



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*

Outreach

August 2026



"Snow" in the courtyard at First Presbyterian Church of Naples during Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School.

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FROM THE PULPIT

August 2

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake

August 9

Back to School Blessing

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake

August 16

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake

August 23

Rev. Rex Childs

August 30

Rev. Lisa Lefkow

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

August Friday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Fridays during August. Regular Friday hours (8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) will resume on Friday, September 4.

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A Fond Farewell

There is something about farewells that always seems to call forth music. As this season of ministry draws to a close, I find myself thinking of two familiar songs: the closing theme from The Carol

Burnett Show—"I'm so glad we had this time together"—and the children's farewell from The Sound of Music: "So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye." They remind us that endings are also beginnings.

As Gail and I conclude nearly fifteen months with First Presbyterian Church, we do so with deep gratitude. You welcomed us warmly from the very beginning and invited us to share in the life of this remarkable congregation. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you during this important season.

Interim ministry is about helping a congregation prepare for its next chapter, and it has been encouraging to watch this church continue to move forward with confidence and hope. Together, we have celebrated milestones, strengthened ministries, welcomed new members, and continued serving our community and the wider world. We have enjoyed outstanding worship, remarkable music, and the privilege of hosting thoughtful voices like Diana Butler Bass and Barbara Brown Taylor—conversations that reflected this congregation's commitment to faith that is both intellectually engaged and deeply rooted.

Gail and I have also thoroughly enjoyed living in Naples. We will remember its beauty, its vibrant community, and especially the many friendships we have made here. Those relationships are what we will treasure most.

Many of you have asked what comes next for us. I am in the final stages of discerning my next call and look forward to sharing that news as soon as I am able. Until then, we remain grateful for the opportunity we have had to be part of this congregation's life.

As you prepare to welcome your next Senior Pastor, I do so with genuine optimism. First Presbyterian Church has exceptional lay leadership, a gifted staff, a vibrant music ministry, a strong commitment to mission, and a congregation that is eager to grow in faith and service. The future is bright.

Thank you for the trust you placed in me, for the friendship you extended to Gail and me, and for the many ways you have enriched our lives. We leave Naples grateful for our time among you and confident that God will continue to bless this congregation in the years ahead.

So, rather than simply saying goodbye, let me simply say: it has been a joy to share this time with you. God bless you all.

Blessings,

Scott and Gail Kenefake

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake
Interim Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

Gathered by Grace: Sermon Series Conclusion

Join us over the coming weeks as Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake concludes his four-week sermon series on God's abundant welcome (which began on July 26): August 2 (Bread for the Journey), August 9 (Listening for God), and August 16 (Gathered and Sent).

To catch up on past sermons, please visit our website at fpcnaples.org/worship-with-us.

Summer Financial Update

Thank you for your continued financial support of the First Presbyterian Church of Naples and our mission over the summer months! We are so grateful to those of you who continue your regular pledge contributions, as well as to those who arrange financial contributions during the months that are normally slower for incoming funds. As you will see below, we are staying busy, and the need for steady income is crucial to cover all that we are doing.

We have so much to appreciate and celebrate in these next few months. A few of the highlights include our new Preschool Director, Delia, who will welcome the new and returning preschool students; our Facilities staff, who have been working hard alongside our vendors to keep our AC running and our grounds and buildings looking nice; and getting things ready for our new Senior Pastor and his family to move to Naples from New York!

We have a YTD shortfall of \$3k through the end of June. YTD Offerings are unfavorable compared to the same time last year by \$43k. As expected, YTD offerings are unfavorable to budget by \$216k, which we straight-line. The total income favorability of \$150k vs. 2025 is due to the early budgeted Endowment transfer in June this year, rather than in July in 2025. YTD expenses are favorable to budget by \$218k, which is also a normal trend; however, when our Mission Outreach payments and Insurance renewal premiums hit July's expenses, this favorable number will be reduced.

Please continue to live-stream our services, leave comments, and stay in touch with us. We truly do enjoy your comments and feedback.

As always, please reach out to Debbie Savage, Executive Director, or Joan Congine, Finance Administrator, if you have any questions.

