



# Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church  
Marianna, Florida

## October 2013

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## *A GOODLY HERITAGE*

I learned the verse from Lucille Beach, a lady in West Virginia who was nearing her hundredth year when I was her pastor. She told me that she wanted me to preach her funeral service using Psalm 16:6: "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage." Gladly, her life extended beyond my years as her pastor. I hope the one who conducted her service used her favorite verse.

The last Sunday of October is the Sunday when we of First Presbyterian Church in Marianna, Florida celebrate our goodly heritage. It will be my first Heritage Sunday with you, and I am excited about it all, about the piper and the kirkin' o' the tartans. I'll wear my clergy tartan tie that day, for sure.

We'll be honoring some folks who are a part of our goodly heritage that day. Someone will be recognized with a Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. Others will be honored as Elders Emeriti. And Larry Nelson will be awarded the distinction of Director of Music Emeritus.

Larry will be the first Director of Music Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Marianna. I daresay he will be the first Director of Music Emeritus of any church I have ever served, and while there may be others elsewhere, I know of none.

Larry is a consummate musician, a composer, an arranger, as well as a conductor. He has served many churches in his long career, the last eighteen years of which have been spent here at First Presbyterian Church. As he retires, he leaves behind a legacy of good music, of anthems and hymns sung to the glory of God.

A committee is at work to find Larry's successor. And please always use that word to describe the one who comes next. He or she will be Larry's successor, not his replacement. No one could replace him. If everything else that happens on Heritage Sunday was not enough to cause one to be in this church on this Sunday, being here to wish Larry and Hazel well as they embark on the voyage of retirement is sufficient. We have a goodly heritage. May the lines continue to fall in pleasant places.

Your interim pastor,  
Ted Land

# A Note from Polly

To my Marianna church family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the get well wishes, cards, and especially for looking after Ted during my absence!

We never know what what fate holds for us. I certainly did not plan on having 2 surgeries back to back!

I'm looking forward to getting back to Marianna, sooner rather than later!

God Bless each of you,

Polly

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## October 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:

October 6 A Promise of Land *Genesis 15:17-21*

October 13 A Promise to Sarah *Genesis 17:15-17; 18:1-15; 21:1-7*

October 20 A Blessing for Ishmael and Isaac *Genesis 15:1-6; 16;17:1-14, 18,20-27;21:9-21;26:1-25*

October 27 The Blessing Passes to Jacob *Genesis 28:1,10-22*

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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**YOUTH-LED EARLY WORSHIP** was very successful for its first weekly service on September 15. We encourage everyone to come and join us for a new experience in worship every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship hall.

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
MARIANNA



*GET ON BOARD WITH JESUS!*

JOIN THE FUN BY DECORATING YOUR OWN TRAIN CAR. CALL 209-1445 TO RESERVE A CARDBOARD TEMPLATE OR TO VOLUNTEER DURING THE EVENT.

THERE IS A SIGNUP FORM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. WE'LL SUPPLY THE CANDY AND CARDBOARD, YOU SUPPLY THE CREATIVITY!

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO THE FATHER, RIDE WITH JESUS! SEE JOHN 14:4-6

# World Communion Sunday on October 6



The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated at our worship service on Sunday, October 6. This day is also World Communion Sunday and we will remember Christians throughout the world who also join in such a celebration.

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## 2013 Peacemaking Offering to Benefit Einstein Camps

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on Sunday, October 6. Our 25% of this offering will go to support the Einstein Camps to be held at Dogwood Acres. Offerings will also be received the entire month of October.

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**Thanks to all who helped with the  
Presbytery Meeting** at FPC on Sept. 10.... Polly Land, Charlotte Hunter, Jackie Spivey, Joan Stadskev, Peggy Peacock, Kitty Myers, Macky Gortomoller, Sharon Bannerman, Frankie Stewart, Alma Milton, Mary Schmidt, Kip Blighton, Mary Ann Gibbs, Scott Yant, John Milton, Chris Milton, Matt Brickler, Ron Goold, Johnny Milton, Joy Hinton, Betty Hatcher, Barbara Mears, Joann Roundtree, Betty Blighton, Bev Hinson, Betty Joyce Hand, Lou Wilkinson.....and great staff Melissa Krebeck, Valerie Marlow and Rev. Ted Land.

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## 2012-13 Sunday School Teacher Recognition

The Christian Education committee is pleased to recognize the teachers from the 2012-2013 Sunday School year: Syntha Alvarez, Mary Lu Andreu, Kip Blighton, James Gibbs, and Mary Ann Gibbs. We are thankful for their dedication to the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna.



