



Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church
Marianna, Florida

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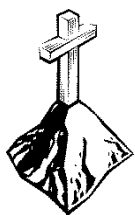
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THE MONTH OF PURIFICATION

In Latin, the word *februum* means purification. The month February is derived from that word.

To the Romans, it was a month of purification, a time of a ritual purification ceremony that was held on February 15.

I think our Ash Wednesday and Lenten observances had their roots in the Februum of the Romans, thus making them yet another set of pagan ceremonies that the early church “baptized”, adopted, and made a part of our Christian tradition.

Lent begins in February most years. This year, it begins with Ash Wednesday on the 18th. I don’t know yet whether we’ll have an Ash Wednesday service, or not. But we will have Lenten Luncheons! For many Christians, Lent is a time of fasting. We Presbyterians are slow to fast.

I remember in West Virginia the three churches whose Sessions I moderated always had a joint Ash Wednesday service in the smallest church, at Smithers. After the service, we would adjourn to the Fellowship Hall in the church basement, and let me tell you it was not a time of fasting. Or of self-denial.

February is a short month. Longer next year than this. And Lent starts late. So we only have ten days in the month of purification to accomplish the task. But wait! Lent runs all through March, so we’ve got time to repent, to deny our selves, to purify ourselves.

Or we could do like the Romans, and do it all on one day!

But really, we don’t have to do anything to purify ourselves. First of all, we could never accomplish the goal: we could never wash away our sins.

But someone has done it for us. Someone has purified us. Someone has washed away our sins. And his name is Jesus.

And all we do in Lent, in Holy Week, on Easter, is a reminder that He died for our sins, and is risen for our hope.

Hallelujah, Amen!

Interim Pastor
Ted Land



Lenten Luncheons

THE SIX GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

Our Lenten Lessons

Most people have heard of the Seven Last Words from the Cross, and have probably attended Good Friday services where those sayings of Jesus were the focus of the service. We'll have one here in our sanctuary during the first week of April, God willing.

The Six Great Ends of the Church are lesser known. They are a part of our Presbyterian heritage, a part of what makes us who and what we are as a church, as a denomination.

Those Great Ends of the Church will be the focus of our Lenten Lessons at the Lenten Luncheons which will begin on Tuesday, February 24, and continue through April 1.

Luncheons will be prepared and served by the Presbyterian Women's Circles, except for March 31, which will be the Presbyterian Men's Luncheon Day.

February 24: Wildflowers Circle

March 3: Circle 1

March 10: Circle 2

March 17: Lunch Bunch Circle

March 24: Good News Women and Susie Barber's Culinary class

March 31: Men of the Church

Everyone is invited to come and also invite your friends and neighbors. Watch your bulletin every Sunday and your weekly email newsletter for more details.



Youth Group News

The Sr. High Youth Group will be hosting a Montreat Luncheon on Sunday, February 22, 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.



Adult Education Hour

Enjoy cookies, juices, hot chocolate and coffee every Sunday prior to Education hour 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 10:45 a.m. including three classes for Adults. The Adults in the parlor will be studying:

February 1 - Feasting and Fasting *Daniel 1:5,8-17: Matthew 6:16-18*

February 8 - Serving Neighbors, Serving God *Luke 10:25-34*

February 15 - Serving the Least *Matthew 25:31-46*

February 22 – Clothed and Ready *Ephesians 6:10-20*

Wild Wonderful Wednesday Program



The WWW Childrens Program continues to be well attended on Wednesday afternoons. The Christian Education Committee thanks all of the volunteers who are helping to make this program successful:

-Aggie Schack - John and Alma Milton – Beverly Hinson
-Jim Busby – Hunter Busby
-Haley Montellanos - Anna Beth and Virginia Milton
- Darya Zaitseva, Sarah Hewett
-and our "Crafts Ladies", Toni Nowell and Hanni Daffin.

Happy Valentine's Day

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





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 Jeanette Vickery, Ruth Sherrel, Alyne Pitman, Julia Holmes, Jackie Parramore and Richard Hand.

Food Pantry in honor of Chuck and Cindy Morgan

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by The Fred and Sue McGehee Family Trust and Louise Hoy.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Group presenting Guest Speaker

Recie Culpepper, the coordinator for the Alzheimer's Project would like to invite members of the Church and friends to the Caregiver's Group scheduled for Thursday, February 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be John Kraniou, who will be presenting the topic "Long Term Care and Financial Planning."