Joan Congine

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NAPLES SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 30, 2026

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	YTD Actuals 2026	YTD Budget 2026	Annual Budget 2026	YTD Actuals 2025	YTD Actuals 2026 vs. 2025
Income					
Offerings	934,273	1,150,000	2,300,000	977,365	(43,092)
Preschool	362,656	288,400	576,800	331,700	30,955
Other	31,290	19,990	39,980	20,129	11,162
Budgeted Endowment Transfers*	150,000	200,000	400,000	0	150,000
Total Income	1,478,218	1,658,390	3,316,780	1,329,193	149,025
Total Expenses	1,480,915	1,699,235	3,398,470	1,453,111	27,804
Net Operating Income (Shortfall)	(2,697)	(40,845)	(81,690)	(123,918)	121,221

FGCU Chamber Choir Joining Worship • August 23

The Florida Gulf Coast University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Trent Brown, will once again be singing in worship on August 23. This has been an annual event for many years, and it has been a special musical service. We have a great partnership with the University, as many of our choir soloists have been FGCU students and have sung with the Chamber Choir. The service always concludes with the choir surrounding the congregation after the benediction and singing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

Dr. Brice Gerlach



Presbyterian Women

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Continuing our summer break from Gatherings, programs, Bible study, Circle meetings, and Sew and Sews, Presbyterian Women are still present and active in many ways.

Holy Hospitality joyfully invites everyone to share fellowship in Spencer Hall after each worship service. We extend sincere thanks to all who have helped serve during these summer months: Linda Gadkowski and Amy Manley from the Palms Society, Karen and Roy Parker, Betty Plum, and members of PW Circles and WOW.

It's been fun to see the variety of refreshments and decorations served by men and women in our congregation. There are a few open volunteer dates including August 2, September 6, and September 20. If you can help, please call Betty Mangos at 239.248.8800 or Saralene Oldham at 239.564.1874.

Presbyterian Women have participated in Stamp Ministry for many years. Trimmed used stamps are sent locally to Shell Point in Fort Myers, where they are used to purchase religious materials in Spanish. Various stamps are sold generating funds for this purpose.

A cute story from our own congregation: Harriet Toadvine, who recently passed away and was a frequent attendee at our church, was cleaning out drawers and ran across old love letters from the 1930s. She graciously donated the stamps from those letters to this ministry. We know the volunteers at Shell Point were excited to get those.

Stay tuned for future events as we get back in full swing with a luncheon/gathering on November 4.



Stephen Ministry



It is hard to believe that the summer is moving along so quickly. This summer, we have been tasked with increasing the number of Stephen Ministers and identifying and ministering to members of our congregation who are experiencing challenges, particularly spiritual challenges.

The following article was inspired by an article on the website "Hope Has Arrived.com," a Christian website founded to provide spiritual support for those suffering from cancer. While its scope has expanded, its message remains constant. I have paraphrased and excerpted portions of a recent "Hope Has Arrived" article because I saw a wonderful link between its message and the mission of Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Naples. We are

submitting this article to "Outreach" in the hope that it will motivate someone to contact us to help in the search for God's Grace during difficult times.

Asking God for Help

Adapted and excerpted from Hope Has Arrived.

The full, unabridged article can be viewed at hopehasarrived.com/asking-god-for-help.

How can someone struggling to find hope and healing possibly experience peace through praying to God? How can a caregiver or loved one seek the help of God on their behalf?

The peace of God is beyond human understanding. It is a great mystery. It is beyond our human experience and comes in the midst of our trials and suffering to mount us up like the wings of eagles. God has told us his peace can never be completely understood, but it can be ours through prayer, asking God for help. **This peace is a gift, but you must seek it.** God's hope, strength, and peace are waiting for you. But you must ask. Prayer is simply talking to God. But there are a few things we should keep in mind as we begin to seek the power of God in our fight against suffering and despair.

- 1. God is waiting for you to pray.** God has said that he is standing at the door of our life and is knocking. He will not come in unless we open the door. Incredible as it sounds, this simple act of praying to God has brought comfort, hope, and peace to millions over the centuries.
- 2. When asking God for help, God already knows everything about you.** In prayer, you don't have to explain things. You are speaking to the one who has created you and who knows you better than anyone else.
- 3. God listens to your words but wants your heart.** When asking God for help, God just wants you to pour out your heart. He just wants you to put every pain, every fear, every disappointment into a basket and hand it to Him.
- 4. God will help you pray.** If you do not know what prayer to offer or how to express it, don't worry. Just ask Him to help you pray.

