



Newsletter

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Marianna, Florida

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To All the Saints of Marianna First Presbyterian Church, Greetings!

When Polly and I came to Marianna around the first of November last year, I came as a “rookie” interim pastor, but a veteran small town pastor. You not only made me feel welcome, you made me feel successful.

There are certain areas where an interim pastor is supposed to focus energy and effort. Each month, I have reported to the Session on these areas, and I feel that at the end of our first year together, it is important that I share these with you all.

First is Coming to Terms with History. The history of the Marianna church is a positive history. There is no negative history to overcome, and in this year we have reflected on the history of the church, upon its previous pastoral leadership, and embraced the past while looking to the future. October ended with a glorious celebration of our history on Heritage Sunday, and it couldn't get much better than that!

Next comes Renewing Congregational Identity. The identity of this church is changing. It was once known as the wealthy church, where wealthy people worshipped. It is becoming the church which feeds the hungry of the community, the church which opens its doors to support groups, the church where children come to play and learn about Jesus. Third is Facilitating New Leadership. With Ellie Lawson chairing Worship and Music Committee, and Jennifer Stafford chairing the Pulpit Nominating Committee, with Melissa Krebeck serving as Food Pantry Coordinator, new leaders are emerging in the life of our church. As a committee searches for a new Director of Music, even more new leadership will be seen in First Presbyterian Church.

Fourth is Strengthening Denominational Connections. Regular attendance and participation in the life of the Presbytery of Florida has happened this year, with the highlight being the hosting of the Summer Presbytery meeting on September 10. At one point, our church was under consideration as a host for the Presbytery of Florida office, until the decision was made to remain in Chipley. And November 1, First Presbyterian Church of Marianna will begin to share its interim pastor with the Presbytery, as I become part-time Coordinating Presbyter. I'll be spending a day a week in the Chipley office, and other time attending meetings and visiting churches and pastors, but most folks in the Marianna church will not miss my presence here.

The fifth and final point is Commitment to a New Future. We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. There

is a firm commitment to seek a new pastor. There is a firm commitment to begin new programs, such as the early worship service and the weekly after school program. There is a firm commitment to find a new music director. The past is prologue, the present is here, and the best is yet to be for First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida. To God be the glory!

Your Interim Pastor,
Ted Land

November 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:

November 3: Preparation for Deliverance *Exodus 3:7-17*

November 10: A Promise to Sarah *Exodus 12:1-14*

November 17: Beginning of Freedom *Exodus 14:21-30*

November 24: Beginning of the Tabernacle *Exodus 40:16-30,34,38*

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.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 3 at 2 a.m. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

A MEMO TO THE CONGREGATION AND THE CHOIR

As all of you know, Sunday was Larry Nelson's last Sunday as our Director of Music.

We remain grateful for Larry's twenty years of dedicated service, the last few months of which were above and beyond the call of duty due to his health issues.

A Director of Music Search Committee (a sub-committee of the Worship and Music Committee) has begun work on the search for Larry's successor. That committee is comprised of Ellie Lawson, Chair; Lee Shook, Gayle DiBenedetto, and Joy Hinton, Members, and Interim Pastor Ted Land.

Advertisement will be posted in the music department offices of Florida State University, Florida Baptist College, and Chipola College. The prospect of a temporary or interim choir director has been discussed, but none has been found as of October 28.

Any suggestions for temporary, interim or future director should be addressed to any member of the search committee.

PLANS FOR FUTURE SUNDAYS:

It is hoped that there will be a choir, in robes, in the choir loft every Sunday. We will be singing the regular hymns and responses. The pastor and organist will collaborate on the selection of those pieces. In addition, at the time of the anthem, there will be another hymn.

Any member or members of the choir who feel called to sing a solo, a duet, trio, quartet, etc. during the vacancy period are encouraged to contact the pastor to schedule the appropriate Sunday.

I spoke with Stanley Littleton Sunday, and he indicated that he has two or three months more of treatments to go. Until then, we are grateful for Lou Wilkinson's gracious presence on the organ bench, with occasional relief from Judy Harrison.

We are entering the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, when there is so much wonderful music to sing that we won't have a problem finding hymns, choruses, and songs to fill our church with the joy of the Lord and the Spirit of the Seasons.

