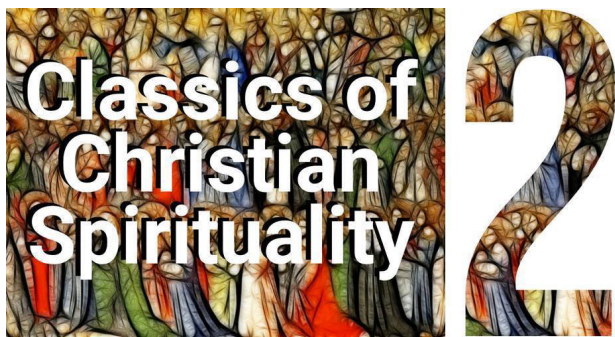


## JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN DAY!

In celebration of our new Director of Children's Ministry, Sarah Butler, we are inviting our whole PCPC family out for an evening of family, fun, food, and fellowship on Sunday, August 4th from 4-6 p.m. at the Huizenga Family Life Center and surrounding area. Come and meet Sarah and her family and bring yours for waterslides, human foosball, cornhole, barbecue, and s'mores. This event is open to our entire community, so bring your friends; there is no charge. For more information or to help out, please call the church office.



# PCPC AUGUST NEWSLETTER



## Classics of Christian Spirituality 2 by David C. Mauldin

A pastor got tired of people saying Christians are full of hate. He got tired of people saying Christianity is bad for society and that Christians are just a bunch of uneducated, superstitious hicks. So he wrote a book to prove them wrong. His name was Justin Martyr, and his book was published in 155. He wrote a follow-up in 157. No, those dates aren't wrong. He lived and wrote in the 2nd century. Do his concerns sound relevant to today? They are surprisingly relevant! Join me for Classics of Christian Spirituality 2, and we will read his works together.

Starting September 4, Classics of Christian Spirituality is back! If you missed last year, Classics of Christian Spirituality (CCS) involves reading excerpts from great Christian writings of the past and discussing them. We meet on Wednesday evenings. We eat from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Then at 6:00, the class begins. I tell

the story of the writer and the reading. I explain what it means and why it matters to us. Then, for the last 20 minutes, each table forms a small group to discuss the reading.

If you enjoyed last year, this year will be even better. Most readings are a bit shorter. I've added the small group discussion. We will have trained discussion leaders for each table. And, I've dug up more interesting and inspiring gems!

Last year we read Augustine of Hippo, who described how God led him to faith in Christ. We read Julian of Norwich, the first woman to write a book in English, whose visions of the cross comfort troubled souls. We read John Calvin on prayer, a moving short story by Leo Tolstoy, and snippets of six other classic works. Who could forget Blaise Pascal—"the heart has its reasons that reason does not know"?

This year, CCS will have two units, each with its own book. In the first, we spend five weeks with apologists from the second century. (Apologist means not that they are sorry, but that they are offering a defense of the faith; see 1 Peter 3:15.) I chose these defenders of the faith because they lived in a society that was hostile toward Christianity. Our society is becoming increasingly hostile toward Christianity. We need to learn from them how to cope.

You will meet Ignatius of Antioch, a church leader in the early second century who is reputed to have known the apostle John. You'll hear the story of his

## BE IN THE KNOW

How can you stay up to date with the latest happenings at PCPC? There are several ways!

- Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing [janet@palmcitypres.org](mailto:janet@palmcitypres.org).
- Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFLC lobby and Langill Hall lobby.
- Visit our website: [palmcitypres.org](http://palmcitypres.org).
- Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.