5. **Remember who God is.** Look at the night-time sky. The one who made all those billions of stars and all the galaxies wants to commune with you, to comfort you in the sighs and groanings of your life, which are too deep for words. This Creator is your creator. And he loves you.
6. **He wants you to pray again and again.** We're not supposed to pray a prayer for help and then think, "Well, I've done that," and cross it off like an item on our shopping list. No, the hope, peace, and strength come as we pray again and again.
7. **He wants you to pray now.** Find a quiet place this moment. Focus on speaking your heart to the one who knows you best. It does not matter if you feel you deserve the help or not. Asking God for help may feel like a leap at first, but eventually, it may even feel as natural as talking with a friend. Ask him for help to pray and then begin. If you'd like help getting started, pray the words below.

"God, I'm opening the door. I need your help. I've never been so in need of help, so secretly afraid of what I'm facing. I don't know what words will please you, or which words will get through to you. So, help me, please. Please give me the words to say as you promised you would. You are the Creator. I want to know you. I need your help."

8. **Remember, when you open the door to God, he will not abandon you.** When you finish praying, the hope, strength, and peace of God come slowly as you unload your fears and troubles day after day. Then, something begins to build inside you that you will know is real. God works through people as well as prayers. The support of others lifting their prayers to Him can help carry you through tough times. When you pray, ask God to bring you into contact with others who pray to Him for help, too.

We don't want you to go it alone.

Our Stephen Ministers at First Pres are trained and experienced to pray with you, to help you find a renewed and stronger connection with God, and to listen nonjudgmentally and in absolutely strict confidence during your difficult time. We will stay with you and listen to your concerns and hopes for as long as you like. We will not judge, nor will we foist our own opinions or experiences on you as possible solutions. We will walk with you toward God, who is the ultimate healer of all wounds. If you think this might be for you, please contact me at dpwitman@hotmail.com to learn more.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV).**

David Witman



A Deacon is a Faithful Sower

As I reflected on Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow's sermon on July 12, 2026, I thought about being a Deacon and all that we do. His sermon titled "More Than We Can Imagine" was based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. It tells how Jesus was telling his disciples and the crowds about a sower who went out to sow his seeds. Some seeds fell on a path and were eaten by birds. Other seeds fell on rocky ground where they had little soil and were withered in the hot sun. Some seeds ended up in the thorns where they were choked out. The last group of seeds fell on good soil, produced, and brought forth grain.

Jesus loved telling stories in parables. My interpretation is that the "seeds" are words from the Gospel and the teachings of God, and the "sower" is the one who proclaims these words and tries to teach them to others. Finally, the "soils or landing spots" are people's responses to hearing the teachings of Jesus and the words of God. The seeds are there to produce an outpouring of God's faith and love for all of us. However, people often hear those words, but they do not follow them because they are taken away by (birds). Other times, people hear God's word, but it is not allowed to grow deep inside; they are scorched and withered by (rocks). Sometimes the word of God is much too strong for people, and it is choked, unable to be spread (the thorns). Then there are the times when God's word is nurtured in our hearts and allows us to become the "Sower" (faithful Christians, just as God intended). When we feed and water the faith in our lives, it overflows with his abundance of grace and love. It multiplies 10-fold, providing abundance beyond measure.

It is easy to doubt that you could sow the word of God. One never knows when one kind word, a smile, or a listening ear will allow one little seed to grow. Being a "Sower" can be challenging at times, with deep crevasses and ravines, hidden, dried-up rivers, and deceptive, tangled ideas. That is LIFE... But when you see that seed of faith grow, and abundant life spills out, you know your faith has survived the birds, rocks, sun, and thorns. You have become a person with HOPE and PURPOSE in your life. God's word was allowed to survive. As a "Sower," one leaves a trail of kindness, joy, gentleness, peace, goodness, faithfulness, and LOVE wherever they go. That is the true gift of those magical seeds of God's GRACE!

Our Deacons are faithful "Sowers" in countless ways. They plant seeds of God's love through organizing blood drives that offer the gift of life, delivering flowers that brighten someone's day, sending thoughtful cards and letters that remind others they are remembered, tending to members of their assigned parishes with compassionate care, and visiting those who are sick or home-bound, so that no one feels forgotten. These simple, yet meaningful acts of service reflect Christ's love and often become the very seeds that take root in someone's heart.

