February

The Kirkin' of the Tartan!
This Sunday, February 22nd!

Church Service at 10 AM

Reception to Follow

JOIN US, along with the First Coast Highlanders Bagpipe Band, on Sunday, February 22nd for a real Scottish treat! BRING YOUR TARTAN TO BE BLESSED!

Join us afterward for a pot-luck reception - ALL TYPES OF FOOD ARE WELCOME!

Welcome, Guest Pastor Brian Mitchell

To kick off Scottish Heritage week and the Highland Games, this Sunday, St Giles Presbyterian Church is delighted to welcome **Brian Mitchell** as our guest pastor. Brian is a native of Scotland who has spent the past 30 years living in the United States, bringing a unique blend of heritage and experience to his ministry. He grew up as a devoted member of the Church of Scotland, where he was ordained as an elder at a young age.

Upon relocating to the United States, Brian continued his service to the church, working as the Director of Youth Ministries for three PCUSA congregations. He

is currently serving in this role at Lakewood Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, where his passion for guiding young people and nurturing their faith is evident. Brian is presently a candidate for ministry within the Presbytery of St. Augustine and is in his final year at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. His commitment to lifelong learning and service is an inspiration to all. Brian shares that he is excited to be with the St Giles community this Sunday and looks forward to worshiping and sharing God's message with us.

We invite everyone to extend a warm welcome to Brian and join us in prayer for his continued journey in faith and ministry.

New!

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE
Update on Pulpit Coverage and Pastoral Search

As we move through this season of transition at St Giles Presbyterian Church, we want to keep our congregation informed about the current progress in filling the pulpit on Sundays, as well as updates regarding our search for a transitional (bridge) pastor.

Pastor Suzanne is firmly in place to help us navigate through this process. We have a robust Lenten season planned that started with our Ash Wednesday service on February 18th. Please look for all events that we have planned for the upcoming Lenten season in your newsletter, via your Shelby-Next App or on our website events page.

Updates:

- We have secured guest preachers and retired ministers to fill the pulpit each Sunday through May 3.
- The Session has begun the process of seeking a transitional (bridge) pastor.
- The search committee is actively reaching out to candidates and denominational contacts

Please look for further updates in upcoming newsletters, and don't hesitate to reach out to anyone on the Personnel Committee with questions or concerns.

From Pastor LIbby:

A very hearty thanks for all of your kind words, cards, and the fabulous lunch on Sunday. Thanks also for the fabulous picture of the church with all of your signatures — a great reminder that the church isn't the building but the people! I can't wait to hang it on the "Wall of Fame" in my new office and remember our time together. Blessings on all of you and your future ministry. -- Libby Rollins

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We are very excited to welcome our newest members Miranda Dalrymple, Brooke Mulcahey, Faye Harrington , Chris and Dave Razey, Steve and Vicki Lowe, and Sharon Kirkes who joined on February 8th. We also celebrated the Baptisms of Miranda Dalrymple and her three children, Gage, Jojo, and Kalli on February 15th.

Presbyterians in Cuba

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO HELP OUR PARTNER CHURCH!

Please make a special donation designated “Cuba Mission” this month. Look for envelopes marked “Cuba Mission” in the narthex, or simply make this note on your check.

Certain members of St. Giles have offered to match up to $500 in donations received this month, so please give generously.

Our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Cuba are suffering more now than they were before. Hospitals around Cuba have been forced to close. Recently, Pastor Josue at our partner church could not get to services as no gasoline was available for him to travel to San Jose from his home in a nearby town. Lay members of the church the led services.

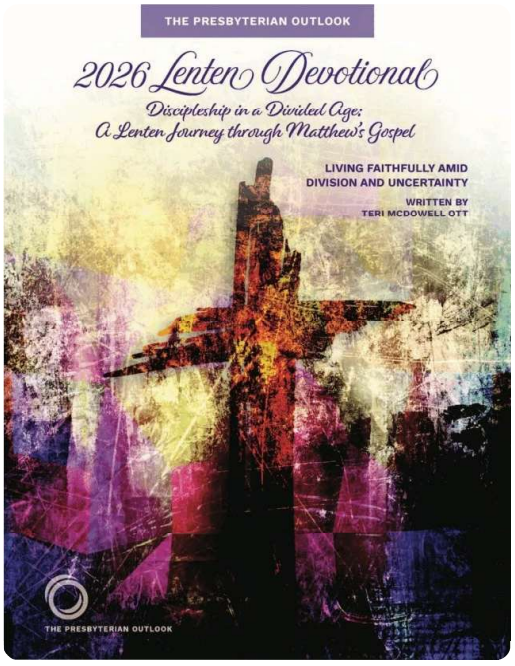
Cuba faces increasing poverty, shortages of food and medicines, frequent power outages and other hardships daily. In recent years Cuba has received most of it’s energy supplies from Venezuela, which have now been cutoff. This has created increased shortages of fuels in Cuba, resulting in delivery disruptions and shortages of food and medicines, as well as greater and longer electrical outages. The town in which our partner church is located commonly experiences electrical outages of three days or more at a time before the cutoff of Venezuelan petroleum.

Our mission team may be unable to visit Cuba in 2026 as previously planned. We are now considering how we can send more supplies to our friends there. You will find our partner church on Facebook as **Iglesia Presbiteriana Getsemaní**. Please “friend” them if you are a Facebook user.

