



Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church
Marianna, Florida

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Pastor's
Message
for Lent



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Years ago, in the days of eight-track tape players (and I still have one that works!), I heard a teenager say, “My head needs adjusting. I can’t keep it on the right track!”

He was talking about his 8 track, but what an accurate reflection it was upon his state in life, and so true for many of us still. Lately, the tape player in my head has been on several tracks.

....There is the preaching track, preaching through Lent, getting ready for Holy Week and Easter.

...There’s the Lenten Luncheon track, studying the life, times and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

....There’s the What Presbyterians Believe track, preparing for the class I’m teaching on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

...There’s the pastoral track, visiting folks in hospitals, rehab centers, their homes, making telephone calls and sending emails to check up on folks.

....There’s the interim track, doing the work I’m supposed to be doing to move the church along in its search for its next pastor.

....There’s the husband track, being a good spouse to my wife.

....There’s the father track, being a caring parent to my child.

....And the rancher track, being concerned for our little herd of cattle.

With that teenager from the ‘70’s, I want to cry out, “My head needs adjusting! I can’t keep it on the right track!”

I came up with eight tracks without really trying. How many tracks are going in your head right now?

In the midst of our heads jumping from track to track, we hear a voice saying, “Be still, and know that I am God.” The same voice that says, “Where your heart is, there will your treasure be also.”

Lord, as our heads jump from track to track, help us to put our hearts in your care, in your love, in your hands, and help us to hear your still small voice over all the racket and the music in our lives. In your name Jesus we pray. Amen.

Our Daily Bread



Copies of *Our Daily Bread*, daily devotional provided by our Christian Education Committee for March, April and May are available on the table in the church narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall and from the church office during the week.



Lenten Luncheon Schedule

The annual Lenten Luncheons during the Lenten Season began on Tuesday, February 19, from 12 to 12:50 pm in the fellowship hall. The menu includes soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages and will be prepared by the ladies' circles and the men of the church. Everyone is invited to come, and bring a friend.

March 5 – The Lunch Bunch

March 12 – Circle I

March 19 – Circle II

March 26 – FPU Men

Interim Pastor Ted Land will lead a series of devotionals based on the words and work of German Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer during the Lenten season this year.

Bonhoeffer, the subject of many books and several motion pictures, was a hero of the Resistance movement in Germany during World War II. He was one of the authors of the Theological Declaration of Barmen, which is a part of the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) He was also Adolph Hitler's personal prisoner, and one of the last to be executed before Hitler's suicide and the fall of Nazi Germany.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter

Sunday March 24: Palm/Passion Sunday Service

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m. beginning with a Seder Dinner and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Our sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for personal quiet reflection, meditation and prayer.

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. A Celebration of Easter for all Ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Worship service at 11:00 a.m. Following the Worship Service on Easter Day there will be an informal **covered dish luncheon** for all who would like to participate in the fellowship hall.



Reservations Requested for Our Maundy Thursday Celebration

Our celebration of Maundy Thursday on **Thursday, March 28** will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a prepared meal, thanks to Charlotte Hunter, typical of that which would have been shared by Jesus and his disciples using Fish, Bitter Greens, Fruit, Root Vegetables and Unleavened Bread. As the meal concludes we will share together in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In order to help with the planning, reservations for the meal are requested. They may be made by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew racks and placing it on the offering plate, or by calling the church office, 526-2430 or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net by noon on Monday, April 18. Donation baskets to cover the cost of the supper will be available, with any additional funds being donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering. The whole celebration will be designed as one in which families of children first grade and above may be able to share together.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday

Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter morning. This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program,(36%); the Self-Development of People program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (32%); and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (32%). There will be special inserts and envelopes in the bulletin on March 24 and March 31 for this offering. More information can also be found on the website at [www. pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs)



Join us for Sunday School

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,

March 10: Daniel's Prayer *Daniel 9:4b-14*

March 17: Gabriel's Interpretation *Daniel 8:19-26*

March 24: The Lord's Supper *Luke 22:14-30*

March 31: The Lord Has Risen Indeed! *Luke 24:13-21,28-35*

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in our worship service and the Adult class in Room 2 will be praying the texts to be used in our Worship Service.

