



# Newsletter

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Marianna, Florida

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# THE EASTER MOMENT

## Defining Who We Are

It has been a generation since Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong wrote a book entitled *The Easter Moment*. The book was controversial at its time, and Bishop Spong seemed to thrive on controversy, on challenging fundamentalism and literalism, in lectures and sermons and subsequent books.

But no matter how far one's personal faith is from that of Bishop Spong, one must give him credit: he believed in the Easter Moment. He believed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He believed that God raised Jesus from the dead.

In years gone by, I have referred to we who believe in Jesus Christ as Easter People.

Some pastors use that term in a derogatory fashion, to refer to those who only come to church on Easter. Or they will call them the E&C people, who come to church only on Easter and Christmas. Well, I don't have any trouble with people who only come to church on Easter and Christmas. Or only on Easter. Or only on Christmas Eve. Or only on Mother's Day.

While it would be wonderful if everyone came to worship every Sunday, you and I know that isn't a reality in the world in which we live. There are a faithful few who are there every Sunday. There are those for whom regular attendance means a couple of Sundays a month. There are those who have to work. There are those who travel. There are those who have beach houses or mountain cabins or lake homes. We go to horse shows and rodeos and concerts and ball games. We are a mobile, active, affluent crowd, we Presbyterians. As my late friend Kayo Welles once said, "We Presbyterians don't require as much church as some other folks do."

But Easter is that Sunday that defines not just Presbyterians, but Christians. Easter is the Sunday that if you believe, if you have hope in the resurrection, you want to be somewhere with people who also believe and have that same hope to celebrate the good news that came from the Empty Tomb: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

So with Christians in all ages and all places, let us affirm our faith in the Risen Lord. Let us celebrate the Easter Moment: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

# HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**PALM SUNDAY** on April 13 begins Holy Week, and this year there will be a special processional, with the children of our church entering the sanctuary waving palm branches after the example of those along the road to Jerusalem so many years ago. The sermon title will be the cry they uttered: "*Hosanna!*"



There will be no 8:30 a.m. service on either Palm Sunday or Easter, so that we all may celebrate these special times in the life of the church together.

The final **LENTEN LUNCHEON** on Tuesday, April 15, will be hosted by our Presbyterian Men, who will be responsible for the food for that day.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** on April 17, a service with **COMMUNION** will be observed at 6:30 p.m. The evening meditation will be entitled *The One Who Betrays Jesus*.

**GOOD FRIDAY** Our sanctuary will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. for personal quiet reflection, meditation and prayer. Joanne Wynn will be playing the organ for part of this time. The Worship and Music Committee will have a member of the committee in the church at all times during these three hours.



**EASTER SUNDAY** on April 20 will begin with a special Sunday School program led by Merian Milton, and between Sunday School and Worship, the annual picture of our church family will be made on the front steps across from City Hall. Rumor has it that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt as well. The title of Dr. Land's Easter message is: *Beginning and Ending with Angels*.



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The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be received on Easter morning. This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program,(36%); the Self-Development of People program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (32%); and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (32%). There will be special inserts and envelopes in the bulletin for this offering. More information can also be found on the website at [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs)



# Lenten Luncheon Series Continues

Lenten Luncheons

Reaffirming our commitment to Christ is something that we do every time we recite the Apostles Creed. It is something we do every time we pray. Every time we sing a hymn, or read a scripture, that inspires and uplifts us, we reaffirm what we believe.

During this Lenten season, we are building on the foundation laid in stewardship season last year to strengthen our commitment to Christ. The Lenten lessons are part of the Lenten Luncheon series that began on Tuesday, March 11 at 12 noon. In the Fellowship Hall.

Topics for the remaining Luncheons are:

Witness, April 1

Giving, April 8

Serving, April 15

Lunches are being prepared by the following groups.

April 1: Lunch Bunch Circle

April 8: Good News Women and Susie Barber's  
Culinary class

April 15: Men of the Church

Everyone is invited to come and also invite your friends and neighbors.

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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.

