



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.

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From our Session

Who To Be When... Our Pastor Retires

The unthinkable has happened!
Pastor Ginger has retired.

The first thing to do is to miss her. Already we miss her, and we should not rush through that. She brought to us wonderful powers of organization, optimism, wisdom, energy, and skills for developing people. For the past fifteen years, she has invested in our spiritual growth. Naturally we feel her absence.

So who is left in the sanctuary? It's us and God, ...and this is a good situation. Being here, in the presence of God, reminds me:

- My faith and trust are in God; He is enough for me.
- Being the Body of Christ is not actually very complicated. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." (Matthew 18:20 ESV)
- We have a chance to draw

closer to each other, to find our strengths, to let ministry take new forms.

- There's still a neighborhood and a parking lot right outside the door.
- God will lead us to our next pastor; I don't need to fret about that.
- Jesus is at work in my neighborhood and in me, and when I work with Him things happen better than what I expect.

So who should we be while we look for our next pastor?

We should be ourselves! The new selves God made us to be. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

Dennis



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STAHL'S GRAND STORIES

Dear Friends,

March 7, 2023

Several weeks ago, our partners in the Caribbean celebrated the dedication of the recent translations of several Old Testament books in three Caribbean languages; Jamaican, Belize Creole, and San Andres Creole. We were unable to attend the celebrations in Kingston since we were finishing a workshop with partners in Nigeria online. However, we got to watch the celebration live through their YouTube connection. Only recently have some groups made a strong effort to write some of these Caribbean creole languages while others from the community disregard the written Creole preferring instead to read English or Spanish. Nearly everyone agrees that they prefer to speak in their creole when discussing weighty matters and connecting with close family and friends. For this reason, the partners in the Caribbean decided to conduct an oral Bible storytelling project in parallel with the written OT translation project. Jim and I are helping to train the storytelling teams in Jamaica, Belize, and San Andres.

We invite you to use the addresses below and listen to the storytellers, we work with, telling portions of Ruth and Jonah in their Creole languages.

- Nicole telling Ruth chapter 1 in Belize Creole (advance the timeline to 4 minutes) https://youtu.be/y97jP_5PW3E
- Shola & Baron telling Jonah - Jamaican Creole <https://youtu.be/vtIWZ53HII4>

We have also been part of another kind of celebration, the celebration of Jim's mom's, Eleanor Stahl Richenderfer's life. She passed away Sunday, February 26 at the age of 94 and surrounded by family and friends.

Thank you for your support and your encouragement and your partnership with us!

Janet and Jim

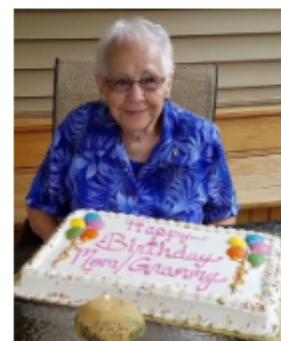


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If you would like to contribute to our ministry – We are not paid a salary. Instead, churches and individuals pray and contribute financially to our ministry. If God leads you to join our support team as a regular or a onetime giver, you can give online or by mail. Please visit our new Wycliffe site for those who wish to contribute to this ministry of Bible storytelling. Here is the link to our page on Wycliffe.org www.wycliffe.org/partner/C61B7D31-36EF-47AD-8143-06511063746F

For those who send donations by mail, they can mail a check. Please make the check out to Wycliffe Bible Translators and enclose a note indicating 'For the support of Jim and Janet Stahl, Account #220472. Please mail contributions to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200.

DO NOT SEND OUR SUPPORT TO SEED COMPANY, PLEASE!



**Worship Volunteer Schedule
March 2023**

March 5	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant COMMUNION Servers COMMUNION Prep	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Roy Watson & Joan Brown Jennifer McWilliams Jaime Cordova & Brenda Everett Teresa Reed
March 12	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jimmy Cordova & Diane Pegues Jimmy Cordova
March 19	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Jennifer McWilliams
March 26	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Assistant	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Jimmy Cordova

*Cast all your anxiety
on him because he cares
for you.*

1 Peter 5:7

March Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org.

Thank you.

Bobby Reed, March 2
Dennis Walters, March 3
Jimmy Cordova, March 4
David Gaskins, March 5
Irving Kezar, March 5
Nancy Bergman, March 9
Blake Gaskins, March 9

Vincent Thorpe, March 9
Jennifer McWilliams, March 11
Vangie Jackson, March 12
Dudley Austin, March 17
Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24
Carol Orwig, March 31

		
2023 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
Jan 2023	\$ 12,626	\$ 19,196

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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