



Newsletter

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WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN JUNE?

The poet who wrote those words was English. England in June is at its best. Florida in June is something else again. Heat, humidity, afternoon thundershowers, abound.

There are some special things happening at First Presbyterian Church of Marianna in June.

June 1, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and we will also receive the 2014 Confirmation Class, four youngsters who have spent several weeks studying what it means to be Presbyterian, and what it means to be a Christian. Jim Busby, Tatum Milton, Anna Beth Milton, and Virginia Milton will have made their public profession of faith and become full members of First Presbyterian Church by the time you read these words.

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday. Last year on Pentecost, most everyone wore red to church. I think it would be great if that became a tradition. Dr. Frank Beall will be filling the pulpit that day, because I will be at Montreat with the Youth Group. Dr. Beall is Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, and one of the most esteemed ministers of the gospel in the Presbytery of Florida. He is also a cousin (second, I believe, or first once removed) of Kitty Myers, who chairs our Worship and Music Committee, and invited Dr. Beall to fill our pulpit.

Now I know that most folks take the same Sundays off that the regular preacher does. You know what I mean. If the one you are used to hearing isn't there, you stay home, or go to the lake or the beach.

Frankly, it is an embarrassment to me as a minister of the gospel.

When we invite a guest, when we have company, we should show our best side, not our worst. We should turn out to be hospitable, to honor the one who has come to bring the word of God to us.

That should particularly be the case on June 8, not only because Frank is a great preacher, and Kitty's kinsman, but because it is Pentecost Sunday, which many folks regard as "the birthday of the church." Plan to be in church on June 8, wearing red!

June 15 is Father's Day. Now the only one of the Ten Commandments with a promise is the one about honoring one's father and mother. I've noticed that we honor our mothers and our mothers' memories, by coming to church on Mother's Day. In the church from which I retired,

Mother's Day was usually the second largest attendance Sunday of the year, after Easter.

Conversely, Father's Day is a day of low church attendance. Dad gets honored with tickets to a ball game, or with a fishing trip or a camping trip, but seldom with attendance at a worship service.

Last year, the Worship and Music Committee had a surprise gift for every father in church on Father's Day. Don't know what they've got in mind for this year. But then if I told you, it wouldn't be a surprise.

June 22, after the eleven o'clock service, there will be a chance to tour the manse, and see all of the remodeling and renovations that have been done over the last few months, to make the manse ready for that new pastor who is surely coming someday.

Lauren Milton Lyons and Amy Milton headed this project, and the transformation of the manse is amazing. Immediately following church, the manse will be open for "tours". I thought about making your church bulletin your admission ticket, but decided that would be "tacky." But plan on coming to church on the 22nd, and then come see the "new and improved" manse at 4380 River Forest Road.

June 29, we will receive our Fifth Sunday Mission Offering, to support a missionary based in Thailand, working in Myanmar, countries that have been much in the news.

I will be at the Montreat Center in North Carolina for the "Hope" Conference, sponsored by Grace Presbyterian Church of Panama City. There will be a special guest speaker. Again, a surprise, a treat, and one you won't want to miss.

Because it is a five Sunday month, June gives everyone an extra chance to come to church, to worship God, to enjoy the choir under the leadership of our **new director of music, Mandy Deese**. Mandy is doing wonders with our choir, not only leading and directing with her youth and enthusiasm, but actually teaching them something new every time they practice. Who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks?

Speaking of old dogs, this old dog has completed a year of children's ministry with the Wild Wonderful Wednesday program. What a great group of children our church has! I love them all, and they are keeping me young! And what a great group of volunteers who helped make the program a success. Aggie Schack, Larrian Bedini, Alma Milton, Beverly Hinson led the way, and others pitched in as needed, particularly with refreshments. Alexis Pueschel and Jim Busby, our teen-age volunteers, led recreation, provided discipline, were simply

the best. And the Milton sisters, Anna Beth and Virginia, were helpers as well. I've probably forgotten someone, but these are the ones that made Wild Wonderful Wednesday work.

