

“The Servant’s Heart”

MISSIONS AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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“For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14

SPECIAL EVENT THIS WEDNESDAY!

NOVEMBER 28TH AT 6:30 PM

CUBA MISSION TRIP CELEBRATION

LEARN ABOUT THE CUBAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please join us in Stanton Hall this Wednesday at 6:30 pm to hear stories about and see photographs of our church’s recent mission trip to Cuba. Eleven people traveled to Cuba for nine days to live in and work with the Presbyterian Church in the town of San Nicolás and to visit La Habana. We met many faithful people in the church and experienced its dynamic youth program. Our church is in the discernment process regarding a potential partnership relationship with that church and its wonderful people. Come hear “why” and “what” as we continue this process. We will not serve mojitos but this is still a must-see event! Please come for dessert and fellowship.

OUTREACH TO BIRDNECK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MEAL ASSISTANCE TOTALING \$1,750

On November 19th FPC responded to the needs of students’ families at Birdneck by delivering \$50 Food Lion gift cards to be distributed to 35 families so they could purchase a Thanksgiving meal. Many of the students’ families are essentially homeless living in very temporary locations around the Oceanfront. The church’s mission budget funded this gift. Pictured is the school social worker, Dafne Ulysse, holding the cards. Your pledges made this food assistance possible.



A VOLUNTEER’S STORY

“Jim” is a faithful member of Men’s Breakfast Bible study. In 2016 he volunteered with Operation Blessing (“O.B.”) to assist Virginia Beach homeowner’s after the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew. O. B. is a disaster relief organization affiliated with Regent University. Thereafter he received periodic email calls for volunteers. This year “Jim” responded to a call for help by participating in O. B.’s local effort to respond to hunger issues by helping package meals. He found the experience rewarding. After participating several times he suggested to his wife that she might want to volunteer as well. Now, husband and wife drive to O.B.’s warehouse in Chesapeake many Mondays where they unload pallets of food, organize the assembly stations, pack meals together for those in need and often eat dinner with other volunteers. It has become a rich component of their spiritual lives.

As we enter the new church year at Advent, consider looking for a place in our local community where you can make a difference in your neighbors’ lives. “For I was hungry and you gave me food...I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25: 31-46.