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**July, 2021**



Just these lines this new month...to share with you, as promised last month.....

#### How a Presbyterian Church Calls A New Pastor

1. The congregation elects a Nominating Committee which nominates for congregational election a slate of nominees to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). (LuAnne Law, Mel McLure Clark, Mary Ann Gibbs, John W. Milton and Andy Tinsley were elected on May 2nd.)
2. After election, a member of our presbytery's Committee on Ministry will be assigned to serve as a liaison with our PNC, serving as a resource throughout the process. I served on the Committee on Ministry of Tampa Bay Presbytery; and was a liaison with three churches seeking a new pastor; and my last two churches Called five associate pastors, of which I was involved. So, I will also be a resource for our PNC, as needed.
3. The PNC elects a chair (LuAnne Law) and begins work on and completes a Ministry Information Form — MIF — (Our church's demographics, the qualities for which we're looking in our new pastor, etc.) which will be used for computer matching with pastors who are open to a new Call's Personal Information Forms (Resume: what they feel are their particular gifts for ministry and that for which they're praying in their next Call).
4. The Ministry Information Form is approved by our Session and our presbytery's Committee on Ministry, and signed by our Clerk of Session and our Presbytery's COM chair; and then emailed to our denomination's Church Leadership Connection office in Louisville, Kentucky. Potential pastors will be able to see our MIF on a denomination-wide opportunity list.
5. The PNC begins to receive PIFs from Louisville, as well as perhaps self-referrals and other suggestions from those who know we're seeking a new pastor.
6. The PNC makes contact with pastors with whom they'd like to learn more and perhaps enter into conversation (emails, phone calls, facetimes, interviews, receiving dvds of sermons, calling references, perhaps a questionnaire, etc.). As there are two Session members on the PNC, our Session will be kept up-to-date as to where the PNC is in their process. The PNC will also keep our congregation apprised as to where the process is (newsletter, minutes for mission, etc.). Names of prospective pastors are never discussed.
7. At some point in the journey, the PNC will invite a top candidate or candidates (and spouse if applicable) to preach in a nearby "neutral" pulpit and visit our church campus and community, with face-to-face interview(s).

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8. At some point, the PNC will vote to extend a Call to a pastor with agreed upon Terms of Call. (Salary, professional expenses, one-half of self employment tax, PCUSA Board of Pensions medical and Pensions dues, etc.)
9. If they accept, the potential pastor will meet with our presbytery's Committee on Ministry, which also has to approve.
10. If the way be clear with number nine, the PNC informs our Session of the need to call/advertise a Congregational Meeting for the PNC to share why they feel this is the person God is Calling to our church, and for the congregation to vote on the candidate and the terms of Call.
11. If the way be clear with number ten, a timeline is established for the new pastor/family (if applicable) to move to Marianna and begin their fruitful and faithful ministries in our church, community and presbytery.
12. The PNC is thanked and often wisely continues to meet with the new pastor on some type of regular basis for a time for support, to answer questions, provide feedback, etc. to make for a smooth beginning and transition.

Let's all keep our PNC in our prayers as they are now at step five, in record time! It's a blessing for me to work with these five very dedicated disciples and Ruling Elder, Don Mowat (Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Florida) of our Lynn Haven Presbyterian Church, and to serve as your interim pastor.

As always, please let me know if I can be of pastoral support in any way with you/yours.

Until the whole world hears about Jesus,

*Raymond*

850-765-3659

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our family of faith is to worship God; to successfully nurture the spiritual growth of each person in our church family so that we experience loving fellowship, joy, and peace; and to share our love and talents with others in our community and beyond!

## PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS,

## PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

### **Q 86. What are the main features of the Presbyterian form of church government?**

There are three basic forms of government found among churches. A hierarchical or episcopal form is marked by power lodged in the office of bishop. The bishop exercises authority over churches from that office. This form of government is found in the Roman Catholic Church, Episcopal churches, and Methodist churches.

The second type of church government is the congregational form. Here, each church acts autonomously and independently of other groups. In denominations with congregational forms of government, churches may join together in a federation or seek guidance from a larger grouping of churches. But ultimate decision making rests in the local congregation. The United Church of Christ and various Congregational denominations, as well as Baptist churches, are examples of the congregational form of church government.

