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IN LIFE AND DEATH WE BELONG TO GOD

That phrase is important. It is part of the Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church USA. It comes from the Heidelberg Catechism, and it states a basic truth about who we are and what we believe.

It is a source of hope and comfort.

This year has been marked by the deaths of several of our saints, our friends, beloved ones. The in-gathering of God into the kingdom of heaven has touched the life of our church, as well as the lives of every one of us who worships here.

It has been a few years since Huw Christopher conducted a series of classes on death and grief and funeral practices. I've done several of those over the years, and this year may be a good time to do that again. Let me know what you think.

Huw's classes produced a packet that includes a form to allow folks to express their wishes as to how they want their funeral or memorial service conducted. There are spaces to list favorite hymns, scriptures, etc. We still have those packets available in the church office. See our Church Administrator Valerie Marlow, or request one from her by email, and we'll get it to you.

In my former pastorate at Arcadia, it fell into a pattern that whenever I would be away, for a conference, continuing education, vacation, someone would die. The Session finally told me that I was going to have to stop taking time off. We were losing too many members!

It seems as though that pattern is following me here in Marianna.

I regret that travel plans and continuing education schedules prevented me from being here for Richard Hand's funeral service.

Richard had become a dear friend during my time in Marianna. He and Betty Joyce almost adopted me during the early months here when Polly was spending more time in Arcadia.

His love of life, his love of Alabama football, his love for his family, his community, his work, his church, were unsurpassed. And, in return, Richard was the most beloved man in the city of Marianna. Maybe Jackson County! His sly sense of humor, his infectious grin, his strength of character, his battle for more than a quarter of a century against injuries that would have killed a lesser man, made him one of the most memorable and remarkable human beings I have ever known.

God only made one Richard Hand, and God called Richard home in the wee small hours of the morning of July 16. Richard Hand belonged to God in life and in death. Thank God for sharing Richard with us for the time we had him.



Adult Sunday School Schedule

Enjoy cookies, juices, hot chocolate and coffee every Sunday prior to Sunday school, from 9:15 until 9:45. Whether you are new to Marianna or a life-long member, gather for a time of fellowship, make new friendships and to ask about our Church.

There are classes for all age groups between 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. including three classes for Adults.

The Adults in the parlor will be studying:

August 3 Consolation Granted through Prayer 2 *Corinthians* 1:3-11

August 10 A Community Forgives 2 *Corinthians* 1:23-2:11

August 17 Treasure in Clay Jars 2 *Corinthians* 4:2-15

August 24 An Appeal for Reconciliation 2 *Corinthians* 6:1-13;7:2-4

August 31 A Community Shares Its Resources 2 *Corinthians* 8:1-14

Welcome to Our New Nursery Attendant

A HUGE welcome to Carlee Wilson who will be assisting Tina Wilson in the nursery. Carlee will be assuming the position previously held by Trey Weeks who has resigned in order to pursue his career in welding. We wish Trey much success in his career, and we are grateful for his service and good care of the children in the nursery.

Invitation to Presbyterian Women

Women's Gathering



Please make plans to attend the Annual Dinner of Presbyterian Women on Monday, August 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Information will be provided on the various Circle groups. The Christian Education Committee is working hard for the women's event to be an evening of fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars now! More information to follow in the Sunday Bulletins and E-Newsletter.



Rally Day Scheduled for Sunday, September 7

Please mark your calendars and join us for Rally Day on September 7, 2014. Rally Day marks the beginning of a new Sunday School year. Christian Education Committee has some new fun ideas for Rally Day - 2014. Look for additional information in the September newsletter and the Sunday bulletins in August.



Food Pantry News

Food Pantry

During the month of July our food pantry served 537 families consisting of the following age groups 93(0-5), 146(6-12), 123(13-18), 74(19-25), 122(26-39), 215 (40-55)) and 441(55+) for a total of 1214 individuals.

If you would like to help with our food pantry ministry, please contact Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator at 372-4913 or fpctpantry@earthlink.net or Betty Pettis, Mission and Service Chairperson at pettisbetty@yahoo.com for more information.

