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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OR PRAYER – <u>A prayer meeting is held Sundays at 6pm</u> online. Please rayer requests to <u>first@fpcpunta.org</u>.

DING PLAN -- Reading guides and Bibles are in the church foyer.

EVOTIONALS – We have Advent Devotionals available in the church etake one for your family for daily reflections on the reason for the season.

S OFFERING – This year's Christmas Offering will be used for Gift Cards rans Village. Please use the Christmas Envelope in your Envelope Box or a stmas Envelope.

THE GAP FUND – The purpose of this fund is to assist supported and ministries of our church, when they face unexpected financial burdens. this fund, please mark your gift as SITG.

ARD – If you haven't returned your pledge card for 2024, please do so as ible. Pledge cards and Narrative Budgets are available on the table in the anctuary or in the church foyer. Thank you.

GIVING – To make sure your giving for 2023 gets credited for 2023, please fering/gift to the church before December 31, 2023. Any donations received e will be applied to one's 2024 giving. For gifts of stock, please call the

RING ENVELOPES – Available on the table in the foyer. If you don't see et the office know. Thank you.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, January 2nd at 10:00am – "Preparing for an th the King" – Esther 2:12-15. Join us for our study of "Esther", based on Woman of Beauty & Strength" by Elizabeth George. We meet the first and ys of each month in Fellowship Hall. Call Kathy Belville at 508-733-0546 ormation. All women are invited for study, fellowship, and refreshments.

NCH BUNCH – Friday, January 5th, 12:00pm – Please sign up and join at St. Andrew's Country Club in Punta Gorda. *All ladies are invited!*

E THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWN – Join us on Saturday, at 9:00am to help take down and store our decorations. Many hands make Sign up in the church foyer. Thank you!

DOCTRINE – Will resume Wednesday, January 10th, at 10:00am. me!

DATE – Wednesday, January 17th. We are planning a Dessert Night a movie.

ONCERT SERIES – Sunday, January 21st at 3:00pm, featuring Cahal land's Piano Man". <u>This is a ticketed event</u>. Tickets are available in the e (9-12 Monday-Thursday) or call the ticket line at 941-625-4945.

NIEL – Our next trip to Immokalee is *Friday, January 26th* – we will be e Mission in the afternoon. Please meet at the church at 12:15pm. We will 8-9pm. *We need 12 people to go,* so please sign up in the church foyer.

PA CHAIR – Wednesday, February 7th at 5:00pm. Barksdale and Bo will t-together dinners at their home. This will be in groups of eight, and you can e church foyer, or call/email the church office to reserve a night. There is no n, or study; just a time to get together for fellowship and to learn more about

MISSIONS SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPORT - A reminder that our trusted partners at World Renew are ECO's go-to resource for long-term disaster relief.

https://worldrenew.net/disaster-response-services-us/disaster-response-services

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS - Shower Ministry (Wednesday mornings in our parking lot) - Please place "shower" items in the donation box in Fellowship Hall.

MISSIONS SUPPORT - If you would like to donate to the missionaries and organizations that we are supporting in 2022 in our church budget, please make checks payable to FPC and on the memo line write the name of the mission.

Antioch Partners – Stone Family (Guatemala) or Lisa Alfonsi (Peru)

Crossroads Hope Academy (Punta Gorda)

Jesus Loves You Ministry (Port Charlotte)

Misión Peniel (Immokalee)

Missionary Ventures (Chasen & Katie Brokaw – Nicaragua)

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

December 24th to December 31st

Sunday, December 24	4th Sunday in Advent
	Christmas Eve
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
	Cantata Sunday
11:30am	Fellowship Time
5:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tuesday – Friday	Office Closed
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Sunday, December 31	New Year's Eve
10:15am	Hymn Festival
10:30am	Worship Service (Also Online)
11:30am	Fellowship Time

	December 25 1 John 4:7-5:21
	2 John 1:1-13
	3 John 1:1-15
	December 26 Jude 1:1-25
First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda	Revelation 1:1-2:29
25250 Airport Road Punta Gorda, FL 33950	December 27 Revelation 3:1-6:17
941-639-1959 (phone) 941-637-3763 (fax)	December 28 Revelation 7:1-10:11
Email: first@fpcpunta.org Website: fpcpunta.org	December 29 Revelation 11:1-14:20
	December 30 Revelation 15:1-18:24
Office hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday	December 31 Revelation 19:1-22:21

Bible Readings

December 24

1 John 1:1-4:6

December 24, 2023

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Loving...Growing...Going...in Jesus!

This morning as we join in worship, our hope is that each of us will find renewed life, health and strength in God.

We are glad to welcome each guest and friend, and that you have chosen to hear God's call with this congregation.

10:30am

Dr. Barksdale Pullen Joan Byron Denny Ausman **OFFICE & WORSHIP ADMIN** Debbie Rostad Sharon Albright, Kathy Belville, Roy Belville, Bev Brady