Presbyterian Beliefs and Reformed Theology in the Fellowship hall taught by Rev. Dr. Ted Land

Montreat Luncheon



The **Sr. Hi Youth Group** and their parents invite everyone to join them Sunday, March 10, for a luncheon in the fellowship hall after worship service. The donations from the luncheon will be used for their trip to the Montreat Youth Conference in June.

Dogwood Acres Wish List for 2013

There is a wish list that Dogwood Acres has compiled for this year. The list is posted on the wall outside of the fellowship hall. Anyone interest in making a donation, please contact Kevin Veldhuisen at 850-535-2695 or e-mail director@dogwoodacres.org. This list is also available from the church office.



“Come Grow with Us” A Gardening Retreat Workshop March 8-10 at Dogwood Acres

A Gardening Workshop will be held at Dogwood Acres Retreat on March 8-10. The topics that will be covered over the 3 day retreat are Raised bed garden construction, Composting, Organic gardening, Landscaping with native plants and Cooking fresh. There are brochures on the table outside the fellowship hall with a registration form. The weekend includes lodging, meals and all workshops. If you need information you can call 850-535-2695.

March Covered Dish Suppers

The Wednesday night Covered Dish Suppers continue during the month of March. Come and join us for a nice evening and bring one of your favorite dishes to share with all. The class on “What Presbyterians Believe also continues during the month of February after the Luncheon at 7:01 p.m.

Games and Movie Night on Friday March 15

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee invites everyone to come to the Games and Movie night on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Remember to bring a snack to share and your favorite game.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10

Daylight savings time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Please remember to move your clock forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night or you will be late for Sunday School and/or our Worship Service.



Snacks and Workers for Habitat for Humanity

Our church will be providing afternoon snacks for the College students and other volunteers working on the Spring Build of the Jackson County Habitat for Humanity, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, March 11, 12 and 14. Apples, cookies and water may be brought to the church office or be left in the church kitchen and marked "Habitat."

The Jackson County Habitat for Humanity is also looking for skilled and semi-skilled construction volunteers to work with College Students. If you can help, please contact Janet Harns at (850) 209-4410 or Leslie Fuqua at (850) 482-2187.

"The Bible" Mini Series on History Channel

The Mini-series titled "The Bible" begins this Sunday, March 3, at 8 p.m. (EST) on the History Channel. It will air each Sunday for 5 weeks in a row with the final episode on Easter. It will tell the story of God's love for His greatest creation and His plan for their redemption beginning with Genesis and concluding with Jesus Christ's Resurrection. Using the latest modern technology in film making and special effects, it promises to be entertaining and impactive. A must see! And don't forget to record it for viewing later. For the story behind the scenes how this project was developed go to:
guidepost.org/mburnett



Ladies Circles Meet on March 4

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, March 4.

Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Macky Gortemoller

Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall

The Good News Women at 7 p.m. at the home of Betty Blighton



Annual Report to the Presbytery

The Statistical Report for the year 2012 has recently been completed and approved by the Session. The report is submitted annually to the Presbytery of Florida and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Excerpts of the report are listed below.

Membership December 31, 2011: 226

Gains	41
Profession of Faith/Baptism	6
Certificate of Transfer	7
Added to Active Roll	28
Losses	27
Death	4
Certificate of Transfer	2
Taken off Active Roll	21

Membership December 31, 2012: 240

There were 4 child baptisms and 1 adult baptism in 2012. The average attendance at our Worship Services during the year was 85.

Total Income for 2012 was \$246,933

Expenditures for 2012 were:

\$ 193,435 for local church programs

\$ 15,473 for local mission projects

\$ 9,348 for other mission programs

\$ 22,556 Endowment Fund Contributions

Total expenditures were \$ 240,933.