**PCPC Youth**

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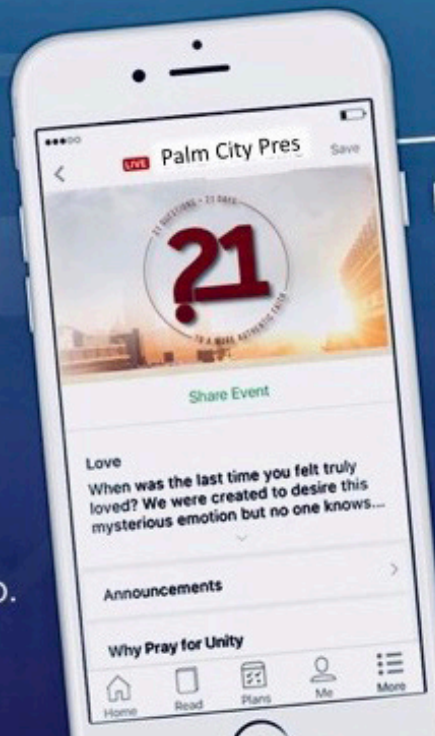
## We're in the Bible App.

- Follow along
- Take notes
- Reference the Bible



Download the latest version of the Bible App.

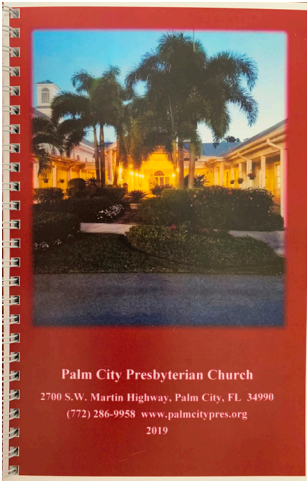
[www.bible.com/app](http://www.bible.com/app)



## HOW TO FIND US.

- 1) Make sure location settings are 'on'
- 2) Click the 'more' tab
- 3) Select 'events' to

**Palm City  
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Church**



**The new pictorial directories have arrived! You can pick up your copy in the church office during normal business hours.**



They have arrived! Over 400 bible study books arrived for the start of Community Bible Study (CBS) on Thursday, September 5th. This year will be amazing as we launch into 1st and 2nd Peter for 12 weeks, then spend time with Joshua before diving into 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. Drum roll please...we will end the year with 6 weeks in Job. Spots are filling up fast. Save yours by visiting <http://palmcityeve.cbsclass.org/> to register. A year of in-depth study is only \$35, and all books are included.

Is Community Bible Study (CBS) new to you? Watch a video on "Who We Are" at <https://www.communitybiblestudy.org/who-we-are/> to learn more about how CBS has grown since the first CBS class began in the fall of 1975 at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

CBS welcomes adults and children of all ages. High school age students are not required to be accompanied by an adult, but all other children must have an adult enrolled in the study. We are excited to see you on September 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.



## **NEW MEMBER CLASS AUGUST 18th 9:45 a.m. in the Library**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Palm City Presbyterian Church or just learning more about our church and our beliefs? If so, we invite you to attend our next New Member Class on August 18th at 9:45 a.m. in the church library. Please let Janet in the church office (772-286-9958) know if you plan to attend. It's not necessary, but it is very helpful. Attendance does not obligate you to join.





The Mission Committee would like to keep you informed on the happenings of the missions and missionaries that PCPC supports. Look for our logo each month to locate the latest mission news both in the newsletter and on PCPC's website. We are in the process of updating our page on the website to make it more informative. Check it out! Plus watch for our video in September. God does love missions! We hope that you will become more knowledgeable about what the Mission Committee does and in turn, want to become involved with missions yourself. If you have any questions, write them down and place them in the mission mailbox in the church office or leave them with Janet at the front desk. We will answer your questions in the following month's newsletter article.

This month's question: What is the difference between local missions and global missionaries? The obvious answer is in the words themselves "local/global" and "missions (organizations)/missionaries (individuals)." The following chart illustrates how the two are similar and different.

