



The Grapevine



Moving Forward

Reverend Edward Dunn

I am pleased to share that our work at merging the congregations of Westminster and Palma Sola is in progress. You'll recall that in our December/January Grapevine I wrote about the deliberate pacing required to successfully merge churches: our progress remains on track.

A Joint Merger Committee representing both congregations has been created and held its first meeting on Tuesday, January 17. Representing the Westminster congregation are Dick Haynes, Sherri Kramer, and John Progar. Representing the Palma Sola congregation are Vicki Schooley, Roy Williams, and Rich Wachunis.


Peace River Presbytery will be our partner in completing the merger of the churches. The Book of Order places authority for merging churches in the hands of the presbytery. The Committee on Ministry has approved our request that the presbytery work with us in merging, and the presbytery will receive and vote on the creation of an Administrative Commission at its meeting on March 2nd.

Included in the work of the Joint Merger Committee and Administrative Commission are Adaptive tasks (considering the mission and vision of the newly formed church) and Technical tasks (determining the details – legal, financial, and ecclesial - and the policies of a united church).

There will also be opportunities for your input. One of the most significant decisions to make will be the name of a new congregation. Members will have the chance to suggest names and a process for deciding a final name will involve you too.

Please keep everyone who will be working on this important project in your prayers.

Blessings,
Edward




PALMA SOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICE

FEBRUARY 22ND | 1PM
IN THE SANCTUARY

The start of the Lent Season. It begins with Ash Wednesday. We come to celebrate the Eucharist and receive ashes.



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

You are invited to attend our **Ash Wednesday** service on **February 22** beginning at **1p.m.** This service marks the beginning of a season of penitence for the six weeks before Easter. It includes the imposition of ashes, scripture and prayer. **A Lenten lunch**, beginning at **11:45a.m.** will be shared before the service and lunches will be offered each week through **March 29**.



LENTEN SOUP LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

Enjoy soup, salad, bread with cookies and fellowship

**Every Wednesday starting
February 22nd to March 29th
From 11:45am to 12:45pm**

Please call the office at 941-792-3141 or
sign up in the Narthex.

Palma Sola Session Highlights

December Meeting

- Expressed appreciation for the service of Elder Lesch, who is retiring at year-end after completing her second two-year term.
- Welcomed Elder-elect Andrea Harmon, who will serve as Chair of the Releasing Team (Outreach & Missions).
- Recorded standing orders for scheduling communion and collecting offerings for the ministry.
- Scheduled the 2022 Annual Meeting of the congregation following worship on Sunday, February 19th.
- Approved establishing the position of Graphic Design Specialist, to be filled by Faraja Keyes as an Independent Contractor for 2023. An employment agreement was reviewed and executed.
- In its capacity as Trustees of Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Inc., Session elected the following Officers of the Corporation for 2023: Ron Dickerson-President, Andrea Harmon-Vice-President, Roy Williams-Secretary/Treasurer, Gail Dickerson-Director and Gregg Pead-Director & Registered Agent.
- Roy Williams was elected Clerk of Session for 2023.
- Reviewed and approved the 2023 Operating Budget. Based on an income estimate of \$292,720, and expenses projected to be \$319,419, the Budget would have a deficit of \$26,699.
- Approved the Installation Service for all new church Officers will be held on January 8th.
- Announced the following appointments to a Joint Merger Steering Committee: Vicki Schooley, Rich Wachunis and Roy Williams from Palma Sola, and Dick Haynes, Sherri Kramer and John Progar from Westminster. In conjunction with an Administrative Commission to be elected by the Presbytery, this group will be responsible for dealing with the many details of the church merger.

January Meeting

- Approved having an Ash Wednesday Service at 1:00 pm on February 22nd. Also approved having regular weekly Lenten Luncheons at 11:45 am beginning on February 22nd.
- Approved offering a study of 'The Apostles Creed' for Midweek Bible Study (6 weeks), beginning on February 9th at 2 pm at the church, and beginning on March 1st at 2 pm at Brookdale.
- Endorsed plans by the Deacons to organize Communion Service for our homebound members.
- Noted with pleasure the approval by Session of Jackie Hoyle, a new member, by Transfer of Letter from First Presbyterian Church of Gallatin, TN.

