



Creative Card Ministry

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2025
10am-12pm
Meeting in Fellowship Hall**

This ministry is for anyone who is interested in learning how to make basic greeting cards that are versatile enough for all occasions.

No experience required.

Supplies are available for newcomers. You can sign up at one of the kiosks, or our website: Fairwaycc.org or call Kathy Gaubatz at 352-459-7000.

Welcome—Join our Ladies Fellowship Coffee!



All new ladies and familiar faces are invited for coffee, fun and fellowship on October 1st at 10 a.m. in the SonRise Cafe.

Information will be presented about Fairway Women's Ministry opportunities. Join us and make a new friend! Don't miss out—sign up now!



Fairway Women have a Friday executive golf group. If you would like to join us please sign up at the Kiosk in the Gathering Hall or on our website. We will contact you in an email each week to determine if you want to play on the following Friday and add you to the golf request.

SPOTLIGHT ON DARLENE HARBECK



September Luncheon Facilitator and Winter Coordinator for January, February and March

Darlene was born in Falmouth, KY. She has also lived in 7 states and one international country (Kentucky, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Arkansas, Northern California (50 years there) and Germany. She was an Army brat!

As an occupation for 38 years, she was an Escrow Officer for a major Title firm.

She was raised in the Catholic faith and never had a Bible until moving to the Villages 20 years ago and within a few years joined a neighborhood Bible Study which is still going strong. She began attending Fairway Christian about 12 years ago and became a member in 2016.

Her favorite hero is her Dad. Sadly, she lost him when he was only 35 as a Major in the U.S. Army. He saved many lives with no concern for his own life in World War II. I love reading all the great stories of him.

At this time of my life, my favorite activity to do is to serve God, by serving him at Fairway Christian Church.

Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

One thing you would not know about me is that I met my husband when I was 12 years old, roller skating in competition while living in Monterey, CA. We have just celebrated our 62nd wedding anniversary.

I feel I have done everything I have wanted to do in my life....very contented with my life at this time.

**Ladies October Luncheon
Thursday, Oct. 16th; 11:00 am**

**Fall
FOR
Jesus
HE NEVER
LEAVES
(ABANDONS) US**

Be sure to sign up at a Kiosk or online

Welcome to our new members

Janet Lyjak
Susan McGaughey
Liz Dietrich
Robin Polischeck
Mary McReynolds
Judy McDonald



Debbie Feltz
Nancy Martin
Maureen Bier
Mary Gale
Denise Koziol
Patty Faye

Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

Fairway Christian Church 2026 Women's Retreat
"Embracing Joy"

Speaker: Susan Miller; Founder of MOAMI

February 19, 2026

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

REGISTRATION STARTS JULY 1, 2025

Register on the Church Website or at the Retreat table in the Gathering Hall

Fee: \$65⁰⁰ CHECK OR CASH ONLY; \$69⁰⁰ CREDIT CARD

(includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch and giveaways)

IMPORTANT:

IN PERSON REGISTRATION :

FILL IN EVENT FORM COMPLETELY AND SUBMIT WITH PAYMENT

If inviting a Guest, they must
also fill out registration form
and submit with payment

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

Fill in the registration form, bring to Fairway along with your check payable to Fairway Christian Church OR cash in the amount of \$65⁰⁰. Bring it to the church office during the week and give to the receptionist or drop in the Offering plate during weekend services.

2. **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

To pay by credit card, go to
[www.fairwaycc.org/Events-Upcoming Events/](http://www.fairwaycc.org/Events-Upcoming%20Events/)

**REGISTRATION IS NOT SECURE UNTIL
PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

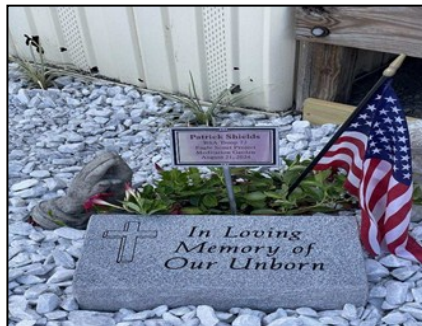
REGISTRATION ENDS DEC. 31, 2025



**THE MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN AT THE
ALPHA PREGNANCY CENTER**

Members of the Respect Life Ministry were on hand as a Memorial to the Unborn was blessed and dedicated at the Alpha Center for Women in Ocala.

The plan for a memorial was spearheaded by Patrick Shields, who earned Eagle Scout status by completing the project.



INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE



FAIRWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FOOD PACKING EVENT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 FROM 5PM—8PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9AM—NOON

The Fairway Christian Church Mission Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in a food packing event to help the hungry around the world. On **Friday, October 24 from 5-8pm or Saturday, October 25 from 9am-12pm**, we will pack 60,000 meals total for IDES to distribute to places like Ukraine, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

We need 80 volunteers to sign up for 3 hours (volunteering is not hourly this time-you will be signing up for all 3 hours) on each day in order to complete the mission which will be held right here in our Fellowship Hall.

Sign up at the Kiosk or online at Fairwaycc.org

Are you new to Fairway or want more information on how to serve in the Women's Ministry? Be sure to visit the Women's Ministry page on our website,

www.fairwaycc.org or send an email to WomensMinistry@fairwaycc.org



Scan QR code with phone - it will take you to our website

If anyone has a 4 or 5 ft. simple nativity scene (Mary, Joseph & Jesus) that they would like to donate to the church, please call the church office and let us know. Thank you!



***Bible Study - God's Story from
Beginning to End***
***Mondays, Oct. 13 - Dec. 15 @
10—11:30 am***

A survey of both the Old and New Testaments that focuses on making the Bible easier to study and understand. It will provide a "big-picture" understanding of Scripture—how the Bible is structured; its primary themes; and how its different books connect with each other to tell one unified story.

Sign up online or at a kiosk.

Taught by Tom Beckner.

RECAP & FUTURE PLANS FOR MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY 2025

January –

- Reviewed upcoming year
- Valentine cards are made by Creative Cards to send to Veterans in Ocala and Veteran Hospital in Tampa
- Final date for Vietnam Remembrance Celebration in March
- Tunnel to Towers check was sent for the entire year. Discussion for larger amount in Jan. 2026 when we see budget status.

February –

- Medal of Honor cards made and ready for mailing
- Discussions on the Vietnam Veterans Celebration for March
- Seeking new members early for the Then and Now boards in November
- Visitation to nursing homes is having some problems, Sheri in process of seeing where we can best be utilized. It will be ongoing this year. Thrivent continues to provide us with \$250 gift cards 4 times a year. We will use for the cookout, pasta and Christmas dinners.

March-

- Vietnam Veteran Celebration was held on March 28th we were about 50 veterans short because there was a golf outing with FCC that same day – Next year the date will be March 30th 2026 which is a Monday – form already given to office and approved

April-

- Starting discussions about what to do with balance in account – donations made and we are able to supply new mattresses for every veteran in Ocala. Mattress Firm has given us a great deal and they will be delivered in 3 deliveries – we also purchased mattress pads for each bed.
- Backpacks for Christmas have been ordered and received. Approval has been given by Chris Callahan for us to have a tree in the new gathering area. We will need a larger tree. We will also be getting the names of the children again for Christmas stockings.

May-

- All mattresses are delivered and well received. The veterans helped to unload, and Dolly is a happy camper. On to the next project. The rooms are totally filled, and we will continue to repaint once we are given the green light. They currently have a wait list so it may not be until fall.
- Nursing home visitations are now at the Springs in Lady Lake. We are still working on the best needs for confined veterans
- The family units in Ocala have 37 apartments and they are all filled. On a trip up there, we will see when Maria is available to give us insight as to who we can best serve.
- We had the annual cookout for the veterans in Ocala, and they were eating machines. The ministry had purchased a new gas grill which made it easier to cook all the burgers and dogs.

June-

- Ocala veterans are now in need of black out curtains and rods; we will purchase and deliver with new donations that were given to our ministry. The congregation is very generous to enable us to complete these desires.
- Our ministry is growing with new members this year and we are pleased and proud to welcome anyone.
- Cards and medallions have been sent to Tampa for the wounded veterans
- Food donations are being collected at American Legion, and they have given us permission to take what our vets need monthly

July-

- Thank you, Fairway, for allowing us to purchase all the drapes at once. The bulk was delivered along with rods, food that was collected,
- Discussion about theme for Vietnam Celebration in March has started, along with ongoing cards for Christmas (completed) and the Then and Now boards which will need replaced. Ongoing fears of vets in nursing homes is a constant discussion
- Plans for September Pasta dinner will start in August

August-September

- Pasta Dinner in Ocala in September is the 22nd

October-November-December

- Preparation for the Then and Now boards, putting up the Christmas Veteran Tree for people to choose a veteran and fill a backpack – along with the children in the nearby apartments that house veterans. Those apartments are all filled, it is transitional low income living facility for Veterans who have gone through the program, received all their due benefits, have a job and can live on their own. These veterans can move from the facility after they have found sufficient housing.
- The plan for the Christmas party will begin in October and then our crazy time of the year will start. People must return filled backpacks before our celebration on December 14th. We will need coverage every week before and after services.