	<b>Local Missions</b>	<b>Global Missionaries</b>
<b>Christian-based</b>	No, if they want government funds Yes, but won't get government funds	Yes, they do not get government funds
<b>501(c)(3)</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Tax deductible</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Location</b>	Greater Stuart area	The world
<b>Function</b>	Help people	Help people and spread the Word
<b>Status</b>	Organizations, corporations	Individuals
<b>Salaried Staff</b>	Yes	No
<b>Want and need Volunteers</b>	Yes	Yes

We hope this helps you better understand missions and missionaries. Next month we'll begin short synopses about local missions and global missionaries that we have supported in the past. We look forward to your questions. Pray for our missions and missionaries, and remember our statue of Jesus in the courtyard—be "fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

# Children's Sunday School Changes

Our children's ministry will be growing in many exciting ways under the leadership of Sarah Butler, our new director. Some of those changes involve Sunday school, and a new school year is around the corner. Martin County Schools start back on August 12. Our new Sunday school year begins the following Sunday, August 18.

Here is what to expect:



- **A new class.** Beginning on the 18<sup>th</sup> we will have 3 classes: Preschool, Early elementary (K-3<sup>rd</sup>), and Older Elementary (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). Nursery is available for children younger than 3.

- **A new teacher.** Amy Moyer will be teaching the early elementary class. Amy brings a love for children and plenty of experience. She will be using *Dwell* curriculum from Faith Alive Christian Resources. It's a solid Reformed curriculum that teaches the Bible. Our goal is that children will have fun while building a foundation for life-long faith.



- **A new strategy for older elementary children.** Becky Nicholson will continue teaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She will be teaching the *New City Catechism*. This is a series of questions and answers that explain the Christian faith. We believe offering this to children this age will prepare them well for confirmation in a few years. Parents can be involved too through the New City Catechism App. (See below)

- **A slightly new procedure.** Parents can bring their children directly to the classroom in upper Langill Hall or check them in at the contemporary service in the Huizenga Family Life Center. When the announcements begin at the contemporary service, Sarah Butler will lead children to Sunday school. Sarah will lead them in a song or two. Then they will go to their classrooms. Parents can pick them up in the classroom after the worship service.

We hope to see you at the Family Cookout on Sunday, August 4, at 4:00 pm. Look for more information about children's ministry, including our new weekday program, in next month's newsletter!



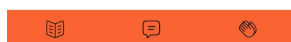
Question 1  
What is our only hope in life and death?

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

## The New City Catechism

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning the *New City Catechism*, a series of 52 questions and answers about the Christian faith. We encourage parents to be involved through the New City Catechism App, which is available for Apple or Android devices. The App features every question and answer; for every question it gives a scripture reference, a devotional reading for parents, and a prayer to say with your children.

For more information, visit [newcitycatechism.com](http://newcitycatechism.com).



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to PCPC member Jim Herman: 2019 Champion of the Barbasol Championship, played at the Champions at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, KY July 18-21, 2019!



What an exciting time for the Herman family! We're so happy you were all right there to share the moment. What a great example of how hard work and perseverance coupled with God-given talent, gets results.



money management ministry

## THANK YOU from Rich Porter

I want to express my appreciation for all who assisted in making the Youth Financial Series successful in moving our young congregants towards financial literacy—a lifelong journey.

Over four weeks, our presenters shared their wisdom, spiritual insights, and practical understanding of financial matters. The young folks who attended were inquisitive, attentive, and inspired to dig deeper.

Our church is better for having offered this series to our high school seniors and college-bound students.

*"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."* Matthew 6:24

Thanks to all...

Servants: Bob Shubert, Brad Klostreich, Lindy Cardinale, Valette Porter, Jason & Sherrey Pridmore, Amy Kitchell

Presenters: Pat Rosendahl, Todd Weissing, Hal Fenner, Tom Lytle, David Mauldin

Contributors: Beth Welmaker, Ron Evans, Janet Sallman, Bank of America, Mike England

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martyrdom and read a letter he wrote on his way to die. You will read a letter from Mathetes to Diognetus, written in a.d. 130. It was not written by Mathetes, nor was it written to Diognetus, but it is among the earliest defenses of Christianity outside of scripture. You will read part of Justin Martyr's *First Apology* and all of his *Second Apology*. Finally, you will read an excerpt from *A Plea for the Christians*, by a guy named Atenagoras. Along the way, you will hear the arguments they made. You'll glimpse how Christians lived and worshipped in the 2nd century. Hopefully, you will learn how to defend the hope that is within you.