Memorials and Gifts



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 honor of Richard and Betty Joyce Hand and in honor of the 94th Birthday of Emmy Granger

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by William and Jean Boyenton and Scarlett Hinson

Food Pantry News



Our **Food Pantry Offering** for March will be received on **Sunday, March 17**. During the month of February our food pantry served 276 families consisting of the following age groups 250(0-18), 294 (19-59) and 164 (60+) for a total of 708 individuals.

If you would like to help with our food pantry ministry, please contact Mary Ann Gibbs at 482-2188 or e-mail: jimgibbsfl@embarqmail.com, or Valerie Marlow at the church office, 526-2430, or firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net for more information.

Our **Church Food Pantry** will be moving into the Spivey House beginning March 1 due to the need for more space, and to enable the church office to operate more efficiently. Over the last couple of years the Pantry Mission has outgrown its present space in the Church office. In the re-organization of the Food Pantry, **Melissa Krebeck**, our custodian has accepted a newly formed position as Pantry Coordinator. She will also continue with the custodial duties. Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator has been helping Melissa through the transition and her USDA Food Certification Process.

Thank You to the **M&M's Youth Group** for picking fresh greens which were distributed to the food pantry recipients in February



Sunday Nursery News

We would like to acknowledge **Branham Skipper** for her years of service in caring for the children in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Branham has moved and is currently a freshman at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, along with her brother Preston.

We would like to welcome **Trey Weeks**, our new nursery attendant.



Our Prayer Calendar: Ise Daffin, Clara Jeanette Powell (requested by Jane Powell), Charlie Baur (requested by Ernie McNeill), Paul Walushen (requested by Bud and Mary Wierman), Joe Busby (requested by Joe Busby), Mel McLure Clark (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Twanna Dunaway (requested by Jackie Spivey), Tom Dozier (requested by Jackie Spivey), Joanne Rountree, Joy Gilbert, Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Carolyn Land Page (niece of Ted Land), Ron Wierman (requested by Bud and Mary Wierman) and Norma Peacock (requested by Peggy Peacock).

Homebound Members and Friends:

Jackie Parramore
Jessie Stuart
Eileen Drew

Marianna Health & Rehabilitation Center:

Christine Crews
Lottie Fite

Signature Health At the Courtyard

Raynell Morris (mother of Don Morris)
Bert Andrews
Ilene Culpepper

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:

Isabel Keaton – Tallahassee
Bennie Fowler – Youngstown
Julia Holmes – Mobile, Ala

Serving in the Military:

Wayne Busby
Jake Vickery in Afghanistan
Jarred Roberts at Parris Island, S.C.
(Son of Lou and Kathy Roberts)
Gordon Blighton (brother of Kip Blighton) at Norfolk Naval Station
Steven and Drew Blighton (Brothers of Kip Blighton) at Ft. Bliss, Texas



Sympathy

The Sympathy of the Church is extended to the Families of:

...Dan and Melanie McCroan on the death of Eloise Turner in Gainesville, Florida .

...Joe and Ginny Busby on the death of Elta Busby in Gainesville, Florida.

MARCH

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Kip Blighton

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Mar. 1 Alex Christopher
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Mar. 7 Bryan Milton
Mar. 8 Anne Sims
Mar. 9 Daniel Oswald
Terry Owens
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Mar. 11 Sheila Kish
Mar. 12 Chris Milton
Jared Roberts
Mar. 13 Gina Stuart
Mar. 15 Brantley Willis
Artie Franz
Mar. 18 Cindy Morgan
Patty Andreu
Mar. 22 Susie Stevens
Mar. 24 Willie Mae Goold
Mar. 25 Dot Carpenter
Mar. 28 Mary Skipper
Jackie Spivey
Tom Stadskev
Mar. 29 Sarah Bedini
Jennifer Stafford
Allen Ward
Mar. 31 Emily Fuqua

Flowers for the next few weeks are provided by:

March 3 Kathy and Albert Milton
March 10 Ernest and Fran McNeill
March 17 Tom and Joan Stadskev
March 24 Palm Sunday
March 31 John and Alma Milton



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