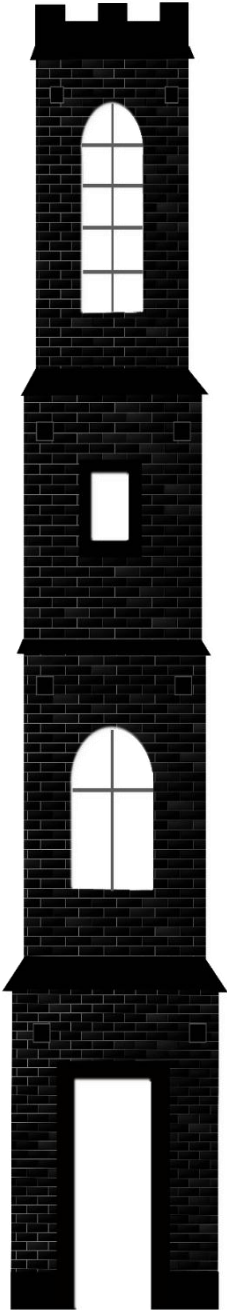




September

Open Door 2025



In Genesis 18, we read about the hospitality of Abraham. It is epitomized in the unexpected visitation of three strangers who, unbeknownst to him, were divine messengers. This section unfolds the narrative, exploring how Abraham, without hesitation, extended a warm welcome, offering food, shelter, and genuine care to these mysterious guests. It highlights the sacred nature of hospitality as a pathway to divine encounters.

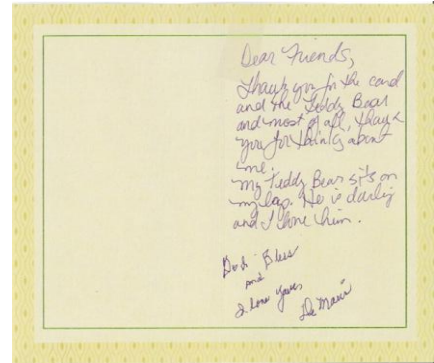
Abraham's hospitality wasn't merely a cultural practice or a set of rituals; it emanated from the depths of his generous heart. This story emphasizes the genuine love and compassion that fueled his actions. It encourages readers to explore the transformative potential of embodying hospitality as a heart-centered practice.

Abraham's tent becomes a metaphor for the sacred art of welcoming strangers. How do we open our homes and hearts to unfamiliar faces and transcend cultural, social, and religious boundaries? It is a part of our divine service to create spaces where everyone feels valued and accepted. How is my life marked by welcome?

Pastor Ray



Grace
&
DeMaris
At Grove
Nursing
Center

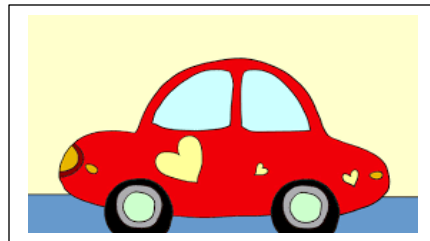


Grace visited DeMaris at the nursing center after DeMaris was released from the hospital due to a broken hip. Grace brought a teddy bear and a card from the FPC Miami PW. DeMaris sent the ladies a beautiful thank-you card.



While at the Tri-Presbytery meeting on Saturday, August 9th. The preacher, Rev. Tony Larson, Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly PC(USA), has an acronym (C.A.R.) he uses when speaking to churches while on the road.

C.ommunication
A.lignment
R.elationship



Wouldn't it be lovely if everyone used this acronym every day of their lives? How much closer would we be to God and one another by practicing this acronym? Just food for thought.



September 7	Who Are We without Our Stuff	Luke 14:25-33
September 14	Room at the Table	Luke 15:1-10
September 21	Commending the Sting	Luke 16:1-13
September 28	Seeing Lazarus	Luke 16:19-31

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:

September 3	Amos 6
September 10	Amos 7
September 17	Amos 8
September 24	Amos 9

Adult Sunday School

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

September 7	Obadiah
September 14	Jonah
September 21	Micah
September 28	Nahum

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, 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.

Students returned to school on August 14th.

Backpack will start the first week of September.



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee did not meet in August.

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."

The Deacon's Shoe Ministry: School begins on August 14th. Please donate to the Deacons' fund so they can provide shoes and socks to children in Ottawa County.

Food Pantry: The food pantry served **63** households and **162** individuals in July 2025.



FPC Miami Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025

In August, Diana S. made a scrumptious lasagna dinner. Others brought bread, salad, other sides, and desserts. There was conversation and a lot of laughs. Ladies, if you haven't been to an FPC Miami PW lunch yet, please come and join in with the rest of the women as they break bread together.



Next Luncheon
Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30 am

Offertory Collection Schedule



September 7	Open & Open
September 14	Open & Open
September 21	The Shaffers
September 28	Open & Open

Servers in the Lord's House


	Coffee Host	Backpack Packers
Sept 7	Tim & Ross	Thur Sept 4 – The Schmiedekes
Sept 14	Cari & Shawn (b-day Sun)	Thur Sept 11– Open & Open
Sept 21	Open	Thur Sept 18– The Shaffers
Sept 28	Open	Thur Sept 25– Open & Open



September 7	Karin Shaffer
September 14	Diana Schmiedeke
September 21	John Lomax
September 28	Abbey Ankenman
October 5	Grace Goodeagle
October 12	Tim Keith
October 19	Ross Tomlinson
October 26	Clyde Shaffer
November 2	Karin Shaffer



Nancy Niehhaus 9/2	Karin Shaffer 9/21
Sherry Hiebert 9/3	Davina Aguilar-Avila 9/21
Jack Liwai 9/6	Illeana Aguilar-Avila 9/21
Maika Liwai 9/11	Kim Good 9/22
Eugene Waylan 9/18	



SEPTEMBER

September 2025

Sun.

