



FPC Herald

September 2026



Office Hours

Tuesday: 9am -2pm
Wednesday: 10am -3pm
Thursday: 10am -3pm
Friday: 9am-2pm

1 Mission Committee Meeting, 6pm
Worship and Music Meeting, 7pm

6 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

8 Deacon Meeting, 7pm

10 First Handbell, 5pm and Chancel Choir, 7pm Rehearsals

13 In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

15 Session Meeting, 7pm

17 First Thursday Night Program, 5pm

20 Sunday In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary or Watch Live Online, 10am

27 In-Person Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall or Watch Live Online, 10am

"So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News for I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ." Romans 15-16, NLT



Dear Friends,

When was the last time you sat down to write a letter, when you took out a piece of stationery and put pen and ink on the paper? Who would you address it to and what would be the purpose of that letter?

Maybe it was a letter of thanks, or a letter acknowledging a recent event, or a letter of concern or well-being. Soldiers in far off places will write letters home to let their loved ones know how they are doing. And I would think that the bright spot of their day is when they receive a letter from home. Love letters have long been kept as a remembrance of a time long ago, to read the message once again.

If you were to write a letter to someone, what would you want them to know? Some would say that we have lost the art of letter writing because we can do that by e-mail, text, phone, or have AI write it for us. Back in the day before such things, letter writing was the way we communicated with one another and the art of letter writing goes back centuries.

I recall my days in school when we would learn the parts of a perfectly formulated letter. The apostle Paul was a master letter writer. Maybe it was from Paul that we learned how to write them.

He always started with a greeting and an uplifting word to the person or organization addressed. Then he would get to the purpose of the matter. He would end with instructions or recommendation on how to proceed and close with a final word. Sam Rainter writes in his book Loved and Unashamed: "Paul wrote thirteen New Testament letters, each born out of specific needs within the church. Sometimes he encouraged as in Philippians. Sometimes he corrected, as in Corinthians. Sometimes he defended the true gospel against false teaching, as in Galatians. His letters became the preferred method of guiding, shaping, and strengthening these communities of believers scattered across the Roman Empire."

The Letter to the Romans was different. It was not a church that he had started or visited. Paul wanted to introduce himself to the Jewish/Gentile church there. He also wanted to ground the church in truth, unite Jewish and Gentile believers, and present the clearest gospel message in the New Testament.

We should thank God for those who realized the importance of Paul's letters and preserved them in Holy Scriptures for us to enjoy and learn from. I hope you will join me in a study of this letter not reading it as a theological masterpiece but reading it as a letter written to unite us and to inspire us to live our faith unashamed.

I thank God for you, Pastor Kathy

Music Ensemble Rehearsals to begin again in September!