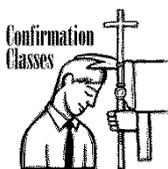
The Adults in the parlor will be studying:

April 6 Jesus Cleanses the Temple *Isaiah 56:6-7; Jeremiah 7:9-11; Mk 11:15-19*

April 13 A Messianic Priest-King *Jeremiah 23:5-6; Zechariah 6:9-15; John 19:1-5*

April 20 The Third Day *Hosea 6:1-3; Luke 24:1-12*

April 27 From Suffering to Glory *Isaiah 53:5-8; Luke 24:25-27,44-47*  
Upstairs the Adult Class in Room 4 will be studying the texts to be used in our worship service



## Confirmation Classes Continue thru April.

A confirmation class for young people ready to become full members of First Presbyterian Church is being led by Interim Pastor Ted Land, assisted by Ruling Elders of the church. The class is held during the Sunday School hour, from 9:45-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall. Make-up sessions for those who miss Sundays will be held from 5:30-6:15 on Wednesday evenings. Ordinarily, confirmation classes are made up of middle schoolers (grades 6-8), but older youth and younger children who desire to attend the class may do so. It is anticipated that the class will be ready and prepared to join the church on Sunday, May 4.

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## Covered Dish Suppers Continue

You are invited to the Wednesday Night Covered Dish for a study of "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah". This DVD study is delivered by the renowned Ray Vander Laan and is part of the 12-volume series "So That the World May Know". Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the DVD will begin at or around 7 p.m. For more information contact Kip at 850-209-1445.

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## Youth Group News

The Sr. High Youth Group will be hosting a Montreat Luncheon on Sunday, April 13, after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the luncheons provide funding for the Youth to attend the Annual Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina each summer.

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## Devotional Literature Available

Copies of the new ***Our Daily Bread*** for March, April and May are still available on the table in the narthex, on the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, and from the church office during the week.



# Smoked Boston Butts



The FPC Youth Group is currently taking orders for Smoked Boston Butts to help raise funds for their upcoming trip to Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina in June.

The meat will be smoked by Kip Blighton & will be ready for pick-up on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. The butts are 7-8 pounds, precooked, and will cost \$25. If you are interested in placing an order, contact any FPC Youth or Susie Barber at 209-1403 or you may email the church office. Make checks payable to FPC and turn in payment along with your order to the seller or the church office. This will be a wonderful addition to your Easter meal.

First Presbyterian Youth Group

## BOSTON BUTT SALE

**\$25**  
**7-8 LB BUTT (PRE-COOKED WEIGHT)**  
 Saturday, April 12, 2014  
 Pick Up: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.  
 Church is on the corner of Clinton & Jefferson in Marianna

Thank you for supporting the youth of First Presbyterian.  
 Proceeds from this sale will help fund our week this summer at  
 Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina.  
 850-526-2530



**Deadline to order is Tuesday April 1.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact# \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = total payment \_\_\_\_\_



## World Mission Sunday

Sunday, March 30 is our Fifth-Sunday Missions offering to help support our missionary Amy Lynne Davisson and her work in Myanmar (Burma).

Here is the most recent report:

"Sharing love in tangible ways" in Burma (Myanmar)

Relief teams see continued violence and displacement in Kachin State as well as ongoing human rights violations. A Presbyterian long-term volunteer (name withheld for security reasons) works with teams that serve the people in need through emergency relief in the form of medical care, shelter, and other practical ways as well as encouragement that they are not forgotten by God or their neighbors.

Local partners and some international volunteers started a foundation in Thailand that will serve as an umbrella organization for such relief projects. The vision statement of the new PanRak Foundation:

To share love in tangible ways that bless people.

The mission: To bring help, hope and love through the support of education, health, relief, leadership and spiritual development and culture. One way the foundation will share love is in the support of two boarding hostels for children that allow them to live in an area where they will get a better education. Near one of the hostels, in a remote jungle area, the foundation will also support a medical clinic, which hosts periodic eye surgery and teaching by guest doctors, as well as a church.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/global/myanmar/>

We ask that you join with us today in giving to this mission through your prayers and financial support.

Thank you from your Mission & Service Committee for your continued generosity!