This September, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow and his family as a new chapter begins at First Presbyterian Church of Naples. May we all journey together, spreading the seeds of God's love and faithfulness to everyone we meet. In turn, may they be allowed to find renewed FAITH in the words of the Lord. This truly is a wonderful time in the life of our church!

Blessings of joy, hope, grace, and LOVE,

Cindy Esler, Deacon



Pictured above: Cindy Esler at the lectern, with Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow and his family seated in the front row.

FEED THE 5,000

This month, we are helping to restock the food pantry of **Grace Place**. Ushers will have a list available as you leave the sanctuary. Food donations will be collected at the 6th Street church entrance on the second Sunday of the month, **August 9**. If you prefer, monetary donations may be made online at fpcnaples.org/give by selecting "Give Now" and then "Feed 5000". Checks may be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with the memo marked "Feed the 5,000" and placed in the collection plate.



Suggested items include:

- Coffee & Sugar
- Dried Beans & Rice
- Chips & Crackers
- Pasta & Sauce
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Oatmeal & Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Condiments
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit

Healing Hands: A Mission Update from Matanzas, Cuba

Our connection with our partner church, Central Reformed Presbyterian Church in Matanzas, Cuba, continues to grow deeper.

Toward the end of July, the most recent shipment of vital medications provided by the generous members of First Presbyterian Church of Naples safely arrived at the church in Matanzas. Pastor Adriana Guerrero reached out to share a photo alongside the two-carton delivery, sending a heartfelt message back to our congregation:

"Thank you from our heart for being healing hands."

As daily life in Cuba remains extraordinarily challenging due to ongoing resource shortages, these direct shipments serve as a critical lifeline for Pastor Adriana and the congregation as they care for their community and support vital programs like their senior feeding ministry.

This successful delivery was a true team effort. Special thanks go to Scott Jacobs for helping coordinate our ongoing mission updates and support, to Mark Speake for ordering the necessary medications, to Tim Stover for organizing the shipping logistics to Central Reformed, and to all members of our Mission Committee for their continued dedication and prayerful leadership as we continue to extend Christ's healing hands to our brothers and sisters in Christ.





Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS: Growing Faith on Sacred Slopes

It brings me such joy to share the heartwarming and inspiring moments that unfolded during our time at VBS, Snowball Mountain Challenge. Our gathering of 32 children and 24 youth and adult participants truly embodied the spirit of intergenerational learning and faith. All week long, we were reminded of our theme verse from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Like a small snowball rolling down a mountain, our faith and enthusiasm seemed to grow bigger and stronger each day.

One of the true highlights of our week was all our volunteers, including our youth, showing up so faithfully to help everything run smoothly. Watching our young people lead reminded us that God is at work in every generation, shaping and strengthening the body of Christ.

There were beautiful "God sightings" throughout our time together. One especially moving moment was watching our participants walk the "prayerground" labyrinth—a simple, prayerful path. To see children, youth, and adults moving quietly in silence, wrapped in prayer, truly blessed my heart. And, the Naples Botanical Garden gave us a visit - it truly was a time to appreciate God's creation!

We also wanted faith to continue at home, long after VBS ended. Every parent was sent home with "faith-at-home" practices to weave into everyday life—activities like stargazing, getting our feet in the sand,

enjoying ice cream together, or spending time at the playground can all be ways to connect to God. These simple moments become holy invitations to pause and thank God for all the beauty around us.

And just for fun, we even had "snow" on Friday on the mountain! It was a joyful reminder that God's love



Pictured above: VBS families celebrating a joyful week together;
Pictured left: Participants bringing a Bible story to life.

can surprise us, refresh us, and cover us in grace in the most delightful ways. And, we had a pizza party to formally end our time with families with over 70 people attending! As we look back on this week, our hearts are full, and we give thanks for all that God has done in and through our Snowball Mountain Challenge.

