



Newsletter

First Presbyterian Church
Marianna, Florida

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THANKSGIVING
MESSAGE



Thanksgiving in other lands

We tend to think of Thanksgiving as a holiday unique to the United States. But America's neighbors to the north and south celebrated it even earlier than the Pilgrims' famed meal in 1621.

Did you know that:

Canada's first Thanksgiving feast, held by English explorer Martin Frobisher, occurred in Newfoundland in 1578. The country's Thanksgiving observance is now on the second Monday in October, with holiday fixings that are similar to those enjoyed by Americans.

In Mexico in 1598, a large group of explorers, soldiers and Franciscans traveled on sand dunes in what's now the American Southwest. They were running low on water, so when they reached the Rio Grande, they expressed gratitude to God by feasting on fish, duck and geese. No official date is set for Thanksgiving celebrations in Mexico.

People of all nationalities have been giving thanks to God for as long as we've been on the earth.

November is also the month we celebrate and acknowledge our Veteran's. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

God Bless our Veteran's

Peace be with you,

Valerie Marlow

Church Administrator

Heritage Sunday in Review

We give thanks to God for the life and faith of all who have shared faithfully in God's work. We are grateful for the **Memorials and Special Gifts**, which have been given to the church since November 1, 2014:

Gifts to the 1835 Fund in memory of:

Lynn T. Keen – Richard Hand - Larry Nelson - Christine Crews - Ruth Sherrel

Gifts to the Food Pantry in honor of:

Andy Anderson - Chuck and Cindy Morgan

Gifts to the 1835 Endowment Fund were given by:

Jack Brown, Jr. &	Fred & Sue
Drucilla Brown	McGeheeTrust
Robert & Jeanne Cowen	Ernest & Frances McNeill
Carolyn Creasey	John & Vikki Milton
Joe & Rosie Gay	John Milton, V & Alma
Mary Lynn Hancock	Milton
Robert & Beverly Hinson	Chuck and Cindy Morgan
Louise Hoy	Jack & Peggy Peacock
	Roger Stevens

The following gifts were given to the Church Sanctuary by Toni Nowell:

Linen Communion Table Cloth embroidered with 5 crosses
Pre-lit Christmas tree with blue tree skirt and Chismons
Brass Base for Advent Wreath and Paschel Candle
Paschel Candle – Christ Candle
Brass Candle Followers for Advent Wreath
Custom made storage cabinet in Old Pastor's Study
Nativity Set
Refurbished Brass Vases and White Paraments

Gifts to our **1835 Endowment Fund** may be made anytime throughout the year. If you would like to make a gift to this fund in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the office at 850-526-2430 for information

Guest Preachers for the Month of November

The **Worship and Music Committee** has acquired Guest Preachers for the month of November.

November 1 – Rev. Dr. Pamela Phillips

November 8 – Rev. Bill Lee

November 15 – Chaplain Taylor Phillips

November 22 – Ruling Elder Ben Powell

November 29 – Rev. Dr. Bruce Chapman



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:

November 1

God Releases the Captive *Acts 12:1-11*

November 8

God Makes No Distinction *Acts 15:1-12*

November 15

From Derbeto Philippi *Acts 16:1-5, 8-15*

November 22

Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens *Acts 17:1-4, 10-12, 22-25, 28*

November 29

Teaching God's Word *Acts 18:1-11, 18-21*

Montreat Youth Group News

The Youth Group will be having their November Montreat Luncheon on Sunday, November 8. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy fellowship with our youth and church family. Please come and join us.



Montreat Group



**LOCAL MISSION
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY
AT DOGWOOD ACRES**

There are many ways that you can help Presbytery's Outdoors Ministry, and for the rest of the fall and winter there will be one day a month set aside for folks who enjoy getting out into nature and helping with hands-on projects. These will be supervised work days planned for individuals and/or small groups. Activities will range from trail blazing to painting, to carpentry projects, landscaping and gardening, and general maintenance. Whether you have a teen that needs to put in volunteer hours, a Sunday school class that loves to get out and do things together, or are an individual that just wants to support our ministry, please consider signing up for a day at Dogwood Acres. James Vance, DWA Ministry Team Chair will supervise on the following days. Please email him at jvance49@comcast.net to let him know the kinds of things you feel comfortable helping with. He keeps a list of a variety of projects and will customize the day's work to fit your abilities.