Last year, St. Giles supported our Cuba Mission with over $3,300 of food and necessary supplies.Generous contributions from PWOC and our members at large funded this support.

Please make a special donation designated “Cuba Mission” this month. Look for envelopes marked “Cuba Donation” in the narthex, or simply make this note on your check. Certain members of St. Giles have offered to match up to $500 in donations received this month, so please give generously.

Thursday, February 26th
in the Fellowship Hall - 12:30 PM



Digital Lenten Daily Devotional

A Lenten Journey through Matthew's Gospel - delivered to your email weekly.

Scripture, reflection, and prayer for each day February 18 - April 5th

Limited print copies available in the Narthex.

First delivery on Feb. 17th, then weekly on Saturdays beginning Feb. 21st.

Outreach Committee Update

Spring Rummage Sale!

March 7th

8AM to 2PM

THE PW RUMMAGE SALE is only 3 WEEKS AWAY!

Bring your favorite pie, cake, breads, brownies, bars, cookies, etc. for the "Anything That's Baked" booth. This is always a highlight of the sale!

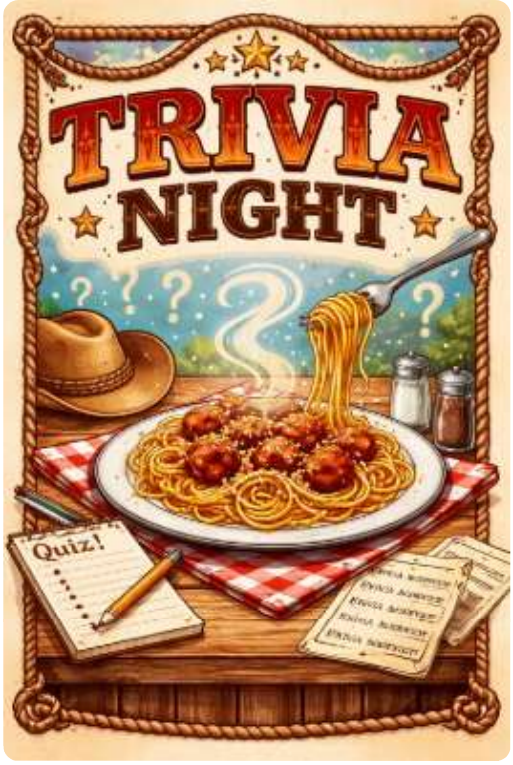
AND

Thank you for going through your closets, shelves and garages to find those items you don't need or want any more! There will be someone at the church Tuesday, March 3rd through Thursday, March 5th from 9AM to 2PM to accept items for the sale. Also, if you need to bring things in the evening, someone will be there from 5PM to 8PM on Wednesday, March 4th. If these times are not convenient for you, please contact Lynn Cartledge for other options. Also, please bring your plastic grocery bags.

We welcome anyone who would like to help sort and prepare for the sale and would like to volunteer on March 7th. Other opportunities include attending, shopping, eating and having fun!

The money from the sale is divided among several missions supported by the Presbyterian Women. Let's help those who are in need. Save the date and spread the word, especially on social media!

Question? Contact Pat Crews or Lynn Cartledge.



Coming Friday, March 27th

TEAM TRIVIA

The next Team Trivia will be a themed pot-luck dinner - we're going to be "theming" **SPAGHETTI WESTERNS**! **This means our pot-luck will be ITALIAN but we'll all dress up in our favorite WESTERN gear.**

Pot-Luck starts at 6PM, Trivia begins at 6:30 PM.

YEE HAW and MAMA MIA!

Stay Tuned - Let's Do Lunch returns in March!

RECURRING MONTHLY Events

Christian Education

SG KIDS

MARCH 1st

Fun arts and crafts for SG Kids the first Sunday of every month from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM. FUN!

RUTH CIRCLE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Circles

Ruth Circle - meets the first Thursday of each month
Next Meeting:
March 5th at 2:00 PM

Meets in the multi-purpose room (E6) and can be attended via Zoom. For more info, contact Lynn Cartledge.

REBEKAH CIRCLE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Circles

Rebekah Circle - meets the second Friday of each month
Next Meeting:
March 13th at 7:00 PM

Meets at Chris Baker's home. If you need directions or a ride, or just want to learn more about the Circle, contact Kathy Kleist.

EVENING BIRTHDAY BUNCH

The Evening Birthday Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, March 17th at 5:30 PM.**
Location: TBD

EBB contacts are Sharyn Kraemer and Chris Baker.

SEW & SEWS

Next Meeting:
FRIDAY, February 27, 2026
1:00-3:00 PM
ROOM E6

Sew & Sews usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room (E6).

CONTACT LYNN CARTLEDGE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS 904-716-6262.

Friday, March 20th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 7 to 9 PM and let the good times roll!

You must be 18 to play.

ST. GILES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE

every week unless otherwise notified

SG KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 - 9:45 AM
CHILDREN, AGES 4-12 ROOMS E1 & E4
NURSERY FOR CHILDREN AGES 3 & UNDER

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 AM
- CHILDREN AGES 4-6 NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN'S SERMON
- CHILDREN 7 & UP REMAIN WITH PARENTS

BOOK CLUBS

- Sunday Book Club every Sunday from 5:30 to 7PM at St. Giles E1
- Beginners Bible Study every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8PM at St. Giles E2
- Tuesday Book Club every Tuesday from 2:30 - 3:30 PM at the OP Library

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