Ladies Circle Meetings

All ladies are invited to participate in one or more of the following circle meetings on the following dates:

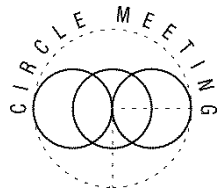
Monday, February 2

Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor

Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Monday, February 16

Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at Betty Joyce Hand





Food Pantry News

Souper Bowl of Caring

This Sunday, February 1, 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 on Sunday, February 1, Super Bowl Sunday. All proceeds will go the help feed the recipients of our Food Pantry Mission.

The Mission and Service Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who have given of their time and talents this past year. Without our volunteers and the gracious donations from the Congregation the food pantry would not be possible:

Buddy and Sharon Bannerman - Bill Boyenton – Jim and Mary Ann Gibb - Marianne Lonsinger - Kathy Milton - Donna Moore -Frankie Stewart - Ron and Willie Mae Goid - Marsha Rodgers - Ray Litteral - Bud and Mary Wierman - Matt Brickler – John and Alma Milton - Hazel Nelson - Betty Pettis - Bob Pitman - Katie Foster - Emma Smith - Jordan Strader -Tina Wilson - Natilee Milton - Jim Busby - Jordan Strader - Bonnie Bigale - Savannah McCroan - Cindy Morgan - Louise Pumphrey - Amy Norville - Rebecca Stone - Lou Ann Turner - Cricket Moore - Hunter Hutton - Fabi Hampel - Galen Olds - Alexis Pueschel - Evan Barber - Carlee Wilson - Darya Zaitseva – Beth and Bobby Beasley – Justin – Robert Arnold and the Motorcycle Club – Scott Yant

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.

Commandment #11

During the 17th century, an archbishop traveling through Scotland met theologian Samuel Rutherford but kept his identity secret. Rutherford invited the man to stay with him. When Mrs. Rutherford gathered the servants on Saturday to prepare for worship the next day, the guest joined in and was asked a basic question: “How many commandments are there?”

When the guest replied “11,” Mrs. Rutherford said, “What a shame it is for you, a man with gray hairs, in a Christian country, not to know how many commandments there are!”

The next morning, Rev. Rutherford went out in the woods to pray and heard his guest doing likewise. When he discovered the archbishop’s identity, Rutherford invited him to preach that morning. The archbishop’s topic? The 11th commandment, based on Jesus’ words in John 13:34 – “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another” (ESV).

Covered Dish Suppers Continue



The congregation is reminded that the Covered Dish Suppers are continuing every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall followed by Bible Study. They are currently reviewing the Book of Genesis. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share, and enjoy the evening. Bring a friend.



Dennis Maxson and John Maxson (requested by Carol Maxson, Destry Burch (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Paul Burns (requested by Ernie McNeill), Louise Pumphrey, Mike Andrejko (requested by Mary Wierman), Ned Grove, Margaret McRae (requested by Betty Joyce Hand), Eleanor Houyoux, Bill Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), Will Rountree (requested by Jo-Ann Rountree), Don Morris (requested by Jim Gibbs), Matt Lein, Gina Stuart, James Carpenter (Freddie's brother), Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, Kena Nelson, JoAnn Rountree, Dr. Wade Crankshaw (requested by Rev. Ted Land), Piper Montana Smith (niece of Polly Land), Millie Sica, Julie Stadskev and James Griffin.

Homebound Members and Friends:

Eileen Drew
Doris Irwin
Louise Hoy
Joy Gilbert

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town:

Daun Crews (Tallahassee)
Edith Griffith (Dothan)

Signature Health at the Rehabilitation Center:

Raynell Morris Ilene Culpepper

Please remember those serving in our military:

Wayne Busby (son of Joe and Ginny Busby) at Naval Station in Rota, Spain

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

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





**Elder of the Month
Larry Spivey**

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- Julien Cumming 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 Feb. 25
- Charles LaFontaine Feb. 26
- Laura Lonsinger Feb. 26
- Ashley Swearingen Feb. 26
- Amy Rehberg Feb. 26
- Carolyn Wilson Feb. 27

Sanctuary Flowers in February are given by:

- Feb 1 Barry and Jennifer Stafford
- Feb 08 Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs
and Frankie Stewart
- Feb 15 Ernie and Fran McNeill
- Feb 22 Don and Charlotte Hunter

Sanctuary Flowers



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