Blessings, peace and every good,

Nancy Van Fleet

In gratitude for all our helpers:

Marti Beard
Rex Childs
Jeff Congine
Alyssa Coppens
Cindy Esler
Logan Gibbs
Payton Gibbs
Ashley Henning
Devan Hancock
Caitlin Hancock
Cindy Jones
Gail Kenefake
Jeff Newman
Claire Oleszczuk
Saralene Oldham
Karen Parker
Betty Plum
Sandy Poore
Sammi Sacristan
Kate Stewart
Nicholas Stewart
Georgio Tomasi
Julia Van Fleet
Jan Witman



Pictured clockwise from top: Snack time; participants enjoying games together; reflection time with Rev. Rex Childs.

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING AND OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 9th

Join us in the Youth Room after the service for refreshments and a slideshow of our previous year. Children are invited to personalize a water bottle for school to take home.

**10:00 a.m.
Service**

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Youth Group

**RETREATS- OUTINGS
FOOD-FUN-FRIENDS**

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**OUR CURRICULUM FOR THE SEASON,
"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM"
WILL EXPLORE IDENTITY, COMMUNITY
AND FAITH!**

NANCYV@FPCNAPLES.ORG

**250 6TH STREET SOUTH
NAPLES, FL 34102**

**YOUTH ROOM
4:00-5:30 PM**

Starting September 9th!

14 Intergenerational CE

HUDDLE

A Men's Bible Discussion Group

All men are invited and encouraged to gather with us each Thursday at noon.

Bring a Bible and your lunch! If unable to attend in person, please join the meeting via Zoom.

Please contact the church office for the Zoom link to the meeting.

Women's Ministry Bible Study



All women are invited to join us for a weekly Bible Study, held on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Parlor.

We look to covenant with each other week by week as we delve into God's word. For more information email Janeen McClure at jrmc@airmcclure.com.

Palms Society

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Why do Americans Give?

Americans are hardwired to be generous. They find that donating time and money benefits them as well as those helped by the gifts. Philanthropy can help you: pass values to family members about wealth and helping others; potentially receive tax benefits while doing good; and support your goals and stay engaged and informed about issues important to you. Philanthropy = Philo, which means loving, and Anthropolos, which means humanity.

The Palms Society is a program that allows you to support the church and its mission into the future by including it in your estate planning.

If you would like more information about the Palms Society or to become a member, please contact Amy Manley at 239.272.6821 or Linda Gadkowski at 508.292.5500.

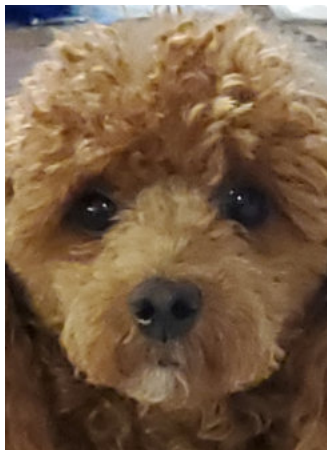




Delia Buckley | Preschool Director

We are thrilled to welcome Delia Buckley, who joined the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Naples in July 2026 as our new Preschool Director!

Delia brings a wealth of expertise in child development and educational leadership. She holds a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a background that anchors her dedication to supportive early childhood learning environments.



Originally from Tennessee, Delia has been married to her husband, Jeff, for 35 years and has two adult sons, Bay and Will. Outside of the schoolhouse, she enjoys tennis, nature walks, and practicing mindfulness. In the autumn, she loves visiting Gatlinburg to take in the fall leaves, and at home, she treasures spending time with her beautiful toy poodle, Ella.

We look forward to Delia getting to know everyone and helping kick off another wonderful school year this month!



Ashley Henning Administrative & Technical Assistant

We are excited to share that Ashley Henning will be transitioning into a new role as our Administrative & Technical Assistant, effective Monday, August 10th!

Having been an integral part of our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries staff, Ashley brings a diverse set of skills, technical talents, and familiar warmth to this new position. She will be serving Monday through Friday to support our broader church operations and staff.

We are so grateful for Ashley's continued dedication to FPC Naples, and we look forward to seeing her thrive in this next chapter with our team!

16 Caring Ministries

Susan Pratt, Coordinator of Caring Ministry and Membership
Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake, Interim Sr. Pastor

Third Annual Octogenarian High Tea

On Saturday, July 18, we celebrated our elders with the "Third Octogenarian High Tea." Spencer Hall was filled with the smells of baked desserts, handcrafted sandwiches, awesome scones, and hot tea. Servers were ready to serve as the kitchen team carefully arranged the plates for the tiers. As I greeted our elders, all I could see were stories walking through the doors, so many different and unknown stories. How I wish I could have asked each of you to share your story with us!