A Special Thank you to all of our youth volunteers who are working with the food pantry. They have been unloading USDA and stocking shelves, unloading Walmart -Winn Dixie Donations, Bagging and working the Pantry on Wednesday mornings:

Emma Smith	Evan Barber
Kaitlyn Foster	Alexis Pueschel
Jordan Strader	Fabi Hampel
Bonnie Bigale	Natilee Milton
Carlee Wilson	Jim Busby
Gaylen Olds	Hunter Hutton

Thanks to Tina Wilson and Beth Beasley for coordinating the youth teams.

As a recipient of USDA food to distribute through our food pantry, this institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider, and required to meet all of the guidelines approved for such an agency and USDA commodities recipient.



Memorials and Honorariums

Appreciation is extended to all who faithfully continue to support the work of our church with gifts over and above their contributions to our annual budget. During the past month we have received the following gifts:

1835 Endowment Fund in memory of Jackie Parramore, Ruth Sherrel, Julia Holmes, Larry Nelson, Lottie Fite, Justin Ayers, Donna Stadskev and Richard Hand

Memorials in memory Lottie Fite, Larry Nelson and Ruth Sherrel

Memorials to the Food Pantry in memory of Jackie Parramore, Larry Nelson, Lottie Fite, Ruth Sherrel, Christine Crews, Charlene Garraway and Donna Stadskev

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by:

Fred and Dorothy Carpenter
Huw and Rachel Christopher
Tom and Joan Stadskev
John and Alma Milton
Robert and Beverly Hinson
Ernest and Fran McNeill
William and Jean Boyenton
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Fletcher Funeral Home
Employees
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Anne G. New
Charles P. Bernstein
Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Harrison, Jr.



Gary and Sandy Plant Family, Cliff Stewart (requested by Ginger Green), Betty Pettis, Rosemary Hand Battle (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Daun Crews, Mary McLure Clark, Jeff Hinson and Family, Louise Pumphrey, Stanley Littleton, Bill Ansley (requested by Joe Busby and Scott Yant), Joan Byrd (requested by Dot Carpenter), Kena Nelson, Bill Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica and Sue Land and Sylvia Grandal (requested by Mary Schmidt).

Homebound Members and Friends:

Eileen Drew
Doris Irwin
Louise Hoy
Gina Stuart

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:

Daun Crews (Tallahassee)
Edith Griffith

Signature Health at the Rehabilitation Center:

Raynell Morris Ilene Culpepper Bert Andrews

The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to the family of Betty Joyce Hand on the death of Richard Arlan Hand on July 16 in Marianna.



Congratulations to Ernie and Fran McNeill on the birth of their new great-grand daughter Ellie Mikayla Barcus, born on July 5 in San Diego, Calif.



August

RULING ELDER OF THE MONTH

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BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Betty Jo Hatcher	July 31
Betty Brendemuehl	Aug. 1
Bill Long, Jr.	Aug. 1
Susie Barber	Aug. 3
Bob Cowen	Aug. 4
Marcus Green	Aug. 6
Clay Milton	Aug. 6
Cindy Eade	Aug. 7
Harrison Fuqua	Aug. 7
Amy Milton	Aug. 7
Donna Moore	Aug. 9
Cole Payne	Aug.11
Preston Skipper	Aug.11
Allison Hutton	Aug.16
Frankie Stewart	Aug.17
Benjamin Alvarez	Aug. 18
Louise Hoy	Aug. 18
Richard Christopher	Aug. 21
Belinda Christopher	Aug. 24
Fred Carpenter	Aug. 26
Jeanne Cowen	Aug. 26
Gayle DiBenedetto	Aug. 27
Kitty Myers	Aug. 27
Cecily Smith	Aug. 27
Rebecca Wynn	Aug. 27
Jose Alvarez	Aug. 28
Virginia Milton	Aug. 28
Joshua Blighton	Aug. 30

Flowers for the Month of July are provided

by: August 03 Hanni Daffin
 August 10 Ronnie and Kitty Meyers
 August 17 Tom and Lou Wilkinson
 August 24 Bob and Beverly Hinson
 August 31 Jo-Ann Rountree



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