Friday November 13
Saturday December 12
Tuesday January 19
Saturday February 20
Thursday March 17

Ladies Circle Meetings

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



Monday, November 2
Circle 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor
Circle 2 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Monday, November 16
Lunch Bunch Circle at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Joyce Hand

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Our Prayer Calendar: Jeff Allen (requested by Hazel Nelson), Destry Burch and Fletcher Dunaway (requested by Mary Bevis Schmidt), Abby Reed (requested by Mary Wierman), George McMullin (requested by Nancy

McMullin, Bob Ward and Michael Ward (requested by Mary Wierman), Kena Nelson (requested by Hazel Nelson), Marie Lanier (requested by Joy Lewis), Harold and Tammy Pumphrey (requested by Louise Pumphrey), Louise Pumphrey, Gina Stuart, Joy Gilbert, Daun Crews, Stanley Littleton, JoAnn Rountree.

Homebound Members and Friends:

Eileen Drew
Doris Irwin
Joy Gilbert

Homebound Members and Friends Out of Town

Daun Crews (Tallahassee)
Edith Griffith (Dothan)
Louise Hoy

Signature Health at the Rehabilitation Center:

Ilene Culpepper

Remember those serving in the Military:

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

Jarred Roberts (Son of Lou and Kathy Roberts) in the Marine Expeditionary Unit

Tyler Schaeffer (grandson of Valerie Marlow) at Tyndall AFB

Destiny Schaeffer (granddaughter of Valerie Marlow) at Goodfellow AFB, Texas

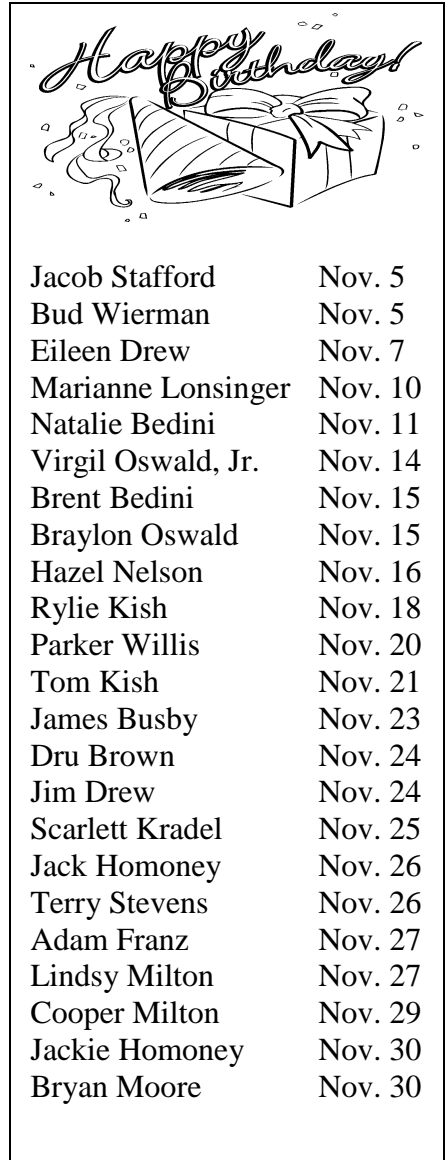


Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2 at 2 a.m. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

November

Elder of the Month Scott Yant Church Session



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Jacob Stafford	Nov. 5
Bud Wierman	Nov. 5
Eileen Drew	Nov. 7
Marianne Lonsinger	Nov. 10
Natalie Bedini	Nov. 11
Virgil Oswald, Jr.	Nov. 14
Brent Bedini	Nov. 15
Braylon Oswald	Nov. 15
Hazel Nelson	Nov. 16
Rylie Kish	Nov. 18
Parker Willis	Nov. 20
Tom Kish	Nov. 21
James Busby	Nov. 23
Dru Brown	Nov. 24
Jim Drew	Nov. 24
Scarlett Kradel	Nov. 25
Jack Homoney	Nov. 26
Terry Stevens	Nov. 26
Adam Franz	Nov. 27
Lindsay Milton	Nov. 27
Cooper Milton	Nov. 29
Jackie Homoney	Nov. 30
Bryan Moore	Nov. 30

Sanctuary Flowers in October are given by

Nov. 01	Toni Nowell
Nov. 08	Ralph and Janie Pulliam
Nov. 15	Open
Nov. 22	Amanda Hinson
Nov. 29	Advent

Sanctuary Flowers



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