Perhaps it's time for us to create opportunities to open the space for those stories to be told. I have written many, but there are so many more worth sharing.

It is through your stories that our people of all ages can listen, learn, and grow, witnessing how your dreams have manifested into who you are now.

Perhaps you have a story to tell, too? Don't be shy, your story is precious and worthy to be heard. I am ready, pen in hand, to listen.

Susan Pratt



Clockwise from top: Taking photos with the King; posing with Frank Sinatra; Dr. Brice Gerlach on piano and Leelo Basham on flute.



Clockwise from top: Enjoying high tea in Spencer Hall; preparing food and refreshments for high tea guests.



Caregivers and Care Receivers Support Groups August 9

The Caregivers Support Group, led by the Alzheimer's Support Network, will be held in the Parlor on Sunday, August 9, following the service. Our loved ones will gather for Circle of Grace in the Chapel, led by Susan Pratt, Coordinator of Membership and Caring Ministries. Join us early at 11:15 a.m. for a provided lunch before group meetings begin at 11:35 a.m. For more information, contact Susan Pratt.

With Deep Gratitude: Celebrating Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake & Gail

As Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake concludes his tenure as Interim Senior Pastor after more than a year with us at First Presbyterian Church of Naples, the staff and congregation express our heartfelt thanks to Scott and his wife, Gail. Scott guided us through this season of transition with steady leadership, clear vision, and engaging preaching, leaving us well-prepared for our next chapter.

During his time with us, Scott helped expand our reach and strengthen community ties by spearheading new broadcast outreach on local WGCU public radio and television, establishing our vibrant Festival of Light event, and welcoming renowned faith leaders like Barbara Brown Taylor and Diana Butler Bass to speak at the church. We are equally grateful for Gail's faithful, hands-on service across our family ministries, where she warmly volunteered in Kidz Lab, cared for our littlest ones in the nursery, and served during Vacation Bible School.

Scott and Gail, thank you for sharing your gifts, leadership, and warmth with us. May God abundantly bless you in your next season of ministry!

A Special Farewell | Sunday, August 16, will be Scott's final service with us. We invite you to join us for this special Sunday as we celebrate Scott and Gail's time among us, thank them for their leadership, and send them forth with our deepest gratitude.



Pictured from top to bottom: Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake attends the third annual Octogenarian High Tea; Gail Kenefake (center) volunteers during VBS.



August 1

Saralene Oldham
Gary Richter

August 2

Adren Hance
Nancy Erdly

August 3

Duncan Connell
Anne Marie Weber

August 4

Lucy Kuhne
Augie Ingoglia
Russ Richardson

August 5

Pam Fisher

August 6

Brice Gerlach*
JoAnn Luster
Fred Hoffmann

August 7

Jean Kasten

August 8

Linda Secrest
Laura Colville
Jan Witman

August 9

Jon DeMoss

August 10

Pat Hueter
Ali Claremont
Jeff Rogers
Sted Garber, Jr.

August 11

Dan Stellema
Shelby Lear

August 12

Cal Pratt
Nicole Lombillo
Pat Bailey

August 13

Gretchen Knoll
David Brewin
Cathy Norris
Tom Gallant
Melanie Jones
Tim Hall

August 15

Karen Martin
Nancy Kiningham

August 17

Julia Bussell
John Jordan

August 18

Jolly Birtwistle

August 20

William Brock
Jane Graham
Ann Ryerson

August 21

Pamela Pellerito
Dick Hillebrand
Jim Saffold

August 22

Kathleen Maier

August 24

Sue Vernia
Forrest Thye
Katie Schutt*

August 26

Geoff Wardwell
Dee Hook

August 27

Pat MacMinn

August 29

George Craig
Stephen McClure

August 30

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Catherine Willett
Gary Nordbrock