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it, with more fun and learning for our children!

Summer is not a time to take off from church, but a time to enjoy all the varied opportunities for worship and service that our church offers.

Blessings to all those who read these words!

Your Interim Pastor, Ted Land



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:

June 1 Obey the Lord *Haggai 1:1-11*

June 8 Trust God's Promises *Haggai 1:12;2:1-9*

June 15 Live Pure Lives *Haggai 2:10-19*

June 22 Hope for a New Day *Haggai 2:20-23; Zechariah 4:5-14*

June 29 A Call to Unity *1Corinthian 1:10-17*

Pentecost Offering will be received on June 8



The Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Church goes towards ministry with children and youth. 40% of the congregations donation is to be used in ministries with children in their local community.

Our Mission and Service Committee has designated our 40% to go to the **Dogwood Acres Camp.**



Welcome to Amanda Deese Director of Music at FPC

Amanda Deese is also the owner and instructor at Studio 5:13 Academy of Music and Movement. Amanda grew up in Marianna and graduated from Marianna High School. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Music in May of 2013.

She has taught private and group lessons to all ages since 2004 and her students have gone on to be middle and high school drum majors, principal chair musicians, have placed in honor bands, achieved superiors at solo and ensemble, won music scholarships and awards and have been accepted into various music schools. Her guard students have gone on to be captains, directors, and performers in WGI and DCI. Amanda has taught music, dance, color guard and winter guard at 14 public and private high schools and colleges to date in Mississippi, Florida and Alabama. She has been a camp instructor at the USM Drum Major and Color Guard camp twice, and was the director of her own winter guard, Hattiesburg Independent. Currently, Amanda is an instructor for Magnolia Winter Guard in Hattiesburg, MS

When she isn't rehearsing, performing or teaching, Amanda goes trail riding on the horse ranch where she was raised, hangs out with her cats Anya, Beethoven and Charlie, watches crime dramas, trains for distance runs and cooks up delicious vegetarian meals. Her dream is to be a singer/songwriter in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ushers for the Sunday Morning Worship Service Needed

Please contact Kip Blighton if you would like to serve as an usher during the Sunday morning worship service.



Plan to Attend Vacation Bible School

Save the date! VBS will take place this summer from July 7-10 from 9 am - 11am. Our theme will be Experiencing God's Paradise. Break out your Hawaiian shirts and prepare to have fun!

If you have questions or are willing to help contact Lu Anne Law at luanne_law@hotmail.com or 526-3989

Wednesday Night Covered Dish Meal and Bible Lesson Continues

The Wednesday night covered dish will continue through the summer.

Jeans and boots, coat and tie, and hospital scrubs are acceptable attire. Bring a dish to share as we learn about the Bread of Life. Caution! You may enjoy the company and learn something new about your Savior.

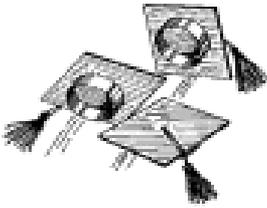
Hospitality from the Heart



To all who have assisted with the hosting of the families for Julia Holmes, Ruth Sherrel and Jackie Parramore, thank you. No names are mentioned, because their reward is forthcoming.

Are you missing an Empty Dish?

There are several lonesome dishes in the kitchen. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, but please retrieve your clean bowls for future use.



High School and College Graduates

Congratulations are extended to the following College and High School Graduates:

Kayla Willis graduates from the University of Auburn. Parents are Hanley and Jeannie Willis and grandparents are Alex and Joy Lewis.

Cheyenne Welch graduates from Marianna High School. She is the granddaughter of Ron and Willie Mae Goold. She will be attending Chipola College.

Andrew Hand Fletcher graduates from Upson Lee High School in Thomaston, Ga. He is the grandson of Richard and Betty Joyce Hand.