Mon.

Tue.

Wed.

Thu.

Fri.

Sat.



1
**Closed
Labor Day**

2
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

3
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*K&Z 7pm

4
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*GA 7pm

5
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

6

7 *Quilts and More Day*
9:15 Breakfast
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship

8
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

9
Food Pantry
10 - Noon
11am Mission Mtg
11:30am Ladies Lunch

10
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*K&Z 7pm

11 *Prayer Day*
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*GA 7pm

12
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

13

14
9:15 breakfast
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship
11:30 Devotions Mtg

15
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

16
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

**7pm
Session Mtg**

17
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*K&Z 7pm

18
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*GA 7pm

19
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

20

21 *Day of Peace*
9:15 breakfast
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship

22 *Autumn Begins*
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

23
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

24
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*K&Z 7pm

25
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

*GA 7pm

26 *Native American Day*
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

27
Pride Festival
12pm - 5pm

28
9:15 breakfast
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship

29
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

30
Food Pantry
10 - Noon

K&Z -
KumBaZoom

GA -
Gambiers
Anonymous





The First Sunday in August, Pastor Ray was away at a Malawi Conference in Colorado. In his absence, Tim preached, and Abbey was the scripture reader.

Great job, Abbey and Tim!



Deacon's Prayer List:

Weekly rotation:

DeMaris Gaines
Dave & Sherry Hiebert
Susan Russell
Berkeley Ulrey
Betty Lou Ankenman
Isaac Rendel
Dolly Gray

Monthly rotation:

Neeli & Mike Chitekwe
Melba Cordell
Doris Price
Rick & Sally Whalen

August 22
The NEOK Miami
Pride Committee
held an Indian Taco
fundraiser here in
the fellowship hall.

The 2025 NEOK
Miami Pride
Festival will be held
on Saturday
September 27th.



September is Suicide Prevention Month.

Let's keep ourselves aware of other
people in our lives who are struggling
with mental health issues.

Suicide hotline: 988



September is National Prostate Cancer Month:

Men, when was the last time you were
screened for prostate cancer?

There's no time like the present!

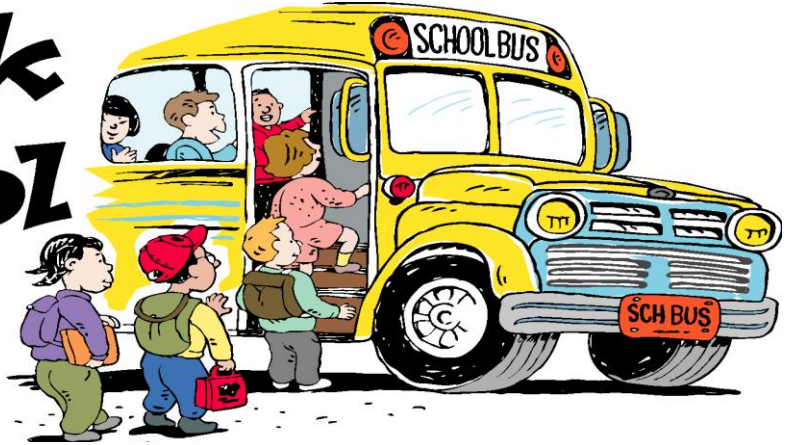


**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women – Synod of the Sun
July 24th – 26th - Fayetteville

Grace attended the gathering, which was entitled “Our Joy is in Christ.” There were over 300 in attendance. They had workshops and special speakers on leadership, racial inequality, the UN Commission on the Status of Women, raffles (in which she won one), and they toured the Crystal Bridges Museum. Grace enjoyed seeing old friends and making new friends while she was there. An offering of over \$3,000 was given to a shelter, camp, and services. Grace thanks the FPC Miami Session for help with some of her lodging expenses.

Back to School



The first Thursday of September will be our first backpack packing this year.

If you would like to volunteer, please let David Foster or the office know. There are new sign-up sheets in the office and the backpack room.



The Deacon's shoe ministry has begun a new year as well. Ross delivered a pair of shoes the first week of school.

Please help the children of Ottawa County by donating shoes to the FPC Miami Deacon's Shoe Ministry.

Looking Ahead

Deacon Fundraiser

One person's junk is another person's treasure.



Church Rummage Sale:

Oct 3... 9 am – 4 pm

Oct 4... 8 am – 4 pm

You may have noticed in the back corner of the fellowship hall a table that has been accumulating various items. That table is for the Deacons' rummage sale.

So, if you have some items you would like to donate to the sale, please bring them in and put them on that table at the back of the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the office or one of the deacons.

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Isaiah 41:10
Easy-to-Read Version

Don't worry—I am with you.
Don't be afraid—I am your God.
I will make you strong and help you.
I will support you with my right hand that brings victory.