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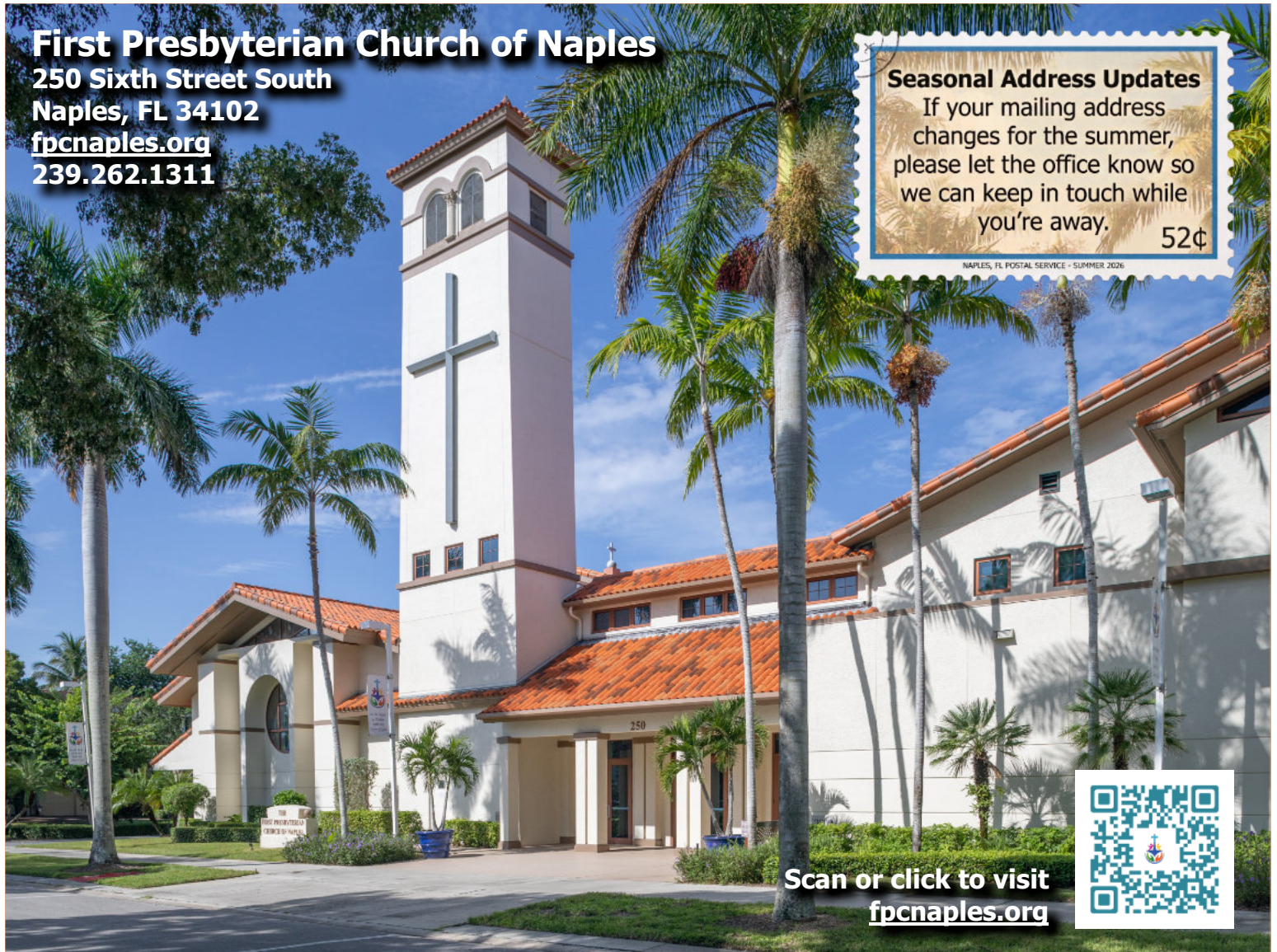
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Welcoming Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow

The Pastor Nominating Committee is excited and deeply grateful to announce that at our congregational meeting on Sunday, July 12, the congregation voted unanimously to approve Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow as our next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

To learn more about Aaron's journey, read his personal statement of faith, and view reflections from the Pastor Nominating Committee members, please visit fpcnaples.org/staff/aaron-janklow.

Aaron's official start date will be September 1, with his first Sunday leading worship anticipated for September 13.

Pictured Left: *The Janklow family (Aaron, Laurel, Lyla, Hannah) with the Pastor Nominating Committee.*