Angie Caitlyn Carpenter graduates with honors from Marianna High School. Caitlyn has been enrolled at Chipola College for two years and plans to continue on to work toward her chosen field as a speech pathologist and will transfer to a four year college to complete her studies. Caitlyn is the daughter of Tom and Angie and granddaughter of Fred and Dot Carpenter.

Charles Carroll Landrum III graduated from Florida State University on December 13, 2013 with a degree of Masters of Science with a major in International Affairs with a concentration in Public Administration. Chase is the son of Lori Carpenter Landrum and Charles Landrum II and the grandson of Fred and Dot Carpenter (and cousin to Caitlyn).

James Burleson, husband of Whitney Ward, graduated with honors from Florida State School of Law on May 10th in Tallahassee, Florida. He is the son-in-law of Laurie and Allen Ward.

Chin Lam, daughter-in-law of Huw and Rachel Christopher, graduated from Cal-State, Fullerton, California with a Doctor of Education in Educational Learning degree on Sunday, May 18, 2014.

News From Property & Operations Committee

.....We want to thank Guy Green for the use of his tractor to move our playground dirt pile and spreading of the dirt pile.

Now that some grass has got hold within the fenced area we also say Thanks to Capps Lawn Service who has really made that area look nice with the grass cutting and picking up the twigs and fallen limbs -- Good job guys.

For now, the playground project is complete.

Ernest McNeill

Food Pantry News



During the month of February our food pantry served 548 families consisting of the following age groups 99(0-5), 143(6-12), 119(13-18), 74(19-25), 119(26-39), 209 (40-55)) and 454(55+) for a total of 1217

Food Pantry 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 or Betty Pettis, Mission and Service Chairperson at pettisbetty@yahoo.com for more information.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who work in the pantry

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.

Food Pantry Volunteer Training

**Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church**

Anyone interested or curious about volunteering is invited to attend. For further information contact Melissa Krebeck, Pantry Coordinator at fpcpantry@earthlink.net.



Memorials and Honorari

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, Julia Holmes, Lottie Fite, Alyne Pitman, Virgil Oswald, Sr., Ruth Sherrel and Jackie Parramore.

Memorials in memory of Lottie Fite, Ruth Sherrel and Jackie Parramore

Montreat Youth Fund in memory of Lottie Fite

Alyne Pitman Scholarship Fund in memory of Alyne Pitman

Choir Fund in memory of Virgil D. Oswald, Sr.

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by Alex and Joy Lewis, Huw and Rachel Christopher, Chuck and Cindy Morgan, Robert and Beverly Hinson and Hazel Nelson.

The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to the family of Ruth Sherrel who died on May 16 in Marianna.

The **Sympathy of the Church** is extended to the family of Jackie Paramore who died on May 20 in Winter Park, Florida.

Homebound Members and Friends:

Eileen Drew
Doris Irwin
Louise Hoy

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:

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), Richard Hand, Daun Crews, Mary McLure Clark, 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 Land and Sylvia Grandal (requested by Mary Schmidt).

Please remember those serving in our military:

Wayne Busby
Jarred Roberts (Son of Lou and Kathy Roberts) at Camp Pendleton, California
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)

Devotional Literature Available

Copies of the new ***Our Daily Bread*** for June, July and August are 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.

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JUNE 15**





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BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Brianna McKeen	June 1
Chelsey McCrary	June 2
John W. Milton	June 2
Ilene Culpepper	June 4
Carol Maxson	June 12
Pam Fuqua	June 13
Leigh Reddoch	June 14
Perry Ledbetter	June 14
Joy Hinton	June 17
Paige Lawson	June 18
Barry Stafford	June 18
Alexis Pueschel	June 22
Cindy Yant	June 23
Jason Law	June 24
Syntha Alvarez	June 25
Buddy Bannerman	June 25
Colin Kish	June 27
Lauren Lyons	June 27
Melissa Krebeck	June 30



Flowers for the Month of April are provided by:

June 1	Louise Daffin
June 8	Betty Hatcher
June 15	Father's Day - Kip and Betty Blighton
June 22	Gene and Ethel Pelt
June 29	Alex and Joy Lewis

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