## 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 Larry Nelson, Christine Crews, Charlene Garraway, Ernest and Virginia McNeill, Joanne Marie Hester, and John Hoyoux

**Memorials** in memory of Larry Nelson and Christine Crews

**Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund** were given by Alex and Joy Lewis, Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs, Ray and Betty Brendemuehl, Huw and Rachel Christopher, Chuck and Cindy Morgan, John and Alma Milton, Robert and Beverly Hinson, Bill and Jean Boyenton, Ernest and Fran McNeill and Hanni Daffin.

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### To our First Presbyterian Church family:



The luncheon you put on after the Larry Nelson memorial service was absolutely wonderful. Our family members enjoyed the food and the chance to reflect on Larry's life, and how special he is to all of us. Not only was the luncheon wonderful, but all of the kind wishes, expressions of sympathy, and support from all of you have been a powerful blessing. At this sad time, please know that the support of wonderful friends like all of you, our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, means so very much. We extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your loving support and thoughtfulness.

Hazel Nelson, Richard Nelson , John Nelson and Family



Food Pantry

## Food Pantry News

During the month of February our food pantry served 521 families consisting of the following age groups 92(0-5), 161(6-12), 143(13-18), 93(19-25), 118(26-39), 228 (40-55)) and 410(55+) for a total of 1245 individuals.

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 all of our volunteers who work in the pantry:**

Sharon Bannerman, Bill Boyenton, Mary Ann Gibbs, Marianne Lonsinger, Donna Moore, Ron and Willie Mae Goold, Bud and Mary Wierman, Matt Brickler, Savannah Croan, Cindy Morgan, Hazel Nelson, Betty Pettis, Bob Pitman, Louise Pumphrey, Ray Litteral, Marsha Rodgers.

**Thank you during spring break to** Carolyn Cook (Melissa's mother) Emma Smith (Hazel Nelson's granddaughter).

*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.*

## The Perks of Volunteering

National Volunteer Week is officially observed in April, every week thousands of volunteers help people in need. As volunteers can attest, sharing one's time and talents leads to many intangible benefits.

New research shows that volunteering and giving also provide physical and emotional advantages. Givers report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, an enriched sense of purpose in life and increased happiness.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."



**Our Prayer Calendar:** Mary Schmidt, Jeff Hinson and Family, Louise Pumphrey, Stanley Littleton, Bill Ansley (requested by Joe Busby and Scott Yant), Peter Ratzlaff (requested by Mary Skipper), Joan Byrd (requested by Dot Carpenter), Keena Nelson, Bill Nelson and Jerry Gay (requested by Hazel Nelson), JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), 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  
Ilene Culpepper  
Bert Andrews

**Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:**

Jackie Parramore  
Julia Holmes

**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  
Drew Blighton (Brother of Kip Blighton) at Ft. Bliss, Texas  
Tyler Schaeffer (grandson of Valerie Marlow) at Tyndall AFB, Panama City  
Tom Abney in Afghanistan ( son-in-law of Larry and Jackie Spivey)



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## Ladies Circles Meet on April 7

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

# APRIL

## RULING ELDER OF THE MONTH

**Ginger Green**

### Church Session

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### Flowers for the Month of April are provided by:

April 6 The McRaes, Wilton, Jon and  
Terry  
April 13 Palm Sunday  
April 20 John and Alma Milton  
April 27 Jake Gunter



Alma Milton	04/01
Jackie Reddoch	04/01
Jeff Hinson	04/03
Michelle Gortemoller	04/10
Betty Taylor	04/10
Barbara Page	04/11
Don Nowell	04/11
Evan Barber	04/12
Larrian Bedini	04/12
Mary Ann Gibbs	04/12
Alan Barber	04/14
Lisa Stevens	04/14
Amy Nelson	04/15
Robert Daffin	04/16
Ruth Sherrel	04/16
Louise Spivey	04/17
Charlton Keen Jr.	04/18
Brent Roberts	04/20
Dylan Rogers	04/20
Lu La Fontaine	04/21
Joanne Wynn	04/21
Beth Westmoreland	04/22
Tommy Weeks	04/25
Bert Andrews	04/26
Deborah Mathewuse	04/26
Betty Blighton	04/29
Erin Westmoreland	04/29



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