



# Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church  
Marianna, Florida

## May 2014

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Worship      8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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## MAY: A MONTH TO REMEMBER

When I think about the month of May, I think about a month filled with memories.

In the Little Brick Presbyterian Church (yes, that was its name) where I grew up, Mother's Day was a Sunday second only to Easter. Everyone dressed up in their Spring finery, and everyone wore a rose or a carnation. Red flowers represented living mothers. White flowers represented deceased mothers. There was a couple in the church, Mr. and Mrs. Cox, who grew beautiful roses. If you hadn't been to the flower shop, you might stop by their home on the way to church, and beg, borrow, or steal a bloom or a bud or two. I remember one year, the Coxes wore pink roses to church. We weren't quite sure what that meant. And another year, their roses were yellow. I think that meant that their mothers came from Texas!

I suppose I could wear a yellow rose for my mother. She was a Texan, and her Texas roots probably shaped the man that I am more than either one of us ever realized.

This is the seventh Mother's Day that I've been entitled to wear a white rose. I was going to pick one from the white rose bush at the manse. But a funny thing happened between last year and this. The bush that had beautiful pure white roses last year has beautiful dark red roses this year!

Someone told me that it is because the pH of the soil changed. Polly had packed pine straw as mulch around the bush, so maybe that accounts for it.

Or maybe it is a sign. Maybe it is a symbol. Maybe it is a reminder about resurrection, about eternal life, about the things we affirm in the Apostles Creed and in the Brief Statement of Faith. Maybe I'm supposed to remember not that my mother is dead, but that my mother is living the eternal life. Maybe I'm supposed to remember her and not mourn her. Not that I ever really did mourn her. I just miss her.

Sometime around Mother's Day, my nephew, Zach, and his wife, Hao, will have their first child. The ultrasound says the baby will be a girl. They have chosen to name their daughter after my mother, so the baby will be Lorraine Land. Probably going to call her Raine, which was a nickname my mother acquired late in life. We learned that they were expecting at the time my brother, Robert, died last November.

Do you see God at work here? Do you see new life? Do you see hope? Do you see resurrection? Do you see the white rose of death becoming the red rose of life?

We're doing something different in church on Sunday, this Eastertide. We're lighting the Paschal candle every week, to remind us that Easter is a season, not a Sunday. Easter isn't over yet.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And in His rising is our hope.

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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:

May 4: Jesus Resists Temptation *Deuteronomy 6:13-16; Matthew 4:4-11*

May 11: Jesus' Mission on Earth *Luke 4:14-21*

May 18: Jesus' Teaching on the Law *Matthew 15:1-11, 15-20*

May 25: The Great Commandment *Leviticus 19:18; 6:4-9; Mark 12: 28-34 Deuteronomy*

# THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS MISSING A NEW BOOK

“Christopher Bear’s Anytime Prayers” by Leena Lane for children.

Please check your home library and bring the book back to the church library so other children can also read the book.

Library is still closed until another computer replaces the one in the library and I have entered all the book titles, etc. into that computer.

Thank you,  
Mary Wierman  
Church Librarian

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## Ladies Circles Meet on May 5

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on Monday, May 6. This will be the final circle meetings until fall.

**Circle 1** at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor followed by a salad luncheon in the fellowship hall.

**Lunch Bunch Circle** at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Joyce Hand

**Circle 2** at 4 p.m. followed by a covered dish supper in the fellowship hall



## Youth Group Car Wash

The Youth Group will be having a car wash on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. until noon. It will be at the Quick Way Car Wash on the corner of Jefferson and Deering Streets. This will be their last fundraiser for their trip to the Montreat Youth Conference this summer.

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### **MONTREAT HAS A CRITICAL NEED FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS**



**FOR WEEKS 1 AND 2 OF YOUTH CONFERENCE THE FIRST  
TWO WEEKS OF JUNE**

The youth who attend Montreat Youth Conferences tell us that they love small group - a place where they can fit right in and share their journey of faith with their peers. They need outstanding small group leaders to facilitate this important experience - perhaps it's YOU they need!

In addition to leading a group of 20-30 young people and adults:

- you may be asked to volunteer for conference tasks, recreation, etc.
- you'll be reimbursed for travel expenses (based on the conference center travel policy);
- you'll receive on-site lodging and meals;
- child care is available, although lodging and meals for children and other family members is the responsibility of the leader.

To be a Small Group Leader you must be a member of the church. Small Group Leaders must be 21 years of age by the time their conference begins. Training for Small Group Leaders is mandatory on the Saturday afternoon before the conference begins. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call at 800-572-2257, x-327. More information is also available on the Montreat website <http://www.montreat.org/young/sgl>.

## Wednesday Night Covered Dish Suppers Continue

The Wednesday night covered dish continues to be a great time of fellowship and study. We are listening to a study of 11 parables of Christ. Dinner begins about 6:30 and the DVD lesson right afterwards. Join in as we get over the Hump Day blues.

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### PALS Luncheon on May 20



The PALS Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 20 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).

Joy Lewis has volunteered to prepare the meal. Come and join us for the last Luncheon before summer break and bring a friend.

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### Playground Renovations Completed

As coordinator of the Playground Renovation for the Property and Operations Committee, which is now about complete except for a good grass cutting which will happen soon. I want to thank some folks, especially for work they have done for and to the playground. First I would like to thank all of those who came out on the work days to help, whether it was for a few hours or all day. Then there was Steve Hutton who got the 100 yards of mulch delivered and brought us a load of dirt to be used to fill in the low spots. And if it wasn't for Jeff Hinson with the donation of his tractor with a front end loader, we would still be out there moving mulch. Many thanks to Mary Lu Andreu for everything you donated to make the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Playground look so good, even the thick packet of the Federal Guidelines for playgrounds that I had to go through. Thanks to Everyone – we really have something that we can be proud of as a church and that the children will enjoy for a long time.

