World Christian Learning Center

The summer is in full swing and Small World Christian Learning Center is alive with bustling activity! We are happily serving almost 75 children this summer with a staff of dedicated teachers, assistants and camp counselors working hard to provide a strong Christian program of devotions, Bible lessons, music and movement, arts, crafts, outdoor recreation and much more.

The beginning of July brings celebrations of our Nation's birthday. As the month moves forward we will be visited by Jane Froom's "5 Day Club". This group of young people joins us for a week of games and interactive Bible lessons in both the preschool as well as Camp Joy. The children enjoy this week tremendously and we are thankful for the work they are doing.

As we look to the school year not so far ahead of us, we are reminded of other special people in the life of the school – our precious volunteers – not just our parent volunteers, those people who make donations of time, crafts items, stamps, toys, books, etc. Each and every one is appreciated. We look forward to another wonderful year.

Deborah Quan, MSL
Center Director



PCUSA Mission Co-Workers: Dr. Les Morgan and Dr. Cynthia Morgan



A Prayer for Bangladesh

God of wisdom, we pray for The Right Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Bishop of the Kushtia Diocese of the Church of Bangladesh, who this week is serving as an Ecumenical Advisory Delegate at the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in Detroit. In plenary sessions, committee meetings and informal conversations, Bishop Mankhin will learn about the issues facing the PC(USA) and be given opportunities to express his opinions as a representative of a partner church. Lord, only in sacred fellowship with each other can we know the fullness of your truth. Help Bishop Mankhin and all those present at this General Assembly to listen for your truth and, together, bear fruit for your kingdom. We pray in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

We serve as advisors and physicians in the health ministries of the Church of Bangladesh - in community health programs, hospitals, and congregational work. We also teach a class on the Healing Ministry of the Church at St. Andrew's Theological College and lead spiritual retreats for theological students, clergy, lay leaders, and health workers. We feel called to practice the ministry of compassion among the sick and to nurture this as a ministry of the body of Christ.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY



The Food Pantry is open to the public from 10:30 am-11:30 am on Tuesdays. More supplies are needed to be able to bless those in difficult financial situations. A list of the items needed for the food pantry is available in the Narthex. We invite you to pick up a copy and place your donations in the bin located in the Narthex. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

If you or anyone you know of would like a bulletin or Trends sent to them by parcel post please let me know at 625-5045 ext. 215 or email at tanga@fpcpc.com

Please help the Church Office to keep accurate and current information regarding Members of the Church and Friends of the Church. If you have a change in your contact or address information, or you know of a change in someone else's information, please contact the Office.

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