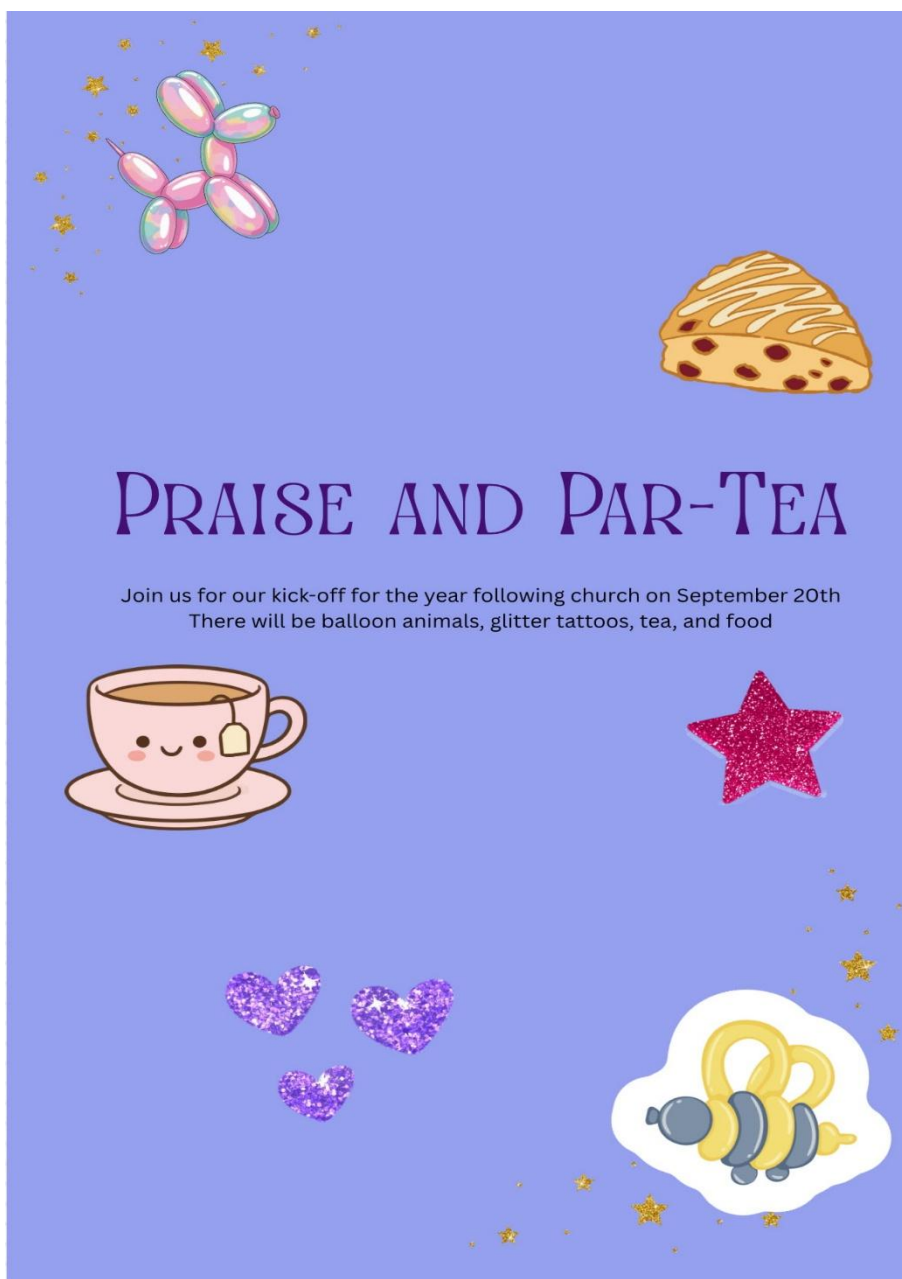
Chancel Bells rehearses on Thursday evenings usually at 6pm, but will begin at 5pm on Thursday September 10th. We are always happy to have new ringers. Experience not required though some musical knowledge is helpful but can be taught. So don't be afraid if you want to try, let Sara know!



Chancel Choir rehearses at 7pm on Thursday evenings beginning September 10th. All are welcome! No musical experience needed, just a desire to sing.

Children's Choir meets during their Thursday night program time at 5pm beginning on September 17th.

Any questions or interest in any of these ensembles, or if you have a musical talent you wish to share, contact our music director, Sara Ball.





Junior and Senior High Youth Groups Begin September 20th!
On September 20th from 5:30-7:30pm, youth and parents/guardians are invited to a welcome BBQ for food and fellowship. Regular 6pm meetings begin the following Sunday. Youth groups are open to youth grades 6-12, Come grow in faith and enjoy fellowship!

Celebrating Membership

Below is a list of current members who have joined our church in September's past.

