

February 2025



ONLINE BULLETIN



First Church News



CAFÉ IN THE HALL IS OPEN THIS WEEK: Join us for coffee and refreshments today from 10a to 11a in the Hanstine Fellowship Hall.

HELP MOVE BIBLES AND CHAIRS THIS MORNING:

We need help moving Bibles and Hymns after 9am service and chairs after 11a service this morning to make way for the Student Ministry SuperBowl festivities tonight. .

STUDENT MINISTRY SUPERBOWL PARTY: Students in Grades 6-12 are invited to our annual SuperBowl Party tonight from 6-10p (or when the game ends). We'll have free popcorn and lemonade all night. We'll have football foods available for sale for a nominal charge. Come join the fun.

144 ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER: You may have noticed a board in the lobby with envelopes on it that are decorated by our students. By taking a numbered envelope, you are pledging to give that amount to the student ministry (by 3/2) to help cut the cost of camp and the missions trip for any student that wants to go. The camp cost is \$575 and the missions trip is \$450. Any support will help. .

SUMMER MISSIONS TEAM MEETING: It's time to commit to this year's Appalachia Service Project Summer Missions Team. If you're joining us this summer then please attend this meeting, Thurs Feb. 13th from 6-7:30p in the Student Center. Your \$50 deposit is due if you haven't done so already.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING: Our annual training for those who work with children and youth is on Feb 16th at 12:15p in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided for \$3 a person. The training will run for about 90 minutes.

NEW MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: This is a time to gather for the men in our community to have breakfast and fellowship together and to grow closer to Jesus. Please invite your friends on Saturday morning, March 8th from 9 to 10:30am in the Hanstine Fellowship Hall.

SPRING CLEANING & TEACHER WORK ROOM REMODEL: First Church Preschool is seeking helpers for our Spring Cleaning project March 17-21, 2025. We will be remodeling and beautifying our teacher workroom. We have donated upper and lower kitchen cabinets and a countertop for our remodel, but need some extra hands to help install them. Handy with a hammer? Come help.

AARP TAX-AIDE: AARP TAX-AIDE – It's that time of year again. Appointments may be made online at taxaide.aarpfoundation.org then click "Locate Sites Near Me" or call 386-287-1960. Tax preparation will be Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-12:30 beginning February 4. The church is allowing AARP the use of the fellowship hall so please do not call the church office as they have no info.

SIX THE MUSICAL/TEEN EDITION: It's being preformed at Spruce Creek High School Theatre. This reimagines history in this electrifying and empowering musical about the six wives of Henry VIII. Our Social Needia group emphasized opportunities such as this so we're meeting up on Feb. 22nd for the 7p show. Purchase tickets at the link below and coordinate with Janet if you want to join for dinner beforehand. Tickets are \$15 at <https://teachtix.com/sprucecreek>

IT'S TIME FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We expect about 200 "travelers" again this year, so many volunteers are still needed. Please contact Suzi at srodriguez@firstchurchpo.org to talk about where you can serve!

THRIFT BOUTIQUE NEWS: We're excited to announce that thanks to you, the Thrift Boutique just completed its most successful year ever! with just over \$200,000 in sales for 2024. We look forward to continuing to serve in 2025.

MORE THAN A DAY

SERMON NOTES: The Greatest Love [John 15:12-17](#)

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Friends _____ to be friends.

Jesus says that we are doing this _____.

Our _____ rose from the dead to be with us.

Friendship is a powerful _____ of love.

_____ is identified as the first Christian martyr.

Stephen _____ the good stuff.

Sermon Notes (Answers on Last Page)

FURTHER STUDY

[Colossians 3](#)
[Acts 6](#)

[Proverbs 17](#)
[Acts 7](#)

[James 2](#)
[Psalm 34](#)



First Church has invested in this multi-media tool for you to use at home, work, or in your bible studies. Explore what it's all about at

my.amplifymedia.com

If you'd like to sign up, the church access code is: **RXMKWJ**.

You can enter it when the site prompts you to log in with an access code.



Offering Plate

Click on the offering plate below to be taken to the Online Giving Page at First Church of Port Orange.

Weekly tithes/offerings go to the *General Fund Contributions* line.

Check out other opportunities to give above and beyond your regular weekly giving there as well .



Tap the plate above.

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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Here for a Visit? We'd love to meet you!

We're excited to have you in worship with us today, and we hope you feel the friendly warmth of our church family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider First Church Port Orange. Our Pastor would be happy to talk with you on any questions you may have.

For more information or for a staff directory, visit us online at:

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Tap on the Pledge Card Below to Fill Out Your 2025 Financial Pledge to First UMC Online!

2025 Pledge Card My estimated financial support of First Church
for January 2025 through December 2025

\$ _____ per Month Year Week (at how many weeks?) _____
 Other (Please Explain) _____

Your Information

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____ (Please Print)

My preferred method of financial contribution is:

Cash/Check Online/Vanco App
 Direct Deposit/ACH

Other Commitments:

I'm ready to serve as a volunteer! _____ (area of interest)
 I would like information on Retirement Account Giving (RMD)
 I cannot commit financially at this time.



Thank you for your support!