

# “The Servant’s Heart”

MISSIONS AT FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law...love your neighbor as yourself.” Romans 13:8-9

## DOOR REPAIR PROJECT FOR SAMARITAN HOUSE HALF DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JUNE 28-29

In June 2017 our church undertook a project to enhance Samaritan House’s corporate offices where it conducts many of its programs. The project involved prepping and painting 50 interior office doors. Two years of wear and tear have created a need to restore the doors to their June 2017 condition. Samaritan House has reached out to First Presbyterian to return and do so. We need 6 volunteers per day to complete this project. We anticipate working from 8:30-12:30 both days. Work includes cleaning grimy doors, sanding, caulking and painting.

Please contact Randy DuVall by email or at 757-672-1797 if you can assist with this project. Samaritan House is counting on us.

## UPDATE FROM RISE AGAINST HUNGER REGARDING FPC FOOD PACKING EVENT

“There is a strong correlation between school attendance and food availability. If kids can get a warm meal at school, their parents are more likely to send them, recognizing the importance of nutrition-sometimes their only meal of the day. There used to be major attendance issues at Hilario Sanchez School in Nicaragua. Students did not attend so they could work and eat. Rise Against Hunger partnered with North Country Mission of Hope to ensure meals were administered at school to encourage attendance. **Things are changing for those kids in Nicaragua** (emphasis in original). Attendance rates are nearly 100% and academic performance increased. These students are learning reading and writing, along with essential skills that will secure their place in society. From surviving to thriving, each student has a chance to be their best selves-thanks to your support. *One warm meal a day is leading to literacy* (italics in original).”

/s/Peggy Shriver, Chief Development Officer

## VISIT TO FPC BY PASTORA MARICELA GONZÁLEZ RUBIO

JUNE 23-26, 2019

In June, the pastor of our sister church in San Nicolás, Cuba will visit First Presbyterian for several days in furtherance of the covenant relationship between our churches approved by our Session in December 2018.

When our mission team visited Cuba in 2018 it was welcomed as brothers and sisters in Christ by the whole church. We hope to reciprocate that warm welcome during Pastora Maricela’s visit.

- ♦ Pastora Maricela will preach at the “Mission Sunday” service on June 23;
- ♦ Ladies of the Church event in Stanton Hall on Monday (24<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 10:00 am;
- ♦ Men’s Breakfast on Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup>);
- ♦ Church wide dinner and time of fellowship on Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 pm in Stanton Hall including questions and answers with Maricela.

Please mark your calendars to attend some of these events as we extend our Christian love and fellowship to our sister in Christ.

**DID YOU KNOW...**First Presbyterian is one of approximately 90 congregations and Presbyteries around our country who have a formal relationship with a Cuban Presbyterian Church. Our formal relationship of Christian Solidarity is with the 105-year old congregation in San Nicolás pastored by Maricela. This relationship was entered into by our church under the auspices of Presbyterian World Missions of Presbyterian Church (USA). We thus join with numerous other Presbyterians to jointly work toward the spiritual betterment of Cuban and U.S. churches in mutual support and understanding of one another. It is important to recognize that these relationships are Christian-to-Christian and exist separate and apart from the serious geo-political issues existing between our respective governments. Our relationship with the church in San Nicolás does not indicate any church position on the form of Cuban government. We embrace our sister church out of Christian love and they return that embrace in the same spirit.