E. L. McNeill

## **LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER**

Susie and Alan Barber invite all the ladies of the Church to baby shower honoring Amanda Ledbetter, daughter-in-law of Susie and Alan Barber. Amanda and Perry are expecting a baby boy in June. The shower will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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### **Church Administrator Out of the Office**

Valerie Marlow, our Church Administrator, will be out of the office May 13, 14, 15, and 16 for continuing education as she attends the Florida Regional Administrative Personnel Association (PCUSA) Conference, May 14-17 at First Presbyterian Church of Del Ray Beach, Florida. She will be attending educational classes to conclude her Level III Certifications and also serves as the Communications Chairperson and serves on the Nominating committee.

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### **Do You Have Children or Grandchildren Graduating?**



If you have children or grandchildren who will be graduating from College or High School, please forward the information to the church office at 526-2430 or [firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net](mailto:firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net).



## 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, Blanche Eleen Roos, JoAnn Holm, Lottie Fite and Alyne Pitman

**Memorials** in memory of Larry Nelson, Charlene Garraway, Lottie Fite and Christine Crews

**Honorarium** to the Food Pantry in honor of Andy Anderson

**Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund** were given by Alex and Joy Lewis, Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs, Huw and Rachel Christopher, Chuck and Cindy Morgan, John and Alma Milton, Robert and Beverly Hinson, Bill and Jean Boyenton, Frankie Stewart, Betty Hatcher, Toni Nowell, Joanne Wynn, Linda Joy Gilbert, Hanni Daffin, Louise Daffin and Richard and Betty Joyce Hand.

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**The sympathy of the Church** is extended to the family of Julia Holmes who died on April 25, 2014.



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**Homebound Members and Friends:**

Eileen Drew  
Ruth Sherrell  
Doris Irwin  
Louise Hoy

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

Jackie Parramore  
Daun Crews (Tallahassee)  
Stanley Littleton  
Edith Griffith

**Signature Health at the Rehabilitation Center:**

Raynell Morris  
Ilene Culpepper  
Bert Andrews





**Our Prayer Calendar:** Rosemary Hand Battle (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Daun Crews, Mary Schmidt, Jeff Hinson and Family, Louise Pumphrey, Stanley Littleton, Bill Ansley (requested by Joe Busby and Scott Yant), Joan Byrd (requested by Dot Carpenter), Kena Nelson, Bill Nelson (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 Lan and Sylvia Grandal (requested by Mary Schmidt).

**Please remember those serving in our 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

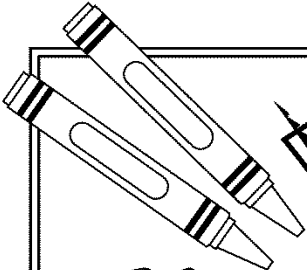
Tom Abney in Afghanistan ( son-in- law of Larry and Jackie Spivey)

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REMEMBER



**SUNDAY, MAY 11**



# PUZZLE

## Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

### MOTHERS

### CHILDREN

Eve <sup>31</sup> .....	bore .....	Cain, Abel and Seth <sup>11</sup>
Sarah <sup>23</sup> .....	bore .....	Isaac <sup>18</sup>
Rebekah <sup>7</sup> .....	bore .....	Jacob and Esau <sup>27</sup>
Rachel <sup>13</sup> .....	bore .....	Benjamin and Joseph <sup>15</sup>
Leah <sup>12</sup> .....	bore .....	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah <sup>31</sup>
Zilpah <sup>44</sup> .....	bore .....	Gad and Asher <sup>39</sup>
Bilhah <sup>34</sup> .....	bore .....	Dan and Naphtali <sup>28</sup>
Jochebed <sup>19</sup> .....	bore .....	Moses <sup>29</sup>
Naomi <sup>2</sup> .....	bore .....	Mahlon and Kilion <sup>32</sup>
Ruth <sup>14</sup> .....	bore .....	Obed <sup>5</sup>
Hannah <sup>26</sup> .....	bore .....	Samuel <sup>21</sup>
Bathsheba <sup>10</sup> .....	bore .....	Solomon <sup>42</sup>
Elizabeth <sup>3</sup> .....	bore .....	John the Baptist <sup>9</sup>
Mary <sup>6</sup> .....	bore .....	Jesus <sup>16</sup>
Eunice .....	bore .....	Timothy <sup>4</sup>



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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ..... 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

21 22 23 24 25 W 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 P 44

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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV



## RULING ELDER OF THE MONTH

**Gina Stuart**

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Jack Peacock	May 3
Olivia Watford	May 3
Trey Stevens	May 4
Andrew Law	May 5
Katie Moore	May 5
Valerie Marlow	May 5
Ernest McNeill	May 6
Matt Milton	May 7
Marsha Rodgers	May 7
Elizabeth Watford	May 7
Erin Christopher	May 9
Nancy McMullin	May 9
RuthAnne Allen	May 11
Colton Hinson	May 11
Dorothy Long	May 13
Phil McCrary	May 15
Daun Crews	May 20
Eva Marie Stafford	May 21
Ron Goold	May 22
Deck Milton, Jr.	May 22
Cori Christopher	May 25
Albert Milton	May 25
Richard Hand	May 28
John Lawson	May 29

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

May 4 Tom and Joan Stadskev  
May 11 Jim and Eileen Drew  
May 18 Betty Pettis  
May 25 Nancy McMullin and Keri Loving

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