2023 Palma Sola & Westminster Church Officers

SESSION

PALMA SOLA

Gail Dickerson	Worship & Fellowship
Ron Dickerson	Property & Grounds
Marilynn Gillette	Christian Education
Andrea Harmon	Outreach & Missions
Gregg Pead	Finance, Endowment & Stewardship
Lynne Smith	Personnel
Roy Williams	Clerk of Session

WESTMINSTER

Joan Carlson
Joyce James
Jan Jarrell
John Progar
Georgie Townsend
Nancy Shimandle Clerk of Session

PALMA SOLA DEACONS

Vicki Schooley, Chair
Betty Bashaw, Secretary
Patty Dawson
Janet DeGroff
Judy Giles
Debbie Grubb
Amy Pedon
Sonia Wegner

PALMA SOLA

Ron Dickerson	President
Andrea Harmon	Vice President
Roy Williams	Secretary/Treasurer
Gail Dickerson	Director
Gregg Pead	Director/Registered Agent

WESTMINSTER

Joyce James	President
Burt Tupper	Vice President
Nancy Schimandle	Secretary
Sherry Kramer	Treasurer

THE APOSTLES CREED

Christians summarized their essential beliefs in the Apostles' Creed which originally came about in the second or early third century. It was revised to its current form in the 400s. This is a six session analysis and discussion of the Apostles' Creed, what it means, why it matters, and how it affects our lives and choices.

SESSION 1 | 2/9 | 2P

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth

SESSION 2 | 2/16 | 2P

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord

SESSION 3 | 2/23 | 2P

I believe in the Holy Spirit

SESSION 4 | 3/2 | 2P

I believe in the holy catholic church, the
Communion of saints.....

SESSION 5 | 3/9 | 2P

I believe in the forgiveness of sins

SESSION 6 | 3/16 | 2P

I believe in the resurrection of the body

Photobook

Christmas Paegant, Communion, Officer Installation,
Fellowship & PB&J Ministry



**SOUPER
SUNDAY**
FEBRUARY 12TH

Please join us for our 3rd annual Souper Sunday and help support hunger relief!

On Sunday February 12th gather in Fellowship Hall after worship and enjoy a yummy meal.

Members of the Outreach and Fellowship Teams will offer soup, bread and dessert for a suggested purchase of \$5. To-go containers will also be available. All proceeds will go to CROP which helps alleviate hunger both locally and around the world.

Hope to see you there!

VALENTINE'S DAY

B I N G O

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12	7	21	8	14
13	9	20	6	11

February 14th | 1-2P
Brookdale Palma Sola

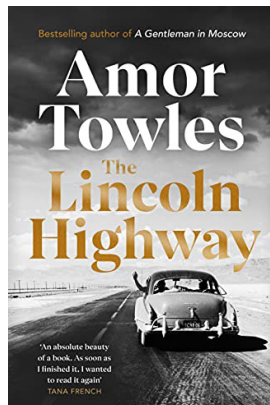
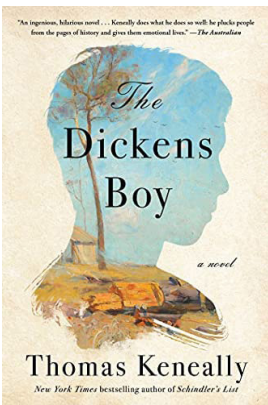
PLEASE CONTACT GREGG PEAD
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN
ON FUN!



FELLOWSHIP
& WORSHIP
COMMITTEE

Let's get together to spread God's word. Join the Fellowship & Worship Committee Today! Reach out to Gail Dickerson for more information at 941-224-1117

Palma Sola Book Club



FEB 13 | 12 - 1PM MAR 13 | 12 - 1PM

Join in any second Monday at 12pm in the library or on Zoom for fun conversation.

2023 READING LIST

For more information, call Vicki Schooley at (941) 518-2315.

Men's Group



MEN'S GROUP

You're invited to attend the Morning Men's Group. Get to know the men you see in church. Share your story. Enjoy fellowship.

MEETINGS START AT 8:30A

FEB 2 - Fellowship and breakfast | Poppi's Place restaurant

FEB 16 - Fellowship & a discussion about Christian Living | Fellowship Hall

Please contact Rich Wachunis
rwachunis@tampabay.rr.com

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Tuesday, February 28th | 10-11A in Fellowship Hall

Join Attorney Jim Johnson for an informative presentation that will assist in planning and the distribution of assets at death including preparation of advanced healthcare directives and a will. Mr. Johnson is a certified Elder Law Attorney with Greene Hamrick Schermer & Johnson, P.A. and practices primarily in the areas of Probate and Trust Administration, Estate Planning, and Medicaid Planning and Application. The presentation is free and open to the community. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office to register. Contact Gregg Pead at peedethree@gmail.com with any questions.

