



# Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church  
Marianna, Florida

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## COLD WEATHER, WARM HEARTS

As I write these words, it is cold. Near freezing. Schools are closed because of the threat of freezing rain, and maybe even snow. We've cancelled the Session meeting and our Wednesday activities. And a call from Pensacola tells of ice on cars on the roads there.

Folks, this is Sunny Florida! It is not supposed to be that way! But you know, my first trip to Florida, almost fifty years ago, was not too different from what we are experiencing now.

I came on an Air Force ROTC field trip, to Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City in January of 1965. Dress blues with a lightweight dark blue raincoat were our uniforms. There was no heat in the old C-47 we flew down from Tennessee in. And there wasn't much warmth in Florida. It actually snowed! And so on my first trip to the beach in Florida, it was almost impossible to tell where the snow ended and the white sand began! Oh, it wasn't much snow, maybe a quarter of an inch, but it was indeed snow on the beach, and here we thought we'd come to Florida for a winter vacation! We nearly froze!

Earlier this month, we had frozen pipes in the church buildings and the Presbytery office in Chipley, and actually had burst pipes at Dogwood Acres.

When I spoke to my son on the phone this afternoon, it was 34 in Marianna. Where he was in Fort Myers, it was 82!

Just as the scripture says it rains on the just and the unjust, it sometimes just freezes!

But in spite of the cold outside, my heart is warmed inside by your wonderful response to the needs of those who have less than we do. The skit by our youth Sunday morning warmed my heart. I know that there will be a generous outpouring for the Souperbowl of Caring this Sunday, and your unflinching support for the Food Pantry is heart-warming as well.

It warms my heart to see our teenagers leading worship at the 8:30 service. It warms my heart to see our children having fun at the Wild Wonderful Wednesday gatherings. It warms my heart to see new people coming to church. It warms my heart to see a loving, caring, community of the faithful at work and at play. So the weather is cold. But our hearts are warmed. Thanks be to God for all the warmth we share in First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida.

I'm blessed to be your interim pastor,  
Ted Land

# EARLY MORNING MESSAGE TO FOCUS ON FAITH OF A FOOTBALL STAR

During the 8:30 Early Service on February 2, **Super Bowl Sunday**, Interim Pastor Ted Land will be speaking on the Christian Faith of Peyton Manning, record setting quarterback of the Denver Broncos. "I met Peyton's father, Archie, nearly 40 years ago in Mississippi, and was so impressed with his down-to-earth style, and his sincerity that I've been a "Manning fan" for a long time. As I've learned more about this family and the way they live out their faith, I've come to see them as role models not just for professional athletes, but maybe for all of us," said Land.

The message at 11 AM will focus on the Beatitudes, from Matthew 5, and the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper will both be observed

Don't forget to bring a dollar bill or a can of soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering, which goes to support our local food pantry at First Presbyterian Church, which is now serving more than 1300 clients per month.

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## Adult 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:

February 2 Hear and Do the Word *James 1:19-27*

February 9 Treat Everyone Equally *James 2:1-13*

February 16 Show Your Faith by Your Works *James 2:14-26*

February 23 Control Your Speech *James 3: 1-12*

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.



# Food Pantry News

## Souper Bowl of Caring

This Sunday, February 2, young people from all over the United States and Canada will be sponsoring in their local churches a very special opportunity for church members. Church members will have the opportunity to make Super Bowl Sunday not only a “Sports Day”, but also a “day of caring and concern for those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat.” There are people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal all across the country. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God’s love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring.

First Presbyterian Church will be passing around the Tin Can next Sunday, February 2, on Super Bowl Sunday. All proceeds will go the help feed the recipients of our Food Pantry Mission.

During the month of January our food pantry served 378 families consisting of the following age groups 74(0-5), 103(6-12), 89(13-18), 60(19-25), 174(40-54) and 255(55+) for a total of 850 individuals. Our pantry was closed on New Year’s Day and on January 29.

If you would like to help with our food pantry ministry, please contact Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator at 372-4913 or [fpcpantry@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcpantry@earthlink.net) or Betty Pettis, Mission and Service Chairperson at [pettisbetty@yahoo.com](mailto:pettisbetty@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Thank you to our Baggers on Tuesday** afternoons at 1:30

**Thank you to our volunteers who work in the Pantry** on Wednesday mornings

**Thank You** to the J. C. Riders Motorcycle Club and to Mason Flowers for helping to unload the USDA delivery for January.

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

# Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 8

*The children of the church, grandchildren of members, and friends are invited to a Valentine Party on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.*



*We will play on the new playground, do crafts, and eat yummy treats. People may contact me to bring refreshments. All children should bring Valentines to share. The theme is "Love The Lord with all of your heart." If you are interested in helping with the party, contact Jennifer Stafford. ♡*

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## Happy Valentine's Day

Don't forget your loved one's on Thursday, February 14.



## PALS Luncheon on February 18

The February PALS Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 12 noon. Reservations for lunch (\$5.00 per person) may be made by filling out one of the *Welcome* cards and placing it on the offering plate on any Sunday morning or by contacting the church office by 10 a.m. on Monday, January 20 at 526-2430 or e-mail to [firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net).

Charlotte Hunter will be providing the lunch. The menu will be Spaghetti and Meatballs, salad, rolls and dessert. Our Guest Speaker will be a representative from Partners for Pets. If you have any towels or blankets that you would like to donate, please bring them with you. They are also in need of bleach and soap.



## Youth Group News

The Sr. High Youth Group will be hosting a Valentine's Montreat Luncheon on Sunday, February 16, after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. They would LOVE to see you all there for a LOVELY meal and a SWEET dessert to follow.

