



# Presbyterian News

## From our Pastor

Dear Church Family:

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this letter to you. On May 24, I received and accepted the call to be the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Inverness, Florida. My last day as your pastor will be on Sunday June 20. You have been such a blessing to Brett and I over the past six years. Your gracious care for one another and your community along with your generosity and willingness to help those in need is a testament to Christ's love in your lives.

I will continue to keep you in my prayers as you enter into this time of transition. I hope you do the same for us. Please remember the session as they work with the presbytery to lead you in the next steps. Malinda Spencer, our executive presbyter, has already met with them and will continue to advise them.

Thank you for your support through these years and the challenges presented by covid. Once again, your faithfulness and commitment has been remarkable. May God bless you and keep you.

Love,  
Pastor Lou Ellen





## Prayer Request

***Kelly Dean** (chronic lung disease),  
**Barb Ford** and **Kelly's brother Tom Eychaner** (who stays with Barb and has advanced Parkinson disease),  
**Deanne Jackson** (recovering from cancer treatments),  
**Carlene May** (receiving cancer treatments)  
**Bob May** (recovering from cancer treatments, back and knee pain)  
**Connie Dewitt** (ongoing health issues)  
**Baby Kolter** (Teacher Brittany) (3rd recent heart surgery)  
**Troy Charlton** (Janice Zanders' son, COVID)  
**Pat Look** (recovering from knee replacement)  
**Linda Rose** (surgery for infection)  
**Gary Flannigan** (Maudannes' brother-in-law severe problem with blood, testing to find out cause.)  
**Joann & Steve Zap** (Loss of Joann's brother Michael.) **Aiden Green** (Aiden is a 9-year-old Rolla resident and preschool student's family member that was diagnosed with stage 4 Rhabdomyosarcoma cancer.*

*The prayer request list will start over about every two months. If you have someone who needs put on or taken off the list, please contact Katie in the office.*

### **Birthdays**

**1st** Adele Heller, **4th** Jack Murray, **5th** Carol Jessop, **6th** Bob Mollenkamp, 1 **6th** Ray fox, Cheryl Koederitz, Lisa Matthews, **18th** Sam Kimball, **20th** Pat Mollenkamp, **22nd** Joanne Zap, **23rd** Julie Murray, **26th** Betty Pietsch

### **Anniversaries**

**2nd** Ray & Judy Fox  
**3rd** Ron & Denise Elliott, Javier Valentin-Sivico & Lydia Rodriguez-Medins **4th** Pat & D.C. Look, **5th** Ed & Marilyn Schmidt, **6th** Steve & Jean Day, **8th** Darryl & Mary Alofs, Kelly & Dwight Look, **16th** Bill & Pam Cottingham, **17th** Clayton & Melba Read, **22nd** John & Jennifer Denbo, **23rd** Britt & Amy Whitaker, **24th** Julie & Susan Murray

**20th** Reception for Pastor Ber Juan Park @11:00

**Bring your own lunch  
Dessert will be provided.**

## **Our Pastor Is Leaving... What Now?**

**Since we ARE Presbyterians, there is a decent and orderly process we will follow in the weeks and months ahead.**

### **1. Congregational Meeting to Recommend Dissolving the Pastoral Relationship**

**On Sunday June 13 immediately following the worship service, we will have a congregational meeting to recommend to presbytery that they dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Lou Ellen and FPC Rolla.**

### **2. Engage Presbytery Consultant on Transition**

**John Calvin Presbytery has on staff a consultant for congregations in transition named Greg Emory. The session voted to ask him to work with us to begin the preliminary process of self-evaluation in determining our next steps.**

### **3. Say Good-bye to Pastor Lou Ellen and Brett**

**On June 20, the pastor's last day with us, we will host a farewell picnic/reception at 11:00 at Ber Juan Park pavilion. Please bring your own picnic lunch and beverage, camp chairs if you'd like, and we will wish the Hartleys well as we all begin new chapters.**

### **4. Filling the Pulpit**

**The Worship Committee is working to find people to fill the pulpit.**

**On June 27, our executive presbyter, Malinda Spencer, will preach for us.**

**Jonathan Kimball has committed to a couple of Sundays. And the committee will continue to seek out those who will preach for us.**

**These are the initial steps in our process as the session works with the presbytery's committee on ministry, Greg Emory, and Malinda Spencer. Please keep your elders in your prayers as they take these first steps.**