Westminster Session Highlights

- Westminster Session welcomed new members Jan Jarrell and John Progar.
- Session approved sending the 2022 Statistical Report to Presbytery

KAIROS UPDATE

On January 7th and 8th, 10 Kairos volunteers entered Hardee Correctional Institution to fellowship, listen and reinforce the presence and love of Jesus. This retreat was for inmates that had previously attended a four-day Kairos weekend. We ministered to over 100 men-in-blue (inmates).

The Max Lucado DVD series "You are Not Alone" was used as the introduction to a series of small group discussions. These discussions, while started by a Kairos volunteer, had a life of their own with each small group of residents focusing on what touched their hearts. After the small group discussions, a representative from each group presented a summary of their group's discussion to all Kairos attendees. Discussions included topics of "What caused you to believe in Jesus?", "Miracles by Jesus.", The significance of "I AM"., the significance of the Greek word "tetelestai", and finally their thoughts on death. Many of the men realize that prison is where they will die.

Thank you to those that baked cookies. The men-in-blue truly look forward to them. Yes, the taste is important, but also important to them is knowing that someone outside the wire and walls thinks of them. If you would like to participate in baking cookies for a future Kairos event, please contact me so I can add you to my list of Kairos Cookie Cookers!

May God bless our efforts to bring His love to the incarcerated,

Rich Wachunis

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February Outreach Update

February is the month of love and a perfect time to remind everyone the various ways you reached out and shared the love of Christ with others in the past year. The Westminster and Palma Sola congregations gave a total of **\$80,671** to our local and international communities in 2022! This doesn't even include all the donations of food, clothing, school supplies, time, and talents you have so generously given. That is definitely **love IN DEED!** Please take a moment to check out the thank you notes posted in Fellowship Hall from many of our grateful recipients.

Recap of end of year and January events:

- A total of **\$910** was collected for the **Salvation Army Angel Tree** to purchase Christmas gifts for local children.
- **\$457** was collected for Presbyterian Mission Agency's **Christmas Joy Offering**.
- About **30 boxes and bags of non-perishable food items** (2 carloads full!) were donated to the food pantry at Our Daily Bread from our December 12 Days of Christmas collection.
- From the proceeds of our Cookie Exchange, we were able to help purchase over **300 pairs of socks** that were gifted to clients of Our Daily Bread on Christmas Eve.
- We provided **Christmas gifts for 17 residents** of the Brookdale Bayshore Gardens Assisted Living Facility who would otherwise not have received any gifts this year.
- As part of our **PB & J Sandwich Ministry** we have made and donated over **2000 sandwiches** since September to Our Daily Bread.
- Proceeds of the **Dreyer Trust** blessed nearly 40 families with the gift of assistance, helping with the costs of healthcare, utilities and rent for a total of **\$40,480** for the year.
- Provided home baked cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat at the Hardee Correctional Institute. Over 100 inmates participated in this weekend conversation and study centered around Max Lucado's "You Are Never Alone" series.
- During our January **Undie Sundays**, we collected **hundreds** of underwear for men and women to benefit the clothes closet at **Turning Points**.

February Outreach Opportunities:

- **Souper Sunday**

Please join us for our 3rd annual **Souper Sunday** and help support hunger relief! **On Sunday February 12th** gather in Fellowship Hall after worship and enjoy a yummy meal. **All proceeds will to go CROP** which helps alleviate hunger both locally and around the world.

- **Brookdale Palma Sola**

We will continue our visits and outreach to the residents of **Brookdale Palma Sola** (right across the street behind McDonald's) by hosting **Valentine's Day Bingo on Tuesday, February 14th from 1-2 pm**. Please contact Gregg Pead if you would like to join in the fun.

February Outreach Update Continued

Ongoing Opportunities:

- Servers for **Our Daily Bread** on Fridays are always needed. Contact Dorothy Simes if you would like to volunteer.
- We continue to **collect non-perishable food items in the cart in the Narthex** to donate to **Our Daily Bread**. They are always in need of canned vegetables, fruits, meats, and soups as well as boxes and bags of pasta, rice, cereal and other staples to stock the Loaves & Fishes food pantry.
- Also, please keep in mind our **Blessing Box** by the east parking lot. The Blessing Box serves as a **mini food pantry** for our local neighborhood, and you are welcome to add to it or take from it as needed.
- Contributions of **loose change, soft money, and checks for FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummys)** are always welcome. FELT provides weekend backpacks of food for over 800 children in Manatee County who might otherwise go hungry over the weekend. To donate, use the envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church office with FELT in the memo line.
- The **Holy Strollers** walking group meets every Friday at 9am at the **north entrance of Robinson Preserve**. You are invited to gather for exercise, conversation, and a short devotional in the great outdoors.
- Join your church family in Fellowship Hall after worship each week to make **PB & J sandwiches** to share with the **clients of Our Daily Bread**. Thank you to all who have been bringing in supplies, making sandwiches, and helping SPREAD the love of Christ to your neighbors in need!