Unit 2 begins immediately after Unit 1. It features an all-star lineup of Christian writers whose names are more familiar. From last year's team, I've invited back Augustine of Hippo, John Calvin, and Fyodor Dostoevsky. I am especially excited about the Dostoevsky excerpt. In *The Brothers Karamazov* (only the greatest novel ever written), the saintly elder Father Zosima dies. On his deathbed, he shares with his friends what it means to follow Jesus and live a holy life. That's the part we'll read.

New to the team this year will be Martin Luther, John Wesley, and Charles Spurgeon. Luther and Wesley, you probably know. Spurgeon was a Baptist pastor in London in the 19th century and the greatest preacher of his day.

In short, we will have fun and grow in our faith. We will enjoy friends new and old—both the authors we read and the people with whom we discuss them. My friends and I invite you to join us.

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As the newsletter goes to press, we do not know yet when the first book will be available. I select the writers and excerpts, compose the introductions, and prepare the books myself. Then we have them printed. Announcements will be made through all our usual outlets.

## Schedule for Classics 2

### Unit 1: Back to Our 2nd Century Future

Sept 4	Ignatius	<i>The Martyrdom of Ignatius</i> with Ignatius's <i>Letter to the Romans</i> [a.d. 107]
Sept 11	unknown	<i>The Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus</i> [a.d. 130]
Sept 18	Justin Martyr	excerpts from <i>The First Apology</i> [a.d. 155]
Sept 25	Justin Martyr	excerpts from <i>The Second Apology</i> [c. a.d. 157]
Oct 2	Atenagoras	excerpts from <i>A Plea for the Christians</i> [a.d. 177]

### Unit 2: Walking with Giants

Oct 9	Augustine of Hippo
Oct 16	Martin Luther
Oct 23	John Calvin
Oct 30	John Wesley
Nov 6	Charles Spurgeon
Nov 13	Fyodor Dostoevsky

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-Jason Pridmore

## Care Packages:

We ended the school year by sending care packages to our college students to encourage them in their finals as they were wrapping up their semesters.



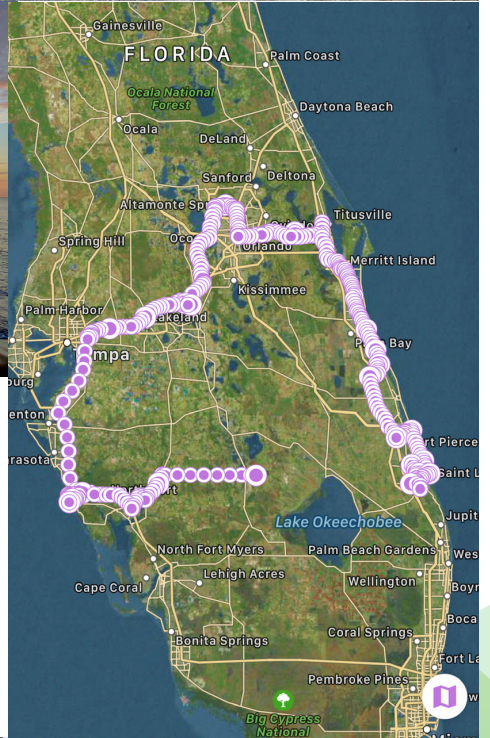
## Sun Up / Sun Down:



PCPC Youth kicked off summer activities with our annual Sun Up / Sun Down trip across Florida. Partnering with The Grace Place, 34 of our students met for sunrise at Stuart Beach, where we shared in

a devotion. Then, breakfast at Chick-Fil-A in Fort Pierce before our first official stop: Laporte Farms, Sebastian. Following our petting zoo excursion, we made a quick stop for a bit of a ghost hunt at the Crooked Mile Cemetery, Merritt Island, then on to





Christmas, Florida. Lunch and a swim in Wekiwa Springs, then homemade ice cream at Ridge Island Groves. We ended our cross-state adventure with dinner, shark tooth hunting at Caspersen Beach, then a dip in the Gulf of Mexico before heading back to Palm City. Another great adventure and an amazing day spent sharing unique experiences—already looking forward to next year’s trip!





