

Kanapaha Times
Monthly Newsletter of Kanapaha Presbyterian Church
September 2025

Join Us...

Sunday Morning Worship 10am in Sanctuary



Note From Pastor...

Unity takes Work

A young couple came to the minister's office to ask if he would marry them. They knew that the minister and his wife had been married for over thirty years and seemed genuinely happy together. In fact, you never saw one of them without the other. They wanted that kind of happiness in their own marriage.

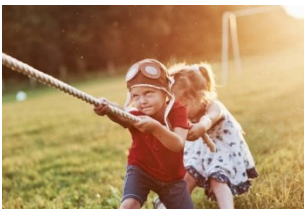
The minister sat the couple down and asked all the usual questions about faith and their expectations of each other and their concept of living together as husband and wife. After receiving what they thought were satisfactory answers the minister asked them one last question. "How will you solve disputes in your handling of problems, such as how to handle budgets or where to live?" The old minister noticed that they were not in agreement on how to handle the conflicts in their marriage that would surely come. The man thought he should have the final say because he was more logical and the woman thought she would be closer to right in most situations because she would feel the deepest about the results.

So the old minister took them outside and threw an old 30 ft. bullrope over the roof of the garage. He told them to each grab an end and pull until the rope was totally pulled off the roof. Both began to pull and the old minister sat down to watch. Soon they were both tired and ready to quit but neither would give in. It took about a half hour until they finally agreed to slide the rope forward and pull it off the front of the garage together.

The old minister laughed and said, "And that is how you handle conflict. You must come to an agreement you can both live with."

God desires for us to be in relationship with Him but if we continue to go our own way there will always be conflict and stress in our life. If you do not ask God, if you are not walking with God then you are pulling against the plan for your life and happiness will continue to elude you. You will still have trials but God will be your partner in deliverance.

Church, know that God is our partner in all we are called to do. Let's agree to walk together.

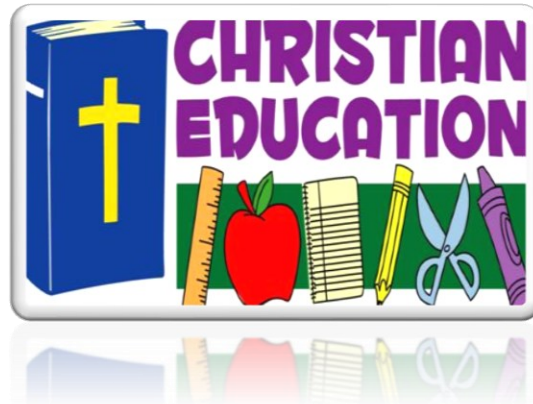


Amos 3:3 Two people will not walk together unless they have agreed to do so.

Amos 3:7 Before the Lord GOD does anything, he tells his plans to his servants, the prophets.

Christian Education and Training

Tuesday 11 am Bible Study to begin on 9/2/25 through 2/10/26. Study is on the Book of Revelation and will do a chapter per week. There will be a pause on Revelation from 11/25-12/23 Tuesdays when an Advent study called "Advent in Narnia" will be presented. Thank you to Pastor Michael in advance for all the planning. PLEASE try to attend-it represents a lot of planning and also the group (each week) has interesting insights and questions. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship outside of Sunday worship.



Worship and Nurture

Welcome Back potluck on 9/21/25 after Called Congregational Meeting. There will be endless opportunities to be liturgist in Sunday worship. Please let Janet Phipps know if you have any availability this fall.



From the Clerk of Session

The Called Congregational Meeting after worship on 9/21/25 has the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of Elders to begin serving in 2026. The slate is presented and voted on at the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting and begin serving as Elders in 2026 once ordained/installed. You must be a KPC member to vote but all are welcome to attend the brief meeting in September.

Mission News

Here is a Family Promise Update

Please keep one of our families in your prayers as the mother applies for a housing grant from the Alachua County Housing Authority! If this comes through, this family of six will have their own new home!