Thank you for your continued service as members of the choir.

Your interim pastor,
Ted Land



I knew in advance, of course, that I would be honored on Heritage Sunday by being named Director of Music Emeritus. However, I did not expect the expressions of love and appreciation from both Gina Stuart and Joy Lewis, nor the presentation of the beautiful triangular-shaped glass artifact which provides a permanent record of the occasion, ending with words "you are a blessing to this congregation". As I said Sunday, however, this congregation has been a blessing to me! Then, in addition to all this, the checks from members and friends to the Love/Joy Gift was amazing. The generosity of those who contributed is noted with sincere appreciation. My prayer is that God will continue to bless our wonderful church and every member of its loving congregation. I thank you for this very special occasion in my life!

Sincerely,
Larry Nelson

Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home for Children

Our Thanksgiving Special Offering for the work of Thornwell Home for Children located in Clinton, South Carolina will be received on **Sunday, November 24**. There will be special envelopes in the bulletin that Sunday that may be used for this offering.

According to our history book, our first offering for Thornwell was received in January 1910! As we receive our Thanksgiving offering for Thornwell in November, we will celebrate our support for this very special work. Thank you for your prayerful concern and support for this ministry.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at our Worship Service on Sunday, November 3. Anyone who is unable to attend worship on a regular basis and who would like to receive communion at home following the service is invited to inform the church office so that arrangements may be made for serving you.



Stewardship Commitment Cards

If you have forgotten to fill in your Commitment Cards, please do so as soon as possible. Additional copies of the Commitment card and Service card are available on the table outside the fellowship hall or at the Church office.

Please prayerfully consider your spirit of generosity in your financial commitment and your commitment of time and talents to continue to serve God through this congregation in 2014.



Heritage Sunday in Review

On **Heritage Sunday**, members and visitors gave thanks to God for the life and faith of all who have shared faithfully in God's work and especially for members of the church who have died since Heritage Sunday 2012: Jeannette Vickery- November 2, 2012, John S. Lewis- November 11, 2012, Eloise Turner- February 23, 2013 and Isabel Keaton- April 19, 2013.

The Faithful Honored with Life Membership in Presbyterian Women: Christine Crews Alma Wandeck Milton

The Faithful Honored with Ruling Elder Emeritus

Dr. Ray Brendemuehl Robert C. Cowen Daun Crews

Director of Music Emeritus for 20 Years of Faithful Service:

Lawrence R. Nelson (1993-2013)

We are grateful for the **Memorials and Special Gifts**, placed in the funds indicated, which have been given to the church since November 1, 2012:

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund in memory Jeannette Vickery, John Lewis, Dalton D. Cannon Rex Nowell, Alyne Pitman, Sally Roos, Virginia Schreiber, Jay Hutchison, Henry Stevens, Norma Peacock, Eloise Turner, Ann Gunter, Harry Stone, Richard Maxwell, Louis Roberts, Isabel Keaton, Eloise Turner, Walter W. Spence, Imogene Bontrager, Mary DeShazo and Milton G. Wynn, Sr.

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund in honor of Joy Lewis, Jacob Barry Stafford, Bill and Jean Boyenton, Jack and Peggy Peacock, Gina Stuart, Jack and Dru Brown, Macky Gortemoller, David and Rosemary Hand Battle, Richard and Betty Joyce Hand, Joanne Wynn , Ruth Sherrel, Raymond Litteral, The Marsh Family – Scott, Ellen, Charlotte, Brandon, Emily and Catherine, Colton Wayne Hinson, Lou Wilkinson, in honor of the 94th Birthday of Emmy Granger, The Crews Family, Michael, Teri, Jimmie and Kelly, in honor of the Church Staff, Church Officers, Church Choir, volunteers and the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

Memorials in memory of Jeanette Vickery and John Lewis**Food**

Pantry Fund in memory of Hazel Hoff and Jeannette Vickery

Montreat Youth Fund in memory of Louis Roberts

Pentecost Offering in honor of Doris Irwin

Thornwell Home for Children in memory of Jeannette Vickery

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by John and Alma Milton, Larry and Hazel Nelson, Chuck and Cindy Morgan, Hanni Daffin, Rev. Achim Daffin, Daun and Christine Crews, Jason and LuAnne Law, Joanne Wynn, Richard and Betty Joyce Hand, Jacob Gunter, Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs, William and Jean Boyenton , Alex and Joy Lewis, Jack and Peggy Peacock, Dorothy Carpenter, The Garraways, Robert and Jeanne Cowen, Robert and Beverly Hinson, Marsha Rodgers, Ruth Sherrel, Fred and Sue McGehee Trust and Huw and Rachel Christopher.

