



Newsletter

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WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY?

What's so good about Good Friday? And why do we call the day before Good Friday, Monday Thursday? It is amazing the questions a pastor gets asked! Let's do Thursday first: it isn't Monday Thursday, it is Maundy Thursday. It comes from the Latin, maundaemus, mandate, or law or commandment. Maundy Thursday is the day that Jesus gave us a New Commandment, that we love one another as He loves us. Of all the things that happened on that night in which He was betrayed, the Last Supper, the foot-washing, the betrayal in the garden, we tend to lose sight of the New Commandment, the only commandment that Jesus gave us. So Maundy Thursday is the Thursday of Holy Week, and a time to remember all that happened on that night, but especially the commandment that Jesus gave us.

The church I served in West Virginia had those words and the scriptural citation from John's Gospel emblazoned on a stained glass window twenty feet tall that I saw from the pulpit every time I stood in it, and from the table every time I stood at it. It was the motto, the vision statement of that church: to love one another. We need to remember those words in the church and as Christians not just on Maundy Thursday, but every day of the year.

Now about Good Friday: also known as Black Friday, Holy Friday, Easter Friday, though the last should probably apply to the Friday following Easter. The word good can also mean holy or pious. Holy Friday might be better, more descriptive. Pious Friday, not so much.

I would argue that Good Friday, as bad as it was, with the torture and the death on the Cross of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, may just be the best day in the history of the world.

Remember what John 3:16 says? That God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whosoever believes in Him shall

not perish but have everlasting life. Good Friday is the day that gift was made, the gift of the Son of God on the Cross for the sins of the world.

Someday, someone is going to ask you if you are saved, if they haven't already. The answer is "Yes," if you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Someday, someone may ask you when you were saved. The answer is, "It was about three o'clock, on a Friday afternoon, on a hill outside of Jerusalem."

Good Friday? How about Best Friday?

Final Luncheon Luncheon

The last Lenton luncheon will be on Tuesday, March 26, from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu includes soup, sandwiches, dessert and beverages and will be prepared by the men of the church. Everyone is invited to come, and bring a friend.

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, March 27: Worship service at 6:30 p.m. with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, March 29: Our sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for personal quiet reflection, meditation and prayer. Joanne Wynn will be playing the organ for part of this time. The Worship and Music Committee will have a member of the committee in the church at all times during these three hours.



Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall from 9:30 until 9:45 a.m.

A Celebration of Easter for all Ages will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This will include a short program including singing and music. The program will conclude with our group Easter picture on the front steps

of the sanctuary, the placing of flowers on our cross, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt, for children Fifth Grade and below on the church grounds.

The Worship Service will begin at 11:00 a.m.. The sermon is based on John 20: 1-18 and titled "In The Garden".



Our Daily Bread

Copies of *Our Daily Bread*, daily devotional provided by our Christian Education Committee for 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.



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

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

April 7: The Lord Appears *Luke 24: 36-53*

April 14: The Holy Spirit Comes *Acts 2: 1-13*

April 21: Living with Hope *1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11*

April 28: Hope Comes from God's Grace *2 Thesslonians 2:1-3,9-17*

Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will the 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, April 14, 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.

April Covered Dish Suppers

The Wednesday night Covered Dish Suppers continue during the month of April at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come and join us for a nice evening and bring one of your favorite dishes to share with all.



Ladies Circles Meet on April 1

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, April 1.

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

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at the home of
Betty Joyce Hand

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

The Good News Women at 7 p.m. at the home of
Carol Homoney

The next **Wildflowers** group will meet at the home of Lauren Milton on April 9th at 6:30. In addition to the regular Bible study, we will be having a diapers and wipes shower for Amanda Hinson. For more information, contact Merian Milton at merianmilton@embarqmail.com.



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 The Crews Family, Michael, Teri, Jimmie and Kelly and in honor of the Church Staff, Church Officers, Church Choir, volunteers and the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

1835 Endowment Fund in memory of Rex Nowell, Alyne Pitman, Sally Roos, Jeannette Vickery, Virginia Schreiber, Jay Hutchison, Henry Stevens, Norma Peacock, Eloise Turner, and Ann Gunter.

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by Jake Gunter, Daun Crews, Jack and Peggy Peacock, Dorothy Carpenter, The Garraways, Larry and Hazel Nelson, Robert and Beverly Hinson and Scarlett Hinson.

April Bridal Shower Help Needed

If you are interested in helping the Wildflowers hostess a bridal shower for Lauren Milton and Megan Stewart that will be held on April 14, 2013 from 2-4 P.M. please contact LuAnne Law at 557-7425 by March 27th.

Make plans now to attend Vacation Bible School

. First Presbyterian Church of Marianna
July 15-18 (Monday – Thursday)
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m

If you have questions or are willing to help contact Lu Anne Law

Food Pantry News



Our **Food Pantry Offering** for April will be received on **Sunday, April 21**. During the month of March 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 Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator at the church office, 526-2430, or fpcpantry@earthlink.net for more information.

The Food Pantry is now up and running at its new location in the “Spivey House” at 4439 Clinton Street. The Mission and Service Committee would like to thank Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator, and Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator for overseeing the project over the last couple of weeks.

Thank you to:

....**Freddie Harvey, son Jessie and members of the Motorcycle Club “Fire and Iron”** for moving the shelving and food to its new location.

.... **Michael and JoAnn Thompson** for their donation of two chest freezers for frozen foods.

.... **Scott Yant** for delivering the freezers.

....**Steve and Mary Ann Hutton** for supplying and spreading the milled asphalt for the Pantry and Office parking area.

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

M&M's Next Service Project



The next M&Ms mission service project will take place at **Partners for Pets** in the month of May. Stay tuned for more details.



Our Prayer Calendar: Ise Daffin, Clara Jeanette Powell (requested by Jane Powell), Charlie Baur (requested by Ernie McNeill), 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)

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 family of Jack and Peggy Peacock on the death of Jack's mother Norma Peacock of Marianna.

APRIL

RULING ELDER OF THE MONTH

Scott Yant

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Alan Barber	04/14
Lisa Stevens	04/14
Amy Nelson	04/15
Ruth Sherrel	04/16
Charlton Keen Jr.	04/18
Brent Roberts	04/20
Dylan Rogers	04/20
Lu La Fontaine	04/21
Joanne Wynn	04/21
Beth Westmoreland	04/22
Bert Andrews	04/26
Deborah Mathewuse	04/26
Betty Blighton	04/29
Erin Westmoreland	04/29

Flowers for the next few weeks are provided by:

March 31 John and Alma Milton
April 7 Daun Crews and Louise Hoy
April 14 Alex and Joy Lewis and Louise
Pumphrey
April 21 Gene and Ethel Pelt
April 28 Jake Gunter



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