One of our families with two boys in middle school is looking for two bicycles so the boys are able to attend school. There is no bus that drives out to their area and the family currently has limited options for transportation. If anyone can donate two bikes for two teenage boys, two helmets, and two bike locks, us and the family will be very grateful!

We are continually updating our amazon wish list with items our families in shelter need. I will be including the link in all future shelter updates. Thank you to those who have been continually purchasing items for our families!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1L6FHTS7E3ZE5?leftNavSection=Reorder&ref_=abls_inv_rl&source=leftnav

A reminder to please save the date and purchase your tickets for our annual luncheon! On September 25, First Presbyterian Church will be hosting us for lunch and special programming which includes Family Promise of Gainesville's first original play.

If you have or purchase anything for the Family Promise families, you can contact Kim (kimfriend1@hotmail.com) or Veronica (vernsilky@proton.me) to have it delivered. Thank you for your support of Family Promise and Mission ministries.

Other Mission News



Youth Luncheon will be held on October 19th this year.



KPC mission will provide Thanksgiving baskets to 13 Wiles School food insecure families.

Stay tuned for more news on both of these mission ministries!

Good Evening

I wanted to take a moment to share a story about our Scouting program and one of our remarkable youth members.

Samuel Parrott is a First Class Scout who joined our Troop two years ago. For those unfamiliar with Scout Ranks, earning First Class means Samuel has demonstrated strong proficiency in outdoor skills, citizenship, first aid, and physical fitness—foundational elements of Scouting.

Many members of KPC have seen our Scouts at events like Scout Sunday, church cleanup days, the Youth Luncheon, Cemetery cleanup, and my children's personal favorite, the bake sale 😊. While most people know we camp and do outdoor activities, they might not always see the full scope of what Scouting teaches. I'd like to share a recent experience that truly illustrates the impact of our program.

Just yesterday, while vacationing on the northern tip of Kauai, Samuel and his family were snorkeling when tsunami alerts began sounding. They had little time to react. Quickly and calmly, they packed up and began evacuating, searching for higher ground.

They found a park at a higher elevation and pulled over to shelter. There, Samuel and his family planned how to conserve the limited food and water they had with them, and where to take cover, either outside or in their vehicle, depending on how conditions developed. They knew they would be camping there overnight.

As more families arrived at the park, Samuel and his siblings sprang into action. They cleaned up debris around the area, made the space safer, and began helping other evacuees. They handed out juice boxes to frightened children and helped lift everyone's spirits by organizing games. In a potentially frightening and uncertain situation, Samuel's calm leadership and compassion shone through.

Thankfully, disaster was avoided. But Samuel's response, his leadership, preparedness, community service, and resilience are all qualities fostered through his Scouting journey. Even Samuel's siblings were impressed; at one point, one of them turned to him and said, "*Samuel, you definitely deserve a merit badge for this one.*"

Samuel's mother Leanne, who also serves as one of our leaders, texted me afterward to say, "*Scouting pays off.*" And she's right. The program here at KPC is helping shape young people like Samuel into capable, caring leaders, and we couldn't do it without your support.

Thank you for all you do for our youth and for believing in the mission of Scouting.

Robert



September Birthday



Miriam Otto Sept 11
Joanna Long Sept 20





Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindhout
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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| 1. LABOR | 5. WORK | 9. SUMMER | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY | 6. LONG | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA | 15. DAY |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING | 12. TRAVEL | 16. OFF |





Calendar Of Event

September 01	Monday	Labor Day (office closed)
September 02-26-23-30	Tuesday	Bible Study (11:am)
September 07	Sunday	Grandparents Day
September 09	Tuesday	Finance Commission Mtg 6:pm
September 13	Saturday	Wedding Day 1-6pm
September 17	Wednesday	Session meeting 6:00pm
September 21	Monday	Congregational meeting
September 25	Thursday	Newsletter deadline
September 28	Sunday	Magic Penny

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