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| MINISTRY OF PRAYER   |              |                  |           |
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| Prayer Focus   |              |                  |           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pray for those who serve in the military and their families.</li><li>Pray for First Responders and Healthcare Workers.</li><li>Pray for our church as we seek to be a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.</li><li>Pray for Lisa Alfonsi and Eric Stone family, missionaries we support in Peru and Guatemala.</li><li>Pray for Crossroads, the mission for foster boys in Punta Gorda.</li><li>Pray for Jesus Loves You Ministry for the homeless in Charlotte County.</li><li>Pray for Misión Peniel, the mission that we support in Immokalee.</li><li>Pray for Chasen and Katie Brokaw, missionaries we support in Nicaragua.</li><li>Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world.</li></ul> |              |                  |           |
| Those with Special Needs   |              |                  |           |
| Rachel Pfaender  | Kay Callahan | Phyllis Ehrhardt | Lynn Lang |
| Ella Sifferd   | Ron Sixt     | Rick Berner      |           |
| Irene Csontos  | Barb Harris  | Jack Rothley     |           |
| Those who are in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes  |              |                  |           |
| Marion Brown, Royal Palm   |              |                  |           |
| NOTES  |              |                  |           |
| CELL PHONES – Please remember to silence or turn off your mobile devices.  |              |                  |           |
| NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER – Available in the church foyer and on our website.  |              |                  |           |
| CHURCH DIRECTORY – Available in the church office.   |              |                  |           |
| FLOWERS – The flowers are given by Charles Sampsel in memory of his mother Marion H. Sampsel.  |              |                  |           |
| FLOWERS – May be sponsored for the <u>cost of \$37.50</u> . To make a donation, sign up in the church foyer. You may list the flowers in honor and/or in memory of something or someone.   |              |                  |           |
| BULLETIN BOARD – Check out notes and messages of interest on the Bulletin Board in the church lobby.   |              |                  |           |
| PRAYER EMAIL LIST – If you would like to be on Pastor Barksdale’s prayer email list, email Pastor Barksdale at <a href="mailto:bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org">bmpullen3@fpcpunta.org</a> .  |              |                  |           |
| OUR DAILY BREAD – This booklet of daily devotionals is on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.  |              |                  |           |
| STREAMING MINISTRY – Live stream our services on our website homepage ( <a href="https://www.fpcpunta.org">fpcpunta.org</a> ) by clicking the logo <i>vimeo livestream</i> .   |              |                  |           |
| FELLOWSHIP TIME – Following the Worship Service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments. You may bring cookies / treats to share!  |              |                  |           |
| MEDICARE – Do you have any questions about your Medicare and what it will do for you next year? Denny Ausman will hold an educational event to help with your plans for 2022. Join him <i>Saturday, November 20th at 10:30am</i> in the Fellowship Hall. Now is the best time to prepare for 2022. (No products will be sold during this meeting, it is informational.)  |              |                  |           |

| MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  |  |
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| GATHER FOR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm online</u> . Please submit any prayer requests to <a href="mailto:first@fpcpunta.org">first@fpcpunta.org</a> .   |  |
| THANKSGIVING OFFERING – In partnership with St. Vincent de Paul, donations for Charlotte County families <i>will be collected through November 21st</i> . Special envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary or in the church foyer. You may also use pew envelopes.  |  |
| PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY - <i>On Sunday, November 21st</i> , we will offer our 2022 pledges to God in thanksgiving for His many blessings. Let’s respond to God’s generosity with generous giving to His church. <i>Narrative Budget Booklets and Pledge Cards are in the back of the sanctuary.</i>  |  |
| PUNTA GORDA MURAL WALK – <i>Monday, November 8th</i> – Join Pastor Barksdale as we walk through downtown Punta Gorda and see eleven of the murals and learn a little of the history of Punta Gorda. The walk is approximately two miles and we will <i>gather at the church at 9:30am</i> . We will walk and then end up at Harbor Scoops for a treat. Invite a friend and sign up in the church foyer today. |  |
| PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall <i>Monday, November 8th at 10am</i> .   |  |
| DONUTS & DOCTRINE BIBLE STUDY – <i>This Wednesday, November 10th at 10:00am</i> – Our study is on the biblical books I and II Samuel. All are welcome (no sign up required).  |  |
| WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – <i>Tuesday, November 16th, 10:00am -11:30am</i> at the church. Our study is <i>Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season</i> by Melissa Spoelstra (Lesson 4). Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 for information. <i>All are welcome!</i>  |  |
| WELCOME BACK COOKOUT – <i>Wednesday, November 17th, 4:00pm</i> – Old friends and new friends get together on Wednesday, November 17th from 4:00 – 5:00pm for a good ole homecoming cookout at The Pit. The church will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, y’all bring the sides. Sign up in the church foyer.   |  |
| SOCIABLE SINGLES – <i>Friday, November 19th, 12:00pm</i> – Join us for lunch at <i>Olive Garden</i> in Port Charlotte. Please sign up in the church foyer.  |  |
| BION CANTORUM CONCERT – <i>Saturday, November 20th, 3:00pm</i> – Bion Cantorum presents a concert “ <i>A New Beginning</i> ” in our church Sanctuary. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00.   |  |
| DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Sign up in the church foyer to help decorate our church on <i>Saturday, November 27th, 10:00am</i> .  |  |
| CONCERT SERIES – <i>Sunday, December 5th, at 3:00pm</i> – Rachel Cox and Judy Kaff present <i>Holiday Magic</i> , celebrating the Christmas season. A free will offering will be taken – suggested donation is \$15.00. Cookies and Punch will be served following the concert. Season brochures are in the church foyer.   |  |
| CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER – <i>Wednesday, December 8th at 5:00pm</i> – Turkey and Ham will be provided. Stay tuned for more details.  |  |
| INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? – Simply go to our website at <a href="https://www.fpcpunta.org">fpcpunta.org</a> and look under the <i>Home</i> tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a covenant partner at FPC.   |  |
| MISSIONS SUPPORT – If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2021 in our church budget, please make checks payable to FPC and on the memo line write the name of the mission.   |  |
| Antioch Partners – Stone Family (Guatemala) or Lisa Alfonsi (Peru)  |  |
| Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)   |  |
| Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)   |  |
| Misión Peniel (Immokalee)   |  |
| Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)   |  |

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

November 7th – November 14th

Sunday, November 7

6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

Monday, November 8

9:30am Mural Walk in Punta Gorda  
10:00am Prayer Shawl Gathering

Tuesday, November 9

10:00am Missions Team  
1:00pm Fellowship Team  
6:30pm Bion Cantorum Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 10

10:00am Donuts & Doctrine Bible Study

Thursday, November 11

VETERAN’S DAY  
10:00am Game Fellowship  
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 14

10:30am Worship Service (Also Online)  
6:00pm Prayer Meeting (Online)

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SERMON NOTES



*Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!*

*This morning as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health and strength in God.*

*We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God’s call with this congregation.*

November 7, 2021

10:30am

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| PASTOR                 | Dr. Barksdale Pullen  |
| CHOIR DIRECTOR         | Joan Byron  |
| ORGANIST               | Denny Ausman  |
| OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN | Debbie Rostad   |
| LITURGIST              | Don Washabaugh  |
| USHERS                 | Marjorie Haun, Patti MacDonald, Gail Thornton, Carol Zutter |