## Food Pantry News

Our **Food Pantry Offering** for October will be received on Sunday, October 20. During the month of September our food pantry served 428 families consisting of the following age groups 377 (0-18), 476 (19-59) and 253 (60+) for a total of 1106 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 372-4913 or [fpcpantry@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcpantry@earthlink.net) for more information.

**Thank you for Bagging on Tuesday** afternoons at 1:30: Bill

Boyenton, Marianne Lonsinger, Bob Pitman, and Donna Moore

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

**Thank You** to the Fire and Iron and J. C. Riders Motorcycle Club for helping to unload the USDA delivery for September.

*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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## PCUSA-APA National Conference



Valerie Marlow, our Church Administrator attended the PCUSA Administrative Personnel Association National Conference in Charleston, S.C. the end of August. While attending the conference, Valerie attended classes to fulfill the requirements for Level II PCUSA Church Administration Certification. The classes attended for her to finish Level II were Legal Matters, Mastering the Internet, Inclusive vs Exclusive Language and Assertiveness Skills. She also attended the GA Entities class which was credited to the final Level III Certification.



## **Pulpit Nominating Committee Continues Search**

Your PNC continues to meet on a weekly basis. To date we have received over 55 PIF's. Every applicant's PIF is read and discussed thoroughly.

Most of the applicants have been matches through PCUSA, but we have had 5 self-referrals. We also have had two leads supplied by a member of the congregation.

If you want to make a suggestion, please give the prospects name to one of the members of the PNC. They are: Jennifer Stafford, Chair, Kathy Roberts, Secretary, Jim Gibbs, Amy Milton, Matt Payne, Ginger Green, Natalee Milton, youth representative, and Chuck Morgan, alternate.

Please keep these people in your prayers, as they work towards finding the Pastor God has already chosen for First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Fla.

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## **Worship and Music Committee News**

The Worship and Music committee has formed a sub-committee to search for Larry Nelson's successor as Music Director. The committee includes current choir and worship and music committee members. If you know of anyone qualified and interested in becoming our music director, please have them submit a resume to the church office.

We would appreciate prayers as we search for the right music director.

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## **Stewardship Quote for Worship**

Psalm 111 vs.10 says: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. ... and they who live by it grow in understanding. Praise will be his forever". We gather before God to grow in wisdom and to praise him.



**Our Prayer Calendar:** Linda and David Stewart (requested by Jake Gunter), Sherry Stone (requested by Susie Stevens), Larry Stevens and Bill Stevens (requested by Kathy Milton), Olivia McDaniel (requested by Betty and Mary) Peggy Keaton (requested by Joy Lewis), Jeannie and Harley (requested by Joy Lewis), Nona Grace Eade (requested by Dale and Cindy Eade), Phillip Griffin (requested by Ernest McNeill), Stanley Littleton, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Kena Nelson (requested by Larry and Hazel Nelson), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land) and Millie Sica.

The **sympathy** of the Church is extended to the family of Mary Ann Hutton in the death of her mother Mary DeShazo.

**Homebound Members and Friends:**

Eileen Drew  
Jessie Stuart

**Marianna Health & Rehabilitation Center:**

Lottie Fite  
Christine Crews

**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 Camp Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Virginia (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 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 honor of Lou Wilkinson

**1835 Endowment Fund** in memory of Mary DeShazo

**Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund** were given Robert and Beverly Hinson and Larry and Hazel Nelson





**RULING ELDER  
OF THE MONTH**

**Chris Milton**

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| Kevin Lonsinger    | Oct. 3  |
| Sharon Bannerman   | Oct. 4  |
| Guy Green          | Oct. 4  |
| Amanda Hinson      | Oct. 6  |
| Bill Homoney       | Oct. 8  |
| Ryan Law           | Oct. 8  |
| Carol Homoney      | Oct. 9  |
| Lauren O'Bryan     | Oct. 11 |
| Steve Hutton       | Oct. 12 |
| Joy Gilbert        | Oct. 13 |
| Alex Lewis, Jr.    | Oct. 13 |
| Joe Busby          | Oct. 15 |
| Hanni Daffin       | Oct. 15 |
| Sandy Westmoreland | Oct. 15 |
| Natalee Milton     | Oct. 16 |
| Kenneth Brooten    | Oct. 17 |
| Megan Munsee       | Oct. 18 |
| Betty Pettis       | Oct. 20 |
| Anna Barber        | Oct. 26 |
| Joan Stadskev      | Oct. 26 |
| Mary Bevis Schmidt | Oct. 27 |
| Richard Nelson     | Oct. 28 |
| Danielle Payne     | Oct. 28 |

**Flowers for the month of October  
are provided by:**

- October 06 Macky Gortemoller
- October 13 Sharon and Buddy Bannerman
- October 20 Merian and Brian Milton
- October 27 Jackie Reddoch



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