

“The Servant’s Heart”

MISSIONS AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

CUBA MISSION TRIP SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2019

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SAN NICOLÁS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

First Presbyterian will sponsor its second mission trip to Cuba to live at and work in our Covenant relationship Presbyterian Church in San Nicolás. There is NO construction involved on this trip. It is, rather, a trip to build relationship with our sister church in Cuba in fulfillment of the Covenant of Christian Solidarity entered into by our Session on behalf of us and the Session of the Cuban church. There will also be opportunity to visit Old Habana and see its iconic Spanish architecture. Full details about the trip are available from the Director of Missions 757-672-1797.

When asked after last year’s mission trip if they would recommend the trip to Cuba to others in our congregation, the participants unanimously said that they would do so. Among the responses: “Yes-it’s incredible to see what their Presbyterian Church can do with such limited funds”; “wholeheartedly and without reservation; “yes I would definitely recommend the trip to others in the congregation”; “indeed- It is not a trip for people who want to ‘do’ It is a trip for people who want to learn and connect” ; and “yes (6).”

Please consider joining us in Cuba in September.



CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP WITH METHODIST CHURCH

DID YOU KNOW?that FPC partners with Virginia Beach United Methodist Church to provide financial aid to the working poor who often find themselves unable to make ends meet and pay their monthly bills. We send \$500 every month to VBUMC so that it can

properly vet requests for assistance and then distribute the funds. On April 2nd, Mandi Cutchins, Director of Missions at VBUMC wrote:

As you can see (from the monthly chart of expenditures of FPC’s contribution) you were able to assist multiple individuals and families (in March), including a wonderful family struggling to pay their Dominion Energy bill. The wife works full time, but the husband is a veteran who just finished eight months of treatment for PTSD. He had extremely successful treatment and went back to work on March 18th. With your support, we were able to complete their pledge and pay off their Dominion bill, allowing them to get back on their feet and hopefully reach more financial independence in the coming months. Your joyful generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to FPC members whose pledges and gifts made this financial aid possible. By partnering with VBUMC we are able to help more people more effectively without reinventing the wheel.