**Puerto Rico Mission Trip:**  
 Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!  
 you, Palm City Presbyterian Church family! Thanks to you, our youth raised over \$8000 to fund their summer mission trip to Puerto Rico. 11 youth and volunteer leaders returned to Puerto Rico this past July to continue to help with the clean up from Hurricane Maria that devastated the island 2 years ago. Through our previous connection with Second Union Church of San Juan, we partnered with Mar Azul (Blue Sea Church) and assisted on a beautification project, preparing a Christian camp hosting a youth discipleship camp the following week. This year we worked harder than ever but also invested more into personal relationships with individuals of the island and their ministries. We were also able to revisit our friend, Alicia, from last year's trip and provide her with the means to finish the work that we started in her home last year. Though the island has years more of recovery, it was an amazing experience to participate with other ministries that are doing so much to not only renew the island, but to also (more importantly) renew relationships with Jesus through their efforts. We look forward to sharing some of our

experiences and memories from the trip during church and in other forums (TBD). Thank you again for praying for us and supporting us in this year's mission trip...it wouldn't have been possible without you. Thank you!



### wYLDlife camp:

As part of a new outreach ministry in Martin County (through Young Life), several of our middle school students attended wYLDlife camp in July. Along with several hundred other middle school students from surrounding states, we spent 5 days at Southwind Camp near Ocala, learning about Jesus' love for us and his desire to be in relationship with us individually. Several students committed their lives to God and as quoted by several of our students, "It was the best week of my life!" wYLDlife middle school club will be starting up in the fall – a middle school answer to high school's Young Life. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, would like to be involved, or volunteer, please contact Jason @ [714-809-5065](tel:714-809-5065).

In His service and yours,  
Jason Pridmore  
Youth Ministry

For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming youth events and activities:



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To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly.  
Email: [Jason@palmcitypres.org](mailto:Jason@palmcitypres.org)  
Call or Text: (714) 809-5065

## Talk to the Deacons

As you possibly remember, approximately two years ago, the deacons changed their service focus from local missions to the needs of our church family. We set up several teams to focus on needs we were aware of at the time, for example:

- assisting people as they deal with the loss of a loved one
- assimilating new members into church activities and service
- focusing on prayer (including the first annual prayer breakfast and the monthly prayer themes you find in the newsletter and the bulletin)
- caring for sick, hospitalized or homebound members (including serving communion once a month for people who cannot come to church)
- caring for caregivers of the elderly as well as young families



We think it's time to ask for feedback on how well we are meeting those needs, and whether there are additional needs we still need to identify. Praise is good, but feedback also needs to provide constructive ways to improve. We may not be able to fill every unique need, but we want to know what they are so we can prayerfully consider them. For that, we need your help. Please tell us whether you have received any service, have needed something but did not know who to turn to, or if you know someone with a need that has not been receiving help. You do not have to be a member to provide us feedback. Just tell us what was good, what could be better, or where we missed the boat in seeing or meeting needs.

Some service providers ask you to fill out a survey, but that strategy doesn't seem to fit our application. So, the deacons are asking you to give us feedback using any means that suits your situation. You can tell us through



a phone call, a written note, or a face-to-face exchange with any of the deacons. You can find their names listed on the back of most weekly bulletins. Soon you will be able to find colored feedback forms available in the Sanctuary narthex or the foyer of the Huizenga Family Life Center. We encourage you to use them anytime you have feedback for the deacons. Here are some questions to think about to help you give us feedback:

- How have the deacons been helpful in your spiritual growth and involvement in the PCPC family? (e.g., the prayer themes, phone calls, and cards or notes, hospital visits from the Millers)
- How might the deacons have been more helpful to you as you struggled with life's circumstances? (e.g., access to phone numbers and email addresses for our deacons or a list of the teams and their lead contact person)
- What needs of other members are you aware of that the deacons are not? How might needs like those be communicated to the deacons in the future?