Gifts of Refurbishing the Advent Candalabrum and Candlestick Paschal Floor Bethel were given in memory of Dr. Rex Nowell.

Special gifts during this year have included furniture for the Church Parlor from Toni Nowell

Gifts to our **1835 Endowment Fund** may be made today or any Sunday using the gold envelopes in the pew racks. If you would like to make your gift to this fund in memory or in honor of someone, please complete the information on the back of the envelope. If you are interested in making a contribution from your IRA, please check with John Milton V, the chairperson of our Endowment Committee at 718-6924.

Food Pantry News



Our **Food Pantry Offering** for October will be received on Sunday, November 17. During the month of October our food pantry served 531 families consisting of the following age groups 461 (0-18), 611 (19-59) and 294 (60+) for a total of 1366 individuals.

If you would like to help with our food pantry ministry, please contact Mary Ann Gibbs at maryanngibbs@embarqmail.com or 482-2188 or Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator at 372-4913 or 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 J. C. Riders Motorcycle Club and to the Marianna Fire Department for helping to unload the USDA delivery for October.

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.

FPC attends Agency Relations Conference

On Friday, October 18, Melissa Krebeck our Food Pantry Coordinator and Valerie Marlow, Church Administrator attended The Tenth Annual Agency Relations Conference in Tallahassee. America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend hosted the conference with agencies from 11 counties in attendance. Agencies were recertified in their Civil Rights training. USDA agencies were also recertified. Food Safety procedures were discussed and a new training program will be started in 2014. Pantry Coordinators will need to be certified by ServSafe to ensure that all agency food pantries are following food safety guidelines. Development and Advocacy were discussed. Also discussed was the \$40 Billion dollar reduction in money going to Food Stamp/Snap benefits. There are 2.9 million Floridians who receive these benefits. This reduction is the equivalent of 8 years' worth of donations to America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

WORLD MISSION DISPATCH by Joy Gilbert

This month, the Mission and Service Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, is focusing on the country of Germany and PC (USA) mission workers Jay and Nancy Adams.



PLEASE PRAY FOR JAY & NANCY ADAMS: Jay and Nancy Adams have a shared partnership appointment as school administrators and teachers at the Black Forest Academy (BFA) in Kandern, Germany, with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s World Mission, the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, and Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield, Minnesota. Black Forest Academy is an intermission boarding school that primarily serves children of missionaries. Nancy is supervisor of the Resource Center and serves as head librarian at BFA. She coordinates acquisitions for the library, helps students with research, and frequently hosts new BFA staff in the Adams' home. During her time at BFA she has taught English for all grades from nine through 12. Jay is supervisor of the Personnel Office. He and his team recruit, enable and retain qualified men and women to teach and serve BFA students. In the past Jay has taught Bible and business classes as well. Together, Jay and Nancy have been class sponsors and substitute dorm parents. They have led four evangelistic English camps as Christian outreach to teens in Germany, Poland, Slovakia and Italy.

ABOUT BLACK FOREST ACADEMY: Black Forest Academy (BFA) provides a quality, international Christian education that equips its students to influence their world through biblical thought, character, and action. BFA was founded in 1956 by Teach Beyond, formerly Janz Team Ministries. It serves the children of international Christian workers and international business families who want a North American curriculum that incorporates a Christian worldview.

PLEASE PRAY FOR GERMANY: Our partner churches in Germany have to deal with changing situations concerning migrants and refugees. The discussion, as in western European countries generally, is targeted on more restrictive law and practice for asylum seekers. This has been developing for the last four to five years but has intensified even more since September 11. The PC (USA) encourages outreach to and advocacy for the Kurdish and Iranian refugees in particular. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) supports Christian witness and service in Germany through our partner churches and organizations and through our mission personnel, who work closely with them.



CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

Dear members,

*For the last year I have been cleaning up the card catalog and book shelves. There are some fairly new books that were put into the library that are not there. I am asking you (member, grandmother, mother, or friend), **if you have any books that you have borrowed, please bring them back into the library and put them on the desk!***

I have just found a few more that are missing. They are:

David and Goliath (children)

Christopher Bear's Anytime Prayers (children)

Having a New Kid by Friday (adult)

*THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE WITH THE APOCRYPHA
REVISED STANDARD BIBLE*

NEW TESTAMENT-TODAYS' ENGLISH VERSION

THE LION ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE

THE UNIQUE WORLD OF WOMEN—EUGENIA PRICE

THE WHIMSICAL CHRISTIAN-DOROTHY SAYERS

All of Dr. Seuss books! (children)

I know the children love to go into the library and look at the books.

Isn't that wonderful!

***When you do find a book that you WANT TO BORROW,
PLEASE SIGN THE CARD IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK
AND ALSO PUT THAT CARD ON THE DESK!!***

*There are some really interesting books to **borrow** and read in there.*

If you have any questions, feel free to telephone me at 482-1083.

Thank you.

Mary Wierman

Children's Christmas Pageant to start Practice

This year the Christmas pageant will be a small play "Just A Little Christmas". Anyone interested in participating or helping, please contact Danielle Payne at danicospayne@gmail.com or 272-2627. We are starting to practice Nov. 6 during the Wild Wonderful Wednesday's program.



Women's Circle Schedule for November

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

JuBellees looking for Bell Ringers

The JuBellees Bell Choir is short on ringers. You do not have to have any experience with bellringing. Beginners are welcome. If you have any further questions, please call Charlotte Hunter at 850-482-0097, or e-mail to rosebelhunter@aol.com.



Game night on Saturday, November 2nd

Game night will be this Saturday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a game and/or a snack along with your family and friends. We'll play until the fun is over or the snacks are exhausted, whichever occurs first. For more information contact Kip Blighton or Bob Pittman.

Pals Luncheons on November 19

The November Pals Luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the Church office by 10:00 am on Monday, November 18 at 526-2430, or e-mail firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net. You may also write your reservation on one of the cards in the Church pews on Sunday mornings.

Congregation Members participate in Community Chorus

The Chipola Community Chorus will join the Chipola College Chamber Choir in concert at the Fine Arts Center on Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. Several members of our choir will be singing in the chorus, Gayle DiBenedetto, Kitty Myers, and Joy Hinton. The concert is free.



Our Prayer Calendar Burton Fite (requested by Donna Moore), Linda and David Stewart (requested by Jake Gunter), Sherry Stone (requested by Susie Stevens), Larry Stevens (requested by Kathy Milton), Peggy Keaton (requested by Joy Lewis), Nona Grace Eade (requested by Dale and Cindy Eade), 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.

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



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 memory of Rosa Williams

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by Larry and Hazel Nelson

November

RULING ELDER OF THE MONTH

Gina Stuart

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Jacob Stafford	Nov. 5
Bud Wierman	Nov. 5
Eileen Drew	Nov. 7
Marianne Lonsinger	Nov. 10
Natalie Bedini	Nov. 11
Ted Land	Nov. 14
Virgil Oswald, Jr.	Nov. 14
Brent Bedini	Nov. 15
Braylon Oswald	Nov. 15
Hazel Nelson	Nov. 16
Rylie Kish	Nov. 18
Raynell Morris	Nov. 18
Parker Willis	Nov. 20
Tom Kish	Nov. 21
Dru Brown	Nov. 24
Jim Drew	Nov. 24
Scarlett Hinson	Nov. 25
Jack Homoney	Nov. 26
Terry Stevens	Nov. 26
Adam Franz	Nov. 27
Lindsay Milton	Nov. 27
Cooper Milton	Nov. 29
Jackie Homoney	Nov. 30
Bryan Moore	Nov. 30

Flowers for the month of October
are provided by:

Nov 03 Toni Nowell
Nov 10 Guy and Ginger Green
Nov 17
Nov 24 Richard and Betty Joyce Hand



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