



I have a Jewish friend who likes to boast that he only observes the “eating” holidays of his faith, but not the fasting holy days. He is all in when it comes to Hanukkah and Passover, but doesn’t observe Yom Kippur or Rosh Hashana.

That is so very like most of us. We like the celebrations. We aren’t so keen on the ideas of sacrifice, fasting, or self-denial.

On February 18th we begin the season of Lent. This was originally a time for new converts to the faith to study and prepare baptism on Easter Sunday. It has become a time for all of us to contemplate our relationships with God, turn away from temptation and sin, and return to God.

I invite you to join us for Sunday worship, Sunday School, and Wednesday nights as the beginning of deepening your faith. I also invite you to read the daily devotional prepared by the people of this congregation.

A few minutes of contemplation, a look at ourselves instead of others, and a commitment to a better way of life is exactly the way to begin to love God and recognize God’s love for us.

Pastor Ray

Nancy Gee and Karin Shaffer decorated
the heritage case and included portraits
of the Myers Sisters.

Please stop by and take a look.



If you haven't heard the story about
these sisters, please go talk to Nancy
Gee; she'll tell you about them.



February 1	"Seeing God's Light" Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23
February 8	"The Way of Jesus" Matthew 5:1-12
February 15	"The Light of the World" Matthew 5:13-20
February 22	"The Call to Service" Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13

Kum Ba Yah aka Kum Ba Zoom

We meet every Wednesday on ZOOM for fellowship, study and prayer. 7:00 PM. The link to the Zoom Meeting is sent in the Wednesday Email each week.

Kum Ba Yah topics:

February 4	Commandments 7 & 8
February 11	Commandments 9 & 10
February 18	Ash Wednesday Matthew 5:13-20
February 25	The Human Search for Peace

Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30am on Zoom and in Person!

February 1	David
February 8	David
February 15	David
February 22	David

BACKPACK PROGRAM

We are grateful for the leadership of Dave Foster and Janice Johnson, who organize our weekly food program with children at Roosevelt Elementary School. Since school started this year, we are averaging about **29** backpacks per week.

If you have not previously assisted with this ministry and would like information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Dave Foster or the office. We are grateful to all of you who volunteered to pack backpacks this year.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission program is partly sustained by gifts from the Myers Sisters' bequest and gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission." In January, the committee gave to Local Missions: **\$200, National Fire Safety Council. For Global Missions they gave to: \$300 American Red Cross, and \$300 PDA (Malawi Floods)**

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: The Deacons have delivered 23 pairs of shoes in 2025.

Food Pantry: The food pantry served **46 households** and **100** individuals from January 1st through January 23, 2026.



FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

The January luncheon featured chili and spaghetti brought by Cari. The ladies enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship, filled with laughter and great conversation. Cindy Holt will bring lasagna for the next luncheon.



Next Luncheon: Tuesday, February 10th at 11:30 am



In the quiet expanse where time began to spin,
The Potter shaped a vessel, letting light within.
From the dust of the stars and the breath of the dawn,
A living soul was sculpted, a being newly born.
God saw potential in the intricate design,
A unique, unfolding story, divine in every line.

Through fields of childhood, where new wonders burst,
God saw the raw curiosity, the noble thirst.
The fumbles, the stumbles, the lessons yet unlearned,
A spirit in motion, courageously turned.
He saw not the failures, but the effort, the try,
A child of the universe beneath His watchful eye.

As seasons matured and life's path grew steep,
Through valleys of sorrow and mountains so deep,
God saw the resilience, the strength to endure,
The heart that kept striving, imperfect yet pure.
Each tear was a pearl, each scar a tale to tell,
Of battles hard-fought, where the spirit fared well.

In moments of grace and in shadows of night,
God's gaze remained steady, a perpetual light.
He saw the intent that lived beyond the deed,
The sprout of compassion, the genuine need.
He saw past the surface, the masks we would wear,
To the core of our being, vulnerable and bare.

To the finish line drawing, the final, soft exhale,
When earthly limitations begin to fail,
God sees a journey completed, a spirit set free,
Returning to the source of all that will be.
He sees the full circle, from dust to the sky,
A testament of living, as the ages roll by.

From creation to finish, the view is complete,
A life full of music, both bitter and sweet.
Not judged by the flawless, but by the whole sum,
The journey of a soul, from where it has come.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Congregational Mtg 11:30 Fellowship	2 10-12 Food Pantry  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 10-12 Food Pantry	4	5 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA	6 10-12 Food Pantry 10-2 Indian Taco Fundraiser	7
8 Souper Bowl 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Soup Dinner	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10 10-12 Food Pantry 11:00 Mission Mtg 11:30 Ladies Luncheon	11 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 KumBaZoom	12 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 GA	13 10-12 Food Pantry	14  Valentine's Day
15 Transfiguration Day 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fellowship	16 Presidents Day 10-12 Food Pantry	17 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 Session Mtg	18 Ash Wednesday 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 Service	19 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA	20 10-12 Food Pantry	21
22 Lent Begins 9:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Fellowship	23 10-12 Food Pantry	24 10-12 Food Pantry	25 10-12 Food Pantry 7:00 KumBaZoom	26 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7:00 GA	27 10-12 Food Pantry	28
1  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	6  Indian Tacos	14  Happy Valentine's Day	15  TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY	16  PRESIDENTS Day	18  ASH Wednesday	22  the beginning of LENT

Jim Long2/1 Barbara Reeves 2/15
 Bill Good 2/7 Scott Edwards 2/21


 FEBRUARY Birthdays

Should your name be here? Please let the office know your birth date so we can include you!

It's Winter Weather Time Again

If we have bad winter weather

Pastor Ray & Ross will keep you updated if we decide to cancel worship.

Please make sure you stay safe and warm



Offertory Collection Schedule



February 1	Open & Open
February 8	Open & Open
February 15	Open & Open
February 22	Open & Open

Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
February 1	Tim & Ross	Thu Feb 5th – The Schmiedekes
February 8	B-Day Sunday (Cari & Shawn)	Thu Feb 11th – Open & Open
February 15	Open	Thu Feb 19th – Open & Open
February 22	Open	Thu Feb 26th – Open & Open



February 1	Abbey Ankenman
February 8	Grace Goodeagle
February 15	Tim Keith
February 22	Ross Tomlinson

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Last year, we produced our own devotional for Lent.

It was such a blessing that we would like to do it again this year! Do you have a story about how God has been present in your life? Do you have a favorite scripture that you would like to share? Perhaps it's a poem or the words to a hymn that have touched you.

Please plan to make a contribution this year!

The deadline will be Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

Ash Wednesday Service February 18th at 7:00pm



Wednesday at Windridge

Please plan to join us as we travel to Windridge Nursing Home in Miami on the first Wednesday of every month.

February 4th, at 10:00 am, will be our next day to lead worship. The residents are thankful that we come. It's a good-sized group that comes to listen and join in with us as we worship.



February 8, 2026

All Proceeds raised will stay here at the church, with the funds divided and allocated to the Food Pantry & Backpack ministries.

We will have a nice soup dinner after worship.

Elder Training

Meeting times:

The January 24th meeting in Bixby has been cancelled due to winter weather. It has been rescheduled for February 7th.



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Isaiah 40:31

but those who hope in the LORD will
renew their strength. They will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be
faint.