Stay tuned for a couple of specialty Montreat Fundraisers in the very near future including a Smoked Boston Butt sale, cooked by our very own Chef Kip and a Secret Recipe Sauce Sale! Details will soon be available.

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### **Alyne McQuagge Pitman Montreat Scholarship Fund Established**

Scholarships are available for registration fees for youth church members attending Montreat Youth Conference through the Alyne McQuagge Pitman Montreat Scholarship Program. Young people who are interested in being considered for scholarships should submit a letter of application indicating the following:

1. Date of becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church of Marianna
2. A completion of all the requirements to date of the annual Montreat Covenant established by the Christian Education Committee
3. A list of church activities, particularly youth activities, in which he or she has been involved
4. A commitment to continued participation in specific future church and youth programs
5. An indication of the need for financial support in order to attend Montreat Youth Conference

Application letters should be forwarded to Peggy Peacock, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee via the Church office by February 7. If you need additional information please contact Peggy Peacock or Betty Blighton.

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THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
IS REQUESTED AT THE MARRIAGE OF

*Scarlett Brandi Hinson*

TO

*Brian Keith Kradel*

ON SATURDAY, THE FIRST OF MARCH

TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARIANNA, FLORIDA

*A reception will be held at Carillon Beach at 5:00 p.m. The reception is by invitation only. If you would like to attend the wedding reception, to access an invitation, call Beverly Hinson at 850-718-8888 or email to: [bhinson@embarqmail.com](mailto:bhinson@embarqmail.com)*



## 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 Jessie Stuart and Charlene Garraway

**1835 Endowment Fund** in honor of Huw and Rachel Christopher, John and Alma Milton and Daun and Christine Crews

**Memorial** in memory of Charlene Garaway

**Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund** were given by Huw and Rachel Christopher, Larry and Hazel Nelson, Robert and Beverly Hinson, Marsha Rodgers, Joanne Wynn and Anonymous

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Dear Anonymous,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful financial gift of a Scholarship Fund in our honor for Dogwood Acres, Montreat or Family Retreats.

This is such a fitting gift for us, as we have always supported and enjoyed working with the youth and Montreat programs of First Presbyterian Church. This particular gift will always lie very dear to our hearts.

Thank you so very much for this honor,

Sincerely,

Daun and Christine Crews

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January 14, 2014

Dear Friend or Friends:

What a tremendous surprise Chuck Morgan gave to both of us in his letter of December 29 when he informed us that a most generous gift had been given in our honor to the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna designated for the Wild and Wonderful Wednesday program. We had been pleased to hear that this program had started under the leadership of your interim pastor. We know how much the M and M program started at the beginning of our time in Marianna meant to so many children and their families in the church and community in the years we were there. We pray that this new program will be a continued source of blessing to children and their families.

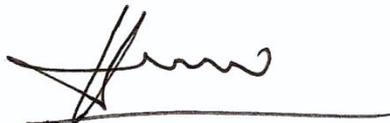
We are sure that the fact that you would want to show your support for this program in this most generous way is very affirming to those who are serving as the leaders at this time. Your desire to make the gift in our honor has helped to affirm for us the impact that our ministry with you had upon so many people of all ages in the church and community. It was indeed a privilege to share the last years of full-time active ministry with all of you. We continue to pray for the ministry of the congregation at the present time as well as for the future ministry under the guidance of your new pastor.

We respect your desire to remain anonymous in this gift but wanted to let you know how much this means to both of us.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

*Rachel*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Huw', written over a horizontal line.



**Our Prayer Calendar:** Louise Pumphrey, Joy Gilbert, Stanley Littleton, Evan Tyler Coates (nephew of Barry and Jennifer Stafford), Becky Brewer (requested by Gina Stuart), JoAnn Rountree, Burton Fite (requested by Donna Moore), Sherry Stone (requested by Susie Stevens), Larry Stevens (requested by Kathy Milton), Peggy Keaton (requested by Joy Lewis), Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Kena Nelson (requested by Larry and Hazel Nelson), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica and Sue Land.

**Homebound Members and Friends:**

Eileen Drew

**Marianna Health & Rehabilitation Center:**

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 (Son of Lou and Kathy Roberts) at Camp Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Gordon Blighton (brother of Kip Blighton) at Norfolk Naval Station

Steven and Drew Blighton (Brothers of Kip Blighton) at Ft. Bliss, Texas

Tyler Schaeffer (grandson of Valerie Marlow) at Lackland AFB, Texas

Tom Abney in Afghanistan ( son-in-law of Larry and Jackie Spivey)



The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to the family of Christine Crews who died on January 29 in Marianna.



**RULING ELDER  
OF THE MONTH**

**Ernie McNeill**

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*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY TO:*

Isabel Keaton	Feb. 4
Julien Cumming	Feb. 5
Lottie Fite	Feb. 5
Lou Wilkinson	Feb. 5
Sam Andreu	Feb. 6
Branham Skipper	Feb. 8
Bud Strength	Feb. 14
Sarah Jean Hargis	Feb. 19
Sarah Hunt Oswald	Feb. 22
Ray Brendemuehl	Feb. 24
Olivia McDaniel	Feb. 24
Chuck Morgan, Jr.	Feb. 25
Charles LaFontaine	Feb. 26
Laura Lonsinger	Feb. 26
Ashley Swearingen	Feb. 26
Amy Rehberg	Feb. 26
Carolyn Wilson	Feb. 27

Our new Ruling Elders in the Class of 2016 of our Church Session are **Peggy Peacock, Kitty Myers, Jim Gibbs and Larry Spivey**. Contact information will be available in the March newsletter

**Flowers for the Month of February are provided by:**

February 2 Barry and Jennifer Stafford  
February 9 Chuck and Cindy Morgan  
February 16 Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs and  
Frankie Stewart  
February 23 Don and Charlotte Hunter



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