



# Newsletter

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Marianna, Florida

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## AN EXTRA MONTH OR TWO

Couldn't we use an extra month or two, right about now? We could catch up on our work, do some of the things we need to do around the house, have time for a real vacation.

Of course, that's what the Romans did a couple of thousand years ago. They added July and August to a ten-month calendar, creating the twelve-month calendar we know so well.

July was named after Julius Caesar, and August, after Augustus Caesar. July used to be the slow month of summer in the church year. Not much happened then.

Wow, have things changed!

We've got Vacation Bible School right smack dab in the middle of July! I've already invited my grandson David, but he can't come. So invite your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren, to come and go fishing at First Presbyterian Church of Marianna! We are actually planning a fishing trip for the youngsters! And we are going to talk about becoming fishers of men, as Jesus called His disciples to be. But it won't happen without your help. Check with Luanne Law if you'd like to help, but more importantly, look around you, look for some children that don't have anything better to do, as if there were anything better to do.

I'll be taking a few days off at the first of July. My father was born on July 4, and this year is the centennial of his birth. I feel a need to stand at his grave, and maybe shoot off a sky-rocket or a roman candle (two of his favorite 4<sup>th</sup> of July firecrackers)!

My father was a veteran of World War II, a patriot, part of what has been called the Great Generation. So, for that matter, was my mother. For some reason, I feel the need to honor my father, or at least his memory, this year.

He was only 56 when he died. In fact, he was buried on July 4, his 56<sup>th</sup> birthday. Even my youngest brother has surpassed that age now, and I am ten years older than my father ever lived to be.

So I will honor my father, as we celebrate our nation's independence, as we celebrate that we are one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

So may it be. God bless America, and God bless each and every one who reads these words!

## From the Church Office

...Pastor Ted Land will be on **vacation** beginning Thursday June 27 and will return to the pulpit on Sunday, July 7. He and his wife Polly will be taking a trip to Tennessee to visit family. If there is an emergency, please contact Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator at 526-2430, or your elder of the Month, Jackie Homoney thru June 30, or Ernest McNeill starting July 1.

...The Church Office will be closed for the Fourth of July holiday on Thursday, July 4 and Friday July 5.

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## Audio Versions of Worship Services Available

**Audio versions** of our Worship services and special events are now available at YouTube. Sermons at the 1stPresMarianna YouTube Channel are available either by subscription or by search at YouTube.com. If you don't want to create a YouTube account, users may enter 1stPresMarianna by using the YouTube.com search tool. To subscribe to the 1stPresMarianna YouTube Channel, new users are required to create a Gmail account. Gmail users may use their existing Gmail address to access YouTube without further activity. Once your account is created, users can elect to receive email notifications when sermons are posted at the 1stPresMarianna YouTube Channel. Look for the text Subscribed beneath the banner at the 1stPresMarianna Channel; select the Tool Gear adjacent to Subscribed text block and select "Email with new uploads". Contact Kip Blighton if assistance is needed in locating the 1stPresMarianna YouTube Channel.

For those who would like a hard copy of the sermons to read, copies of our Worship services are also available in written form from the Church Office, and are also in the narthex of the Church. You may also go to our church website at [www.firstpresmarianna.org](http://www.firstpresmarianna.org) and read or copy the sermons online.

# Stewardship Quote and Scripture For the Month of July

*Seek always to do some good somewhere. You must give some time to your fellow man. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own.*  
Albert Schweitzer

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds, and Praise you Father in heaven.

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**Independence Day is  
Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**



**“America the Beautiful”**

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



## 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,

July 7 Temple Restored *Ezra 3:8-13*

July 14 Dedication of the Temple *Ezra 6:13-22*

July 21 Fasting and Praying *Ezra 8:21-23*

July 28 Gifts for the Temple *Ezra 8:24-30*

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.

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## Vacation Bible School is Fast Approaching

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of July 15. Please see insert in this newsletter for all of the information to register your child or grandchild. All are invited to join vacation bible school. We are in need of members to donate snack items. There is a **Snack Sign-up sheet** located at the church on the table outside the fellowship hall.

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## Youth Group News

The senior high youth group along with Pastor Ted Land has started meeting Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you have a child, grandchild, neighbor or friend that would like to join the group, we welcome them to join us.





# WORLD MISSION DISPATCH

This month, the Mission and Service Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, is focusing on the country of Peru and PC (USA) mission workers Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SARA AND RUSTY:** Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson were appointed in January 2009 to serve in Peru as delegations and partnership coordinators. They host PC (USA) delegations visiting Peru and work with partner churches. Rusty and Sara serve at the invitation of the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church of Peru (IEPRP) and the Peruvian



Evangelical Church. The IEPRP traces its beginnings to the arrival of John McKay from the Free Church of Scotland in 1916.

