



# Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church  
Marianna, Florida

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## MAY: A MONTH OF (SPECIAL) SUNDAYS

As I was looking at my calendar for May, I realized that every Sunday in May is something special.

**May 5 is Communion Sunday.** Even though we observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month, it is still a special time and a special Sunday. For over forty years, I served churches that only observed Sunday morning Communion quarterly, so it is really special for me to get to serve the sacrament more often. And a reminder: if you are ill, infirm, or providentially hindered, the elder of the month and I can bring communion to you at home. Please call the church office by Friday before Communion Sunday to let us know if you need us to bring you communion on May 5.

**May 12 is Mother's Day.** Even though that isn't a day that is included in the liturgical calendar, it is a day the church remembers. In my former pastorate, Mother's Day was always the second largest Sunday crowd of the year, as many folks came to church with their mothers, brought their mothers to church, or came to church to honor their mother's memory. Last year on Mother's Day, I was blessed to be able to worship in the church in Knoxville, Tennessee, which my late mother had served as an elder. I honored Mom by being in her church, but the honor was mine, to be able to remember her. Perhaps you can honor your mother by attending church this Mother's Day.

**May 19 is Pentecost!** We Presbyterians have been slow to embrace Pentecost Sunday as a special day in the life of the church. Maybe the rushing wind and tongues of fire and speaking in many different languages is a little much for us! But it is an important day in the life of the church, and I'm going to hope that everyone wears RED on Pentecost Sunday. It is the only Sunday in the year when red is the liturgical color. So all you Georgia fans wear your red, and all you Alabama fans, wear your crimson, and ladies, wear that red dress or your ruby slippers, and I'll wear my red necktie, and we'll observe Pentecost.

**May 26 is Memorial Day weekend.** For many, it is the time to remember loved ones who gave “that last full measure of devotion” in the service of our nation: husbands, brothers, sons, cousins, uncles. For me it is a time to remember especially those who were my classmates, team mates, and friends who died in Viet Nam. That may be a Sunday you would want to wear something red, white, and blue to church.

So as I said, every Sunday in May is special. May we remember what a special privilege it is to be able to worship God when and where we choose as we worship and adore the One who makes every day special, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord..

Your Interim Pastor,  
Ted Land

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## 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,

May 5: A Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3-12

May 12: Equipped with Hope 2 Peter 1:4-14

May 19: Hope through Stewardship 1 Peter 4:1-11

May 26: Hope in the Day of the Lord 2 Peter 3:1-16a

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.

**THE DEAR, JOHN LETTERS continue thru May**

During the month of May, Interim Pastor Ted Land will continue to teach on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. The topic has been the New Testament Letters of John.

Classes will be in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 9:46 am on Sunday and 7:01 PM on Wednesday.

Coffee, juice and cookies will be available on Sunday mornings, and there will be a pot-luck covered dish supper each Wednesday.



## Tongues of Fire

Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.

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## Pentecost Offering on May 19 Helps Local Autism Support Group

The Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Church goes towards ministry with children and youth:

25% devoted to General Assembly ministries with Youth;

25% to Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities;

10% to General Assembly Child Advocacy ministries,

**40% for congregations to use in ministries with children in their local community.**

Our Session has designated our 40% to go to the **Chipola Area Autism Resource Center, Inc.** Our Pentecost offerings have been used through our Christian Education and Mission and Service committees to help in funding this group, and in the providing of resources to parents and caregivers of a child on the autism spectrum.

The Autism Support Group meets in our Fellowship Hall on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the group is to allow parents and caregivers to get together and talk about what they are going through as well as sharing resources that they have found to be helpful.

Your support of the Pentecost Offering in 2013 will give increased opportunities for this group.

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## Wear Red for Pentecost



Everyone is invited to continue the tradition of our congregation of wearing red on Sunday, May 19, as we celebrate Pentecost. The theme for our service will be “Equipped and Empowered: Pentecost” based on Acts 2: 1-21

## **NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday thru Friday  
8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

Occasionally it is not possible to have someone in the office during the day at all times, due to attending to business matters of the Church and lunch hours.

You may leave a message by dropping it in the dropbox opening in the front door, or call 526-2430 and leave a message. In case of an emergency, call Interim Pastor Ted Land at 863-444-0716 or Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator at 557-8023.



## **Valerie Marlow Out of the Office**

Valerie Marlow, our Church Administrator, will be out of the office May 15, 16, and 17 for continuing education as she attends the Florida Regional Administrative Personnel Association Conference, May 15-18, in Jacksonville, Florida. She will be attending educational classes and will be serving on the APA Nominating Committee for a three year term.

## **Vacation Time for our Interim**

Our Interim Pastor Ted Land will be on vacation beginning Monday, May 20, and will return on Tuesday, May 28. He will be traveling to his hometown of Arcadia, Florida

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## **Do You Have Children or Grandchildren Graduating?**

If you have children or grandchildren who will be graduating from College or High School, please forward the information to the church office at 526-2430 or [firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net). We will be honoring the graduates at our Sunday Worship Service on May 19.