Kimberly Cameron 9/21/2010
Terrie Hadel 9/19/2017
Judy Jacobs 9/20/2009
Betsy Peters 9/30/2007
Michael Spier 9/21/2010
Nancy Ventimiglia 9/21/2010



August Attendance

In person:	Live Stream:
August 2- 56	15
August 9- 65	7
August 16 - 55	13
August 23 - 46	13



Our Service Men & Women

Stephanie Dixon, Army
Crestview FL
Michelle Dixon, Army
Colorado
Ashley Dixon, Army
Puerto Rico
Daughters of Glenn and Pam Dixon

Sam Heaton, ANG
Son of Pastor Dan and Kim Heaton

Sean Heffernan, CG
Grandson of Sue Heffernan

Prayer List

Please keep the people listed in your daily thoughts, and remember them with a card, phone call and prayers of encouragement.

Assisted Living or Long-Term Care

Irma Black
Mary Murphy

Those we are keeping in Our Prayers

Mike Ethier
Pam Kurtz
Martha Fisher
Gary Cynowa
Loretta Martin
Lou Emerick
Nancy Ventimiglia
Claren Bannow
Jeanne Ledingham

September Birthdays



3	Laura Henderson		
3	Kathy Donohue	23	Tracy Gonzalez
8	John Remejes	23	Rebecca McTaggart
10	Kathy Nealand	27	Diana DuChene
12	Laura Wray	27	Gavin McHugh
13	Jenny Emerick	28	Thomas McTaggart
20	Jerry Hilton	29	Katie Baker
20	Larry Huntington	29	Carol Cook
21	Diane Lozen	29	Ethan Ngwa
21	Owen McTaggart	30	Jeanette Armstrong
21	Deb Schmidt		
22	Kimberly Cameron		

Weekly Announcements

Sunday Worship Details

In-Person Worship and Live-Streamed Services on Sundays at 10am. To watch online, key in fpcmtclemens.com, click the worship tab, then live stream

This Sunday we begin a new sermon series on the book of Romans, with "Why Romans?" Worship will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall



Attention Committee Leaders and Members:

Be sure to plan your calendars for the 2026-2027 year. On September 13 after the church service, we will having a church calendar planning meeting.

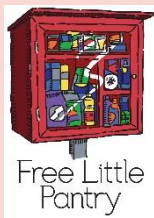


Thanks to all who participated in weeding and tilling the boxes, planting the vegetables, and/or donating supplies and plants in the last two weeks of May. If you would like to help with weeding control or putting up plant cages, please let Gary Cynowa know.



Every Friday!!

Every Friday morning, the men of FPC get together in the parlor to talk about what's happening in the church, what's going on in their lives, and solve the world's problems. Other church men are welcomed to join them at nine!



Our Free Little Pantry is always in need of restocking! You can help by donating food, toiletries, even socks are needed. For food donations please bring items that do not need extra ingredients and are easy to open. Many of those who are blessed by this food do not have access to can openers and extra ingredients.

Our Free Pantry was built and decorated by our wonderful youth and kids. There is a box located by the north door where you can drop off your donations



Stay in the know on what's happening

To see events happening in the church and Family life center, you can view the Church Calendar via our website, or by clicking the tab below If you have any questions, contact the office at 586-465-0461, or email office@fpcmtclemens.com.



Our Church Elders

Session Class of 2026

- Mike Ball, Building, Property & Technology
- Martha Fisher, Personnel
- Patty Lange, Memorial
- Kenny Jung, Worship & Music

Session Class of 2027

- Becky Ball, Worship and Music
- Gary Cynowa, Mission
- Ken Schmidt, Finance

Session Class of 2028

- Kristen Abouelseoud, CE
- Barb Jung, CE
- Steven Thebo, Technology

Clerk of Session: Jane Ethier



Our Church Deacons

Deacon Class of 2026

- Pam Kurtz
- Kyra Hickey
- Beth Orrin

Deacon Class of 2027

- Judi Armstrong
- Gloria Cynowa
- Evelyn McKenzie

Deacon Class of 2028

- Mary Jane Marino-Bratke
- Diana Lozen
- Jay Lozen

Deacon Moderators

- Beth Orrin
- Judi Armstrong