Rusty and Sara organize, coordinate and translate for visiting delegations, helping to ensure that these visits reflect the mutual mission priorities of the partner churches. They set up in-country logistics, assist in planning the itinerary, and work with the trip leaders and the communities to be visited. They accompany and translate for the delegations.

Sara grew up in Ithaca, New York, where the Presbyterian youth group traveled on mission teams each summer. Rusty led his first mission team to Nicaragua after Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Since then they have led numerous teams to Mexico and Central America. They enjoy building bridges between diverse people and cultures and witnessing the huge impact that cross-cultural trips make on people's faith and life. They serve on the board of a nonprofit organization in Mexico. The joys and struggles of intercultural work have led to their call to live and serve Christ in Peru.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR PERU:** Peru was home to several Andean civilizations, including the Inca Empire, which was conquered in 1533 by Spain. Due to the vast territory and gold and silver production, Peru was by far the most important colony held by Spain. Peru declared its independence in 1821 and, with the help of General

San Martín of Argentina and Simón Bolívar of Venezuela, the Spanish were defeated in 1824. Most Peruvians have not benefited from the nation's abundant natural resources. The majority of the wealth is

controlled by a small group of people of Spanish descent. Millions of people in the indigenous population live in poverty. Presbyterian missionaries from the United States and Scotland were first sent to Peru in the early 1900s. The PC (USA) works in partnership with the church that resulted from those early missionary efforts, the Evangelical Presbyterian and Reformed Church in Peru. The PC (USA)'s major involvement in Peru is through the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands initiative.

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## Food Pantry News



Our **Food Pantry Offering** for July will be received on Sunday, July 21. During the month of June our food pantry served 375 families consisting of the following age groups 295 (0-18), 404 (19-59) and 216 (60+) for a total of 915 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.

Volunteers serving in the pantry during the month of July are:

**Baggers on Tuesday** afternoon at 1:30: Bill Boyenton, Marianne Lonsinger, Ron Goold, Bob Pitman, Mary Ann Gibbs and Rebecca Franklin

**Working in the Pantry** on Wednesday mornings: Hazel Nelson, Betty Pettis, Rebecca Franklin, Ron & Willie Mae Goold, Marianne Lonsinger, Sharon Bannerman, Louise Pumphrey and Bud & Mary Wierman.

**Thank you** to Steve, MaryAnn and Hunter Hutton, Matt Brickler, Freddie Harvey, Pastor Ted Land, Valerie Marlow and Emma Smith for their help with unloading the Second Harvest USDA truck for the Food Pantry. A total of over 9,000 pounds of food commodities were stocked in the pantry, and over 700 pounds of bakery goods were delivered from Walmart and Winn Dixie Marianna Stores. Anyone who would like to help with the **monthly deliveries** are welcome to contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Melissa Krebeck at [fpcpantry@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcpantry@earthlink.net), or call the Church Office at 526-2430.

The deliveries are on the third Monday of each month.

*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.*



**Our Prayer Calendar:** Betty McArthur (requested by Ernie and Fran McNeill), Rosa Williams (requested by Hanni Daffin), 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:**

Eileen Drew  
Jessie Stuart

**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

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## 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 memory Isabel Keaton and Walter W. Spence, Jr.

**Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund** were given by Huw and Rachel Christopher



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OF THE MONTH**

**Ernest McNeill**

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**BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY**

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|--------------------|---------|
| Kathy McCrary      | July 3  |
| Lu Daffin          | July 4  |
| Helen La Fontaine  | July 4  |
| Tatum Milton       | July 4  |
| Judy Brooten       | July 5  |
| Louise Daffin      | July 6  |
| Robert Hinson      | July 8  |
| Parker Roberts     | July 9  |
| Angela Franz       | July 12 |
| John Milton V      | July 13 |
| Merian Milton      | July 13 |
| Alex Nowell        | July 13 |
| Kathy Roberts      | July 14 |
| Tom Wilkinson      | July 14 |
| Mary Lu Andreu     | July 15 |
| Julia Holmes       | July 15 |
| Courtney McKeen    | July 15 |
| Matt Payne         | July 21 |
| Macky Gortemoller  | July 23 |
| Frances McNeill    | July 23 |
| Vikki Milton       | July 26 |
| Beth Beasley       | July 27 |
| Larry Spivey       | July 27 |
| Margaux LaFontaine | July 29 |
| Jake Gunter        | July 31 |

Flowers for the month of June are provided by:

July 7 Toni Nowell  
 July 14 Don and Ouida Morris  
 July 21 Bob and Beverly Hinson  
 July 28 Betty Pettis



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