The Presbyterian form of government is representational. Local congregations elect a group of Elders called a session for oversight. Representatives of sessions and the clergy of churches in a particular geographical area form a presbytery. Presbyteries in a region comprise a synod. All the synods of a wide area form the General Assembly. This is a “presbyterian” form of polity (church government) because presbyteries are the governing units that exercise direct authority over churches.

Presbyterian policy is grounded in principles that emphasize the unity of the church; its government by “presbyters,” traditionally called ruling and teaching elders; and the commitment to governing bodies made up of presbyters meeting together in graduated units to the General Assembly level. Presbyters who govern are to seek the will of Christ and to decide by vote, after discussion and through majority rule. The

decisions of lower governing bodies can be reviewed by higher bodies. Presbyters are ordained only through a governing body and exercise shared power in governing the church through governing bodies. The church’s Constitution is administered through the governing bodies, which maintain a mutuality of relationships among the various church structures. Presbyterians believe this governing system is established in accord with Scripture and exists to further good order in the church while seeking to be open to God’s ongoing work in the church and in human history.

*Donald K. McKim, Author*



The Reverend Doctor  
Thomas Gibbs  
Is President-Elect of  
Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis

Our best thoughts and prayers are with our Jim and Mary Ann and all of their family as “Tommy” becomes Covenant’s sixth president July 1!

A graduate of Auburn and Covenant, Dr. Gibbs has served the past nineteen years as the Founding/Senior Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.

He and his wife, Tara, have four children — Anna Catherine, Thomas, Lucy and Caroline.

His inauguration is tentatively set for September.



## JUNE SESSION NOTES

1. Opened and closed the meeting with prayer. (Donna Moore opened and Jan Howell closed.)
2. Approved two upcoming baptisms.
3. Received the end of May financial report.
4. Heard a report from the organ committee and voted to restore our historic organ.
5. Approved our church's Ministry Information Form submitted by the PNC.
6. Interim Pastor's Report
  - A. Lunch and Learn Bible Study on the book of James averaged about twenty. Most July/early August sermons will focus on James.
  - B. Looking into a fall lunch/learn series on Jesus and the Ten Commandments — Words of Life.
  - C. Exploring a fall additional Sunday school class, an inquirers' luncheon and confirmation class.
  - D. The pastor's study spruce-up is in process.
7. Voted to confirm Chuck Morgan as Elder Emeritus.
8. Approved sending our church's giving to the Mission and Ministries of our Presbytery of Florida each month.

## GUTERMANS TO LEAD DUTCH TREAT LUNCH IN GRACEVILLE

*When Pastor Raymond was growing up in nearby Donalsonville, Ga., the local football team would sometimes play the Graceville Tigers in non-region gridiron action; which always included dinner before the game. Watch your emails for a Wednesday in late July/early August and join Raymond and Donna for good food and good Christian fellowship and fun.*

## FROM YOUR 1835 ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Your Endowment Committee Members would like to thank you for donations made in the past and to remind you that donations made to the 1835 Endowment Fund in Honor of or in Memory of someone are very much appreciated. Please make your check out to the church and designate who it is you are remembering.

A donation was made to the 1835 fund in honor of Chuck and Cindy Morgan for their years of faithfulness to our church.

A donation was made to the 1835 fund in memory of Abraham and Mona Miyuki Yoshikawa.

A donation was made to the 1835 fund in memory of Stanley Littleton.

A donation was made to the 1835 fund in memory of Eddie Andreu



# MONTREAT

## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2021

*Anna Barber, Ryan Law, Ian Spence and Eva Marie Stafford experienced Montreat Youth Conference 2021 from June 13 to 18. The theme of the conference was “Called to Connect”. They examined ways in which they could connect with God and help others connect with God. They uncovered disconnections and worked to find ways to reconnect.*

*These youth appreciate the support that our congregation gives to them each year. We look forward to sharing our week with everyone.*

*LuAnne Law & Susie Barber*



## Mission and Service Committee Seeks New Members

Our committee is meeting next on Wednesday, August 11; and we're hoping to have some additional members join with us as we pray for our current benevolences as well as for new opportunities to share the Gospel, in word and deed, with God's children here, near and far. Call Kathy Milton (850-209-8013) or Pastor Raymond (352-817-8700) for information to get involved. Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 25:