

In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus tells a parable about workers hired to work in the vineyard. The first workers began early in the morning, and agreed to work for the usual daily wage. Throughout the day, the owner kept going back to the square to find more workers. At the end of the day, everyone gathered to receive their pay. Those who had only worked an hour received a full day's wages. Those who had worked the full 10 hours expected that they would receive much more. Instead, everyone received the same amount. Some cried, Foul! We worked all day. We deserve more!"

The owner answered, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

We had some late arrivals to the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. By the time they arrived, all the eggs had been discovered and put into the baskets of those who had arrived on time. While I was scrambling to fill a few eggs, something remarkable happened. Some of the older children took the eggs that they had collected and re-hid them so that the new arrivals could share in the fun. I was touched by the Jesus-like actions of these young people. Thank you.

Pastor Ray

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee would like to take this opportunity to recognize some Thank-You letters they have received from local and global missions that we support. The ministries that FPC Miami received thank you notes from are:

- The Community Crisis Center
- New Life Nazarene Substance Ministry
 - (Betty Ann Howard is the contact person for this ministry). The Substance Ministry at New Life Nazarene church is open on Wednesday. This ministry includes a meal, a food pantry, and also allows people to take showers and do laundry.

We also received a beautiful Easter Card from the Salvation Army.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations, FPC Miami!
Way To Go!

During this 2025 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering, First Presbyterian Miami collected **\$1,426.00.**



May 4	The Rev. David VanDonkelaar preaching
May 11	God Is Light I John 1:5-7, John 1;1-5
May 18	God Is Faithful and Righteous I John 1:8-2:17
May 25	Children of God I John 2:28-3:3

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:

May 7	No Kum Ba Zoom
May 14	Difficult Sayings of Jesus
May 21	Difficult Sayings of Jesus
May 28	Difficult Sayings of Jesus

Adult Sunday School

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

May 4	
May 11	Video: The Last Will Be First
May 18	Reflecting God's Expansiveness
May 25	Reflecting God's Dominion

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. Each week so far on average in 2025 we have delivered 32 backpacks per week.

If you have not previously assisted with this ministry and would like information, please contact Dave Foster or the office. We are grateful to all of you who volunteered to pack backpacks this year. [The number of backpacks delivered from January through March is 288.](#)



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on April 22, 2025.

The Mission program is sustained in part by gifts from the Myers Sisters bequest and gifts from members. You can designate gifts to "Local Mission" or "Global Mission." For Global Missions, we donated \$200 to Serving Christ Ministries, \$300 to World Central Kitchen, and \$300 to Mercy Corps. We donated \$200 to the Boys & Girls Club for local missions.

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: In 2025, we distributed 5 pairs of shoes and delivered 3 pairs of socks with each pair of shoes.

Food Pantry: The food pantry has served **42 households and 89 individuals** for March 2025.



Malawi Mission Offering

With the loss of USAID funding, the Synod of Livingstonia has had to curtail much of its Health Ministry. Particularly hard-hit are programs that prevent and treat Tuberculosis and HIV, along with much of the pharmaceutical distribution system. The Presbytery of Eastern Oklahoma has challenged each congregation to participate in a special Offering for Malawi. Our congregation will accept donations on May 4th & May 11th. Please prayerfully consider a gift.

FPC Miami Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Another fabulous Ladies Luncheon in April. Karin brought meatballs and pasta. While everyone else furnished sides to go along with the main entrée.

Next Luncheon Tuesday, May 13th at 11:30 am



Offertory Collection Schedule



May 4	Diana S. & Open
May 11	Abbey & Ross
May 18	Open & Open
May 25	Open & Open

Servers in the Lord's House

	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
May 4	Open	May 1 Cindy H & Kate P
May 11	Cari & Shawn (B-day Sunday)	May 8 Open & Open
May 18	Open	Summer Break
May 25	Open	



May 4	Clyde Shaffer
May 11	Karin Shaffer (Mother's Day)
May 18	Diana Schmiedeke
May 25	John Lomax
June 1	Abbey Ankenman
June 8	Grace Goodeagle
June 15	Melinda Thiesing (Father's Day)
June 22	Tim Keith
June 29	Ross Tomlinson



May Birthdays



Berkeley Ulrey May 7	Isaac Rendel May 22
Matt Whalen May 10	Cindy Holt May 26
Gayle Waylan May 12	John Wilson May 29
Carol Carden May 17	Arlene Seybolt May 30
Abbey Ankenman May 18	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May is
Mental Health
Awareness
Month



May 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				2 <i>Isaiah Day of Prayer</i> 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7pm G.A.	2 10-12 Food Pantry	3
4 8:05 Breakfast 8:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	5* <i>Cinco De Mayo</i> 10-12 Food Pantry	6 10-12 Food Pantry	7 10-12 Food Pantry	8 10-12 Food Pantry 2:30 Backpack 7pm G.A.	9 10-12 Food Pantry	10
11* <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:05 Breakfast 8:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 12:00 Mission Mtg	12 10-12 Food Pantry	13 10-12 Food Pantry 11:30 <i>Ladies Luncheon</i>	14 10-12 Food Pantry	15 10-12 Food Pantry 7pm G.A.	16 10-12 Food Pantry	17
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25 8:05 Breakfast 8:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	26* <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	27 10-12 Food Pantry	28 10-12 Food Pantry	29* <i>Ascension Day</i> 10-12 Food Pantry 7pm G.A.	30 10-12 Food Pantry	31
	May 1 	May 5 	May 11 	May 26 MEMORIAL DAY 	May 29 	

Numbers 6: 24-26

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

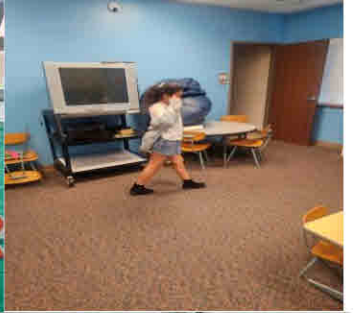
Palm Sunday



2025 Easter



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NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PLANNED

We have partnered with United Church Directories to publish a new, full-color directory. A photographer will be here on Wednesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 5. Watch for information to make your reservations. PLEASE participate so that we can have the best possible directory. Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a FREE directory AND a FREE 8 x 10 color portrait. Other pictures will be available for purchase, but there is NO requirement for purchase.

PICTURES FOR OTHERS, TOO!

People who are not affiliated with the congregation are also welcome to have pictures taken. They will not receive a directory, but they will receive a FREE 8 x 10 color portrait. Invite your friends and family to take advantage of this offer. This service is offered as a gift to the community. Help others take advantage of it!



Beautiful!

One of these gorgeous pots is on each side of the front doors.

*Thank you, Sarah and John,
for making the front doors and
the Memorial Garden look so
beautiful.*

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Romans 15:13 NRSV

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.