February Outreach Offering

Our Outreach Offering for February will go to **Our Daily Bread of Bradenton** to support free meals and a food pantry for those in need. Our Daily Bread staff and regular volunteers (that's us on Friday's!) serve hearty meals seven days a week from 10-11:30 am. At Our Daily Bread's self-serve food pantry, clients can shop free once a month for fresh produce and other food items of their choice.

You may donate to ODB:

- during the worship service, in your offering envelope,
- by mailing a check to the church office with "ODB" in the memo line, or
- Palma Sola members may also contribute through [online giving](#)

DOES It - FEBRUARY

Classroom Supply Restock for Palma Sola Elementary

Our DOES It (Done On Every Sunday) project for February is restocking classroom supplies for Palma Sola Elementary School. Collection bins will be in the Narthex through February 26th or you can drop off your donations at the church office.

The following items are needed:

- Pencils - #2 and mechanical
- Colored pencils
- 24 pack Crayola crayons/8 pack jumbo crayons
- 8 pack washable markers
- Highlighters
- Black Sharpie markers
- Dry erase markers/Expo markers (especially black)
- Dry erase board cleaner
- Glue sticks (!) and bottles of glue
- Wide ruled composition notebooks
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Copy/print paper
- White card stock
- 12x18 white construction paper
- Safety scissors
- Pencil top erasers and bar erasers
- Individual pencil sharpeners
- White out pens
- Clear tape refills for tape dispenser
- Staple refills for desk stapler
- Sticky notes
- Laminating sheets
- Clipboards
- Play Doh
- Sidewalk chalk
- Paint brushes for art
- Paper towels
- Ziplock bags – quart & gallon size
- Hand sanitizer
- White Crayola Model Magic air dry clay
- Small prizes for treasure box – stampers, stickers, small puzzles, slap bracelets, sunglasses, other small toys

Thank you for helping our neighborhood school!


February Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEB 5 Dick & Daphne Haynes
FEB 8 William Ball
Jane Mittel
FEB 10 Maggie Forster
Gregg Pead

FEB 24 Janesse Fritzmeier
FEB 25 Martha Johnson
FEB 26 Mike Starcher

HOW TO ORDER CHURCH ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes are available by calling Dina Breneman at 941-792-3141, Gregg Pead at 941-348-0773 or email Gregg at peedethree@gmail.com.



PRAYER GROUP

2nd & 4th Tuesday 11a | Room 14

**HOLY STROLLERS
WALKING GROUP**



**JOIN US ON A WEEKLY STROLL
TO GET SOME FRESH AIR**

EVERY FRIDAY | 9AM

**ROBINSON PRESERVE
(NORTH ENTRANCE)**



**CHANCEL CHOIR
REHEARSALS**

WEDNESDAYS AT 7P IN THE SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAYS AT 6P IN THE SANCTUARY

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February

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p	MEN'S GROUP 8:30a <i>Renewal</i> 6:30p	HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30A PSPC ANNUAL REPORT INPUT DEADLINE 5P	
5 Worship Service 10a Communion	6	7 <i>Outreach</i> 3p	8	9 <i>Finance</i> 3:30p	10 HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30A	11
12 Worship Service 10a Fellowship SOUPER SUNDAY 11A	13 <i>Palma Sola Book Club</i> 12p	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> PRAYER GROUP 11A Valentine's Day Bingo Brookdale Palma Sola	15 Earth Care Cong. Application Due Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p	16 MEN'S GROUP 8:30a	17 HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30A	18
19 Worship Service 10a Fellowship PSPC ANNUAL MEETING 11A	20 Presidents Day WPC SESSION 1p PSPC SESSION 6:30p	21	22 LENTEN LUNCH 11:45A <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> 1p Bell Choir 6p Chancel 7p	23	24 HOLY STROLLERS 9a Our Daily Bread 9:30A MARCH GRAPEVINE DEADLINE 5:30p	25
26 Worship Service 10a Fellowship WPC ANNUAL MEETING 11A	27	28 PRAYER GROUP 11A	<u>Church Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9a - 4p</u> View the online church Calendar for latest information about Sunday worship services, Bible study, outreach and other events. Livestreamed and recorded worship services may be viewed at Online Worship .			