As a footnote and for clarification, the Shepherd program now fits under the deacons' service "umbrella." Former deacon moderator Susan Rosseau facilitates it. It relies extensively on many church members who regularly, and lovingly, attend to the needs of their own geographically organized flocks. If you have any feedback related to the Shepherd program, we welcome it; please specify this feedback as being for the Shepherd program.

August 2019

## Series: To Forgive?

A series on the Christian practice of forgiving



August 4

Psalm 32

“The Song of a Forgiven Heart”

August 11

Matthew 18:21-35

“The Cost of Not Forgiving”

August 18

2 Samuel 17:1-4, 23

“Forgiveness Denied: The Tragic Case of the Hanged Advisor”

August 25

Philemon

“Charge It to My Account”

# Aug. Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:00p Bells of Worship	2 10:00a MOPS Leaders Mtg	3
4 9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS 10:30a Linger Longer 4:00p <b>COOK OUT!</b>	5 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	6 10:00a Staff Meeting	7 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	8 4:00p P&A Committee 5:00p Bells of Worship	9 11:00a Young Life Meeting	10
11 9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS 10:30a Linger Longer	12 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	13 10:00a Staff Meeting 5:00p Mission Committee	14 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	15 5:00p Bells of Worship	16	17 8:00a CBS Leader Training
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# Birthdays

08/01 Christine Birkett, Sharon Coleman  
 08/02 Luke Bonk  
 08/03 Marie Bartnick, George Eagleson  
 08/04 Donnie Gould, Donna Levengood  
 08/05 Sue Scheitzow  
 08/06 Betty Lahti, Matthew Mealing  
 08/07 Sarah Katherine England, Sara Hazelton  
 08/08 Elizabeth Gutschmidt  
 08/09 Amy Moyer, Heidi Neff, Lou Tudor  
 08/11 Eric Olson  
 08/12 Diann Jasinski  
 08/13 John Moffitt  
 08/14 Harold Shehan  
 08/16 Gary Coton, Colton Covey, John Sanders  
 08/17 Arthur Kehlhem  
 08/18 Hailey Schoner  
 08/19 Nancy Harper  
 08/20 Richard Austin, Pam McLean, Barbara Wagner  
 08/21 LaBarbara Chenault, Grant Meikle,  
 Steven Wood  
 08/22 Philip Moyer, Janet Sallman  
 08/23 Bailey Coleman, Renee Gould, Dawn Mealing  
 08/25 Don Elliott, Carole Hart, Greg Vurnakes  
 08/26 Florine Blackshear, Ferne Rea  
 08/27 Kevin Levengood  
 08/28 Richard Buteux, Joe Ens  
 08/29 Judy Miller, Dennis Mullen  
 08/30 Courtney Santorella



# Anniversaries

08/03 Mark & Robin Henn  
 08/05 Dale & LynnAnn White  
 08/06 Michael & Rebecca Marino  
 08/07 Ralph & Sharon Johnson  
 08/08 Steven & Andrea Wood  
 08/11 Greg & Claudia Vurnakes  
 08/15 Bill & Delores Stob  
 08/16 Fred & Diane Graczyk  
 08/17 Bill & Sarah Bangle, Frank & Marian Neff  
 08/19 Bob & Dot Blake, John & Rose Lillich  
 08/22 Ed & Joan Hyde, Bill & Nancy Kurth  
 08/25 Bill & Lou Tudor  
 08/26 Bill & Becky Nicholson  
 08/27 Jon & Lori Albright, Bill & Judy Miller  
 08/28 Anthony & Kristine Gunn

Have something for the next newsletter? Email it to our editors, Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood: [newsletter@palmcitypres.org](mailto:newsletter@palmcitypres.org) by the deadline indicated on this newsletter's calendar.

## Worship Times

Traditional

8:30 Chapel

11:00 Sanctuary

Contemporary

9:30 HFLC

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