## Volunteers needed for Dogwood Acres Work Day

**Dogwood Acres** has extended an invitation to join them for a day of volunteer maintenance work at the Retreat Center and Summer Camp on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch and Drinks will be provided. They will be doing maintenance work on their trails, cleaning, painting, building, installing. They would love for you to come and utilize some of your creative talents. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Bill Wert at 850-528-2020.

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## Summer Camping Program at Dogwood Acres



Planning to attend a summer camp at our Presbytery Camp at Dogwood Acres near Vernon, Florida this year? The camps are for young people completing 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades. The Summer Camp program begins June 9, and there are 6 themes and several age groups to choose from: Intro Camps, Discovery & Adventure, Gone Fishin”, Night Owl Camp, High School Hangout, and Einstein Camps. Information on the Summer Camp and registration forms are available thru the Church Office.

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## Make plans now to attend Vacation Bible School

### ***GONE FISHING***

**“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

**Matthew 4:1-9**

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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 at [luanne\\_law@hotmail.com](mailto:luanne_law@hotmail.com) or 526-3989



## In-carnation



**Sunday, May 12**      **Mother's Day**

The official flower of Mother's Day is the **carnation**, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.



**Montreat Group**

## Luncheon on Sunday, May 12

The **Sr. Hi Youth Group** and their parents invite everyone to join them Sunday, May 12, 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.

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## Thank You Letter Received

Dear Members;

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. So nice of you to remember me. May "God Bless You."

In God's Love, *Ilene Culpepper*



## Food Pantry News

Our **Food Pantry Offering** for May will be received on Sunday, May 26. During the month of April our food pantry served 345 families consisting of the following age groups 213 (0-18), 278 (19-59) and 153 (60+) for a total of 644 individuals.

If you would like to help with our food pantry ministry, please contact Mary Ann Gibbs at [maryanngibbs@embarqmail.com](mailto:maryanngibbs@embarqmail.com) or 482-2188 or Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator at the church office, 526-2430, or [fpcpantry@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcpantry@earthlink.net) for more information.

As you are driving thru the driveway on Sunday mornings, take note of the **newly constructed covered area** behind the Spivey House. This is being used to distribute large containers of produce and free food commodities that Second Harvest delivers free every month. It will also help our volunteers have shade and shelter during inclement weather on delivery and pantry days.

*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.*

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## FPC to Host Presbytery Meeting

Our church will be hosting the Presbytery meeting in September. We plan on ordering Green bib aprons to be used when we host Presbytery and on other occasions like Lenten Luncheons and for other events.

12 aprons will be ordered for use and to remain at the church.

If you would like your own apron, you may notify the church office at 526-2430, or email [firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net) and your name will be added to our order. The aprons will be embroidered with "**Serving with Love Since 1835**" and the cost is \$15.00 each.

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## M&M's Next Service Project



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





## 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 Ruth Sherrel and Raymond Litteral

**1835 Endowment Fund** in memory Harry Stone, Richard Maxwell and Norma Peacock

**Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund** were given by John and Alma Milton, Larry and Hazel Nelson, Marsha Rodgers, Robert and Beverly Hinson and Scarlett Hinson.

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## Ladies Circles Meet on May 6



All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, May 6.

**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

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## Thank you

.....Betty Pettis for preparing the Black Veil for the Cross on the Communion Table in the Sanctuary on Good Friday.

.....Joanne Wynn for playing the organ during the time for remembrance on Good Friday.

.....to the members of the congregation who ushered during the Good Friday remembrance.

.....to Toni Nowell for the new Communion Table linens.



**Our Prayer Calendar:** Rosa Williams (requested by Hanni Daffin), Emmy Granger, Eva Freeman and Betty Crawford (requested by Beverly Hinson), Kena Nelson (requested by Larry and Hazel Nelson), 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, Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Carolyn Land Page (niece of Ted Land)

**Homebound Members and Friends:**

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:**

Jackie Parramore  
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



**In Remembrance**

The Sympathy of the Church is extended to the Family of Isabel Keaton who died on Friday, April 19 in Tallahassee.



**RULING ELDER  
OF THE MONTH**

**Ginger Green**

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- Jack Peacock May 3
- Olivia Watford May 3
- Trey Stevens May 4
- Andrew Law May 5
- Katie Moore May 5
- Valerie Marlow May 5
- Ernest McNeill May 6
- Bennie Fowler May 7
- Matt Milton May 7
- Marsha Rodgers May 7
- Elizabeth Watford May 7
- Erin Christopher May 9
- Nancy McMullin May 9
- RuthAnne Allen May 11
- Dorothy Long May 13
- Phil McCrary May 15
- Jessie Stuart May 19
- Jack Brown, Jr. May 20
- Daun Crews May 20
- Eva Marie Stafford May 21
- Ron Goold May 22
- Deck Milton, Jr. May 22
- Cori Christopher May 25
- Albert Milton May 25
- Richard Hand May 28
- John Lawson May 29

Flowers for the month of May are provided by:

- May 5 McRae Boys, Bill, Wilton, Jon and Terry
- May 12 Jim and Eileen Drew
- May 19 Matt and Pam Fuqua and Laurie Ward
- May 26 Nancy McMullin and Keri Loving



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