



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM
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LIMITED RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE WORSHIP

A Message From Your Pastor

The Session (Elders) voted to move into a temporary "Phase One" of re-opening our church buildings. We will begin to worship physically together on Sunday, June 7th. The health and safety of anyone potentially coming into our church buildings is of utmost importance and remains a priority to us. We all have a deep longing to return to our church campus and to find a sense of belonging. The Church is important to us and we love being together as a family! Even so, remember that churches are not closed, only buildings. MANY are re-opening in a fashion as we are; many are not opening till at least July.

In the meantime, we will continue to have worship on Facebook live on Sundays as well as on WJAQ radio at 11:00 a.m. (Pastor John's Facebook live message is at 6:30—7:00 a.m.) We will continue to have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and Monday Prayer Meeting at 2:00 p.m. — all on Zoom.

We will get through this! Together!

A Message From Your Elders

We recognize that some of our members long for face-to-face worship. The Session voted to begin holding a limited face-to-face worship service. This will not be like the worship services that we have experienced in the past. The following guidelines have been set by the Session in an effort to mitigate risk. That being said, there is always a risk of being exposed to and contracting communicable diseases such as COVID-19 in our church setting. We encourage you to assess your situation and make the best decision for you and your family's continued health and wellbeing.

Guidelines

1. People who are 65 or older are encouraged to continue to worship via the online platform until further notice.
2. People who have pre-existing conditions are encouraged to continue to worship via the online platform until further notice.
3. Everyone who enters the worship service will be checked for fever using an infrared temperature gauge.
4. Masks are highly encouraged. We request that you bring your own mask. If you do not have a mask, we will have some available for you to use.
5. Congregants will be required to sit 6 feet apart from people who are not in their family group.
6. There will be no singing, as singing has been found to spread minuscule particles that may contain virus to a greater extent. Other forms of music shall be incorporated into the service.

Children's Programs

There will be NO face-to-face programs, such as Wee Worship or the Children's Sermon, for our children at this time.



GIVING IS DOWN.....

...but, given the current circumstances, that is quite understandable. Unfortunately, even though we have not been holding services and other activities in the church building, most of our expenses are recurring ones every month. Please remember that we have several options for you to choose from and we do thank you for the effort that you have made during this trying time to keep your church's finances in order.

- 1. You may mail a check to the Church at the 4437 Clinton address.**
- 2. You may put a check through the slot in the front door of the church office.**
- 3. You may give online. (www.firstpresmarianna.org) Just click on "Give" in the upper right corner of the Home page and then follow the instructions.**

Offering
giving back to God

Congratulations To our Graduates

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this is a very frustrating and disappointing time for Graduates. However, schools are doing what they can under the circumstances and it would be best for all if we encourage our graduates. Just think of the stories they will have to tell to future generations about the year of their graduation!!! I (Connie) have most definitely been impressed by some of the unique ways parents and schools have been honoring their graduates! It is a tough time, but this too shall pass.

Marianna High School

Hunter Busby
Anna Beth Milton

Florida State University

Evan Barber
Justin Lyons
Carlee Wilson





We offer deep sympathy and prayers for the following as they grieve the loss of family members:

1. Charlton and Elaine Keen on the death of his sister, Julia Keen, March 11th (Tallahassee).
2. Mary Bevis Schmidt on the death of her sister, Linda Bevis, April 26th (nieces Mel Mclure Clarke and Syntha Alvarez)
3. Family and friends of Ginny Harris, May 1st. On Saturday, May 23rd there was a brief outside service for Ginny as we placed her ashes in the niche with her husband, Frank, who died 10 years ago.
4. Jeff and Amy Norville on the death of Jeff's brother-in-law, George Webster. (78 years young—Weston, FL)

STANLEY LITTLETON

We are all saddened by the death of our STANLEY LITTLETON who died Saturday, May 23rd. I am so grateful we honored him last August 11th and Stanley thought that event was very healing and affirming and brought him much peace and contentment. He was our friend and church organizer for 35 official years. There are many wonderful tributes to Stan on his Facebook page.

Will Roundtree and Pastor John are in charge of his remains. He will be cremated and placed in our church Columbarium.

Can you imagine how Stanley's music beautified and enriched so many worship services including weddings, funerals and baptisms! He was intelligent, witty and a good theologian. He is now in heaven with Jo Ann and his sister Elizabeth.

We want you to be quite certain about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, as the others who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus. God will bring them with Him. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians Chapter 4





Fran McNeill

Ise Daffin

Christine Yoshikawa

Christine Yoshikawa's parents (Abraham and Elizabeth)

Debbie Johnson (Cindy Yant's Aunt)

James and Jodi McGill (Our Missionaries)

Charlotte Hunter

Cindy Yant

Bud Wierman

Jimmy Trawick

Dr. Megan Johnson (Wamsley's Niece)

Ernie McNeill

Ruth Hammett (Scott Yant's Mother)

Charlton Keen Jr.

Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)

Zooey Chancey (requested by Ginger Green)

Jeff Yon (requested by Scott Yant)

Wesley Wiggins (requested by Aggie Schack)

Billy Herrington (requested by Jared Roberts)

Mike Barber and Family

Joy Gilbert

Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)

Melanie McCroan

Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)

Michael Schouest and Family ((requested by Kathy Roberts)

Dennis Maxson

Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Clark)

Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan's brother)

Steven Quigley

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-25

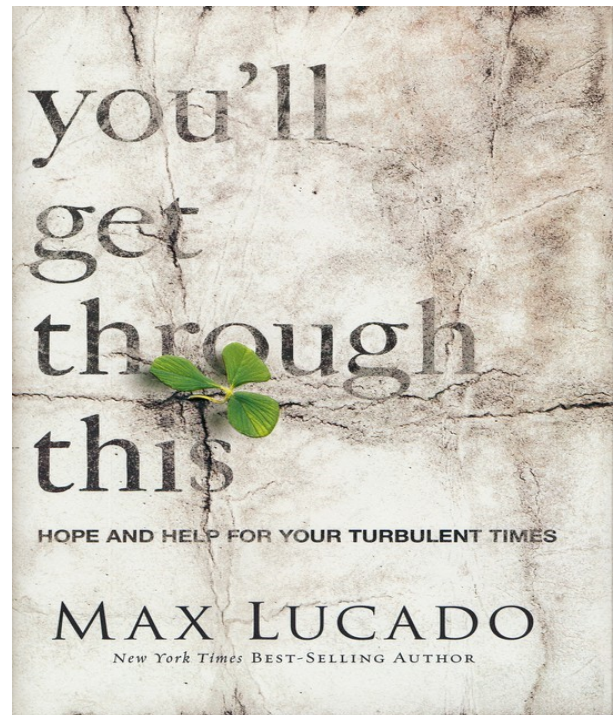
Due to the current situation with COVID-19, VBS will be a virtual experience.

Please stay tuned for more information about how that will work.

The virtual experiences for other activities/events have been very successful, so we are also looking forward to a successful virtual VBS.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY



EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m.

We have been very successful doing our Bible Study on Zoom and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

We are using Max Lucado's book "you'll get through this". This is a great resource for "Hope and help for your turbulent times."

"You'll get through this. It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good. In the meantime, don't be foolish or naïve. But don't despair either. With God's help, you will get through this."

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN IN
ON OUR BIBLE STUDY.

COME JOIN US!

FOOD PANTRY

Melissa, along with her son, Zachary Taylor, and Joe Busby, Amy Norville, Chloe Temples and Linda Wamsley have been keeping our Food Pantry going during the COVID-19 “shutdown” with a drive by system so that people would feel “safe” to come and pick up the food they so desperately need. What a great way to continue ministering to the needs of others.



We also want to be sure to say Thank You to the Southern Craft Creamery for providing our Food Pantry with milk to hand out to our patrons. It was such a blessing for them.





YOUR ELDERS

Class of 2020

Tina Bigale
Leslie Kelley
John W. Milton
Scott Yant

Class of 2021

Janet Howell
Travis Lawson
Larry Spivey
Barry Stafford

Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson
LuAnne Law
Bryan Milton
Matt Milton

YOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administration — 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm

Christian Education — 3rd Sunday at 9 am

Congregational Care — 4th Wednesday at
Noon

Evangelism & Fellowship — 3rd Tuesday at
6 pm

Property & Operations — as needed

Worship & Music — 4th Sunday at 12:15

Mission & Service — 2nd Sunday at 8:45 am

YOUR COMMITTEES

Administration

Chair: John W. Milton
Members: Chuck Morgan, Beth Westmoreland,
Larry Spivey

Christian Education

Chair: LuAnne Law
Members: Jim Gibbs, Mary Ann Gibbs, Ashley
Rackley

Congregational Care

Chair: Jan Howell
Members: Alma Milton, Andrew Tinsley, Gina
Tinsley, Muriel Turner

Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson
Members: Lauren Lyons, Geriann Milton,
Peggy Peacock, Jennifer Stafford

Property and Operations

Chair: Scott Yant
Members: Mary Lu Andreu, Mel McClure Clark,
John W. Milton, Matt Milton, Chuck
Morgan, Xylpha Schwehm, Barry
Stafford

Worship and Music

Chair: Bryan Milton
Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,
Kenneth Kelley, Anna Beth Milton,
Tom Stadskev, Linda Wamsley,
Beth Westmoreland

Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton
Members: Sharon Bannerman, Tina Bigale,
Mary Ann Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers
Litteral, Marianne Lonsinger, Travis
Lawson



June 2nd

Chelsey McCrary

John Milton

June 11th

Carol Maxson

June 13th

Pam Fuqua

June 17th

Joy Hinton

June 18th

Paige Lawson

Barry Stafford

June 22nd

Alexis Pueschel

June 23rd

Cindy Yant

June 24th

Jason Law

June 25th

Syntha Alvarez

Buddy Bannerman

June 27th

Lauren Lyons

*These are the birthdays that we
are currently aware of.*

*If your June
birthday is not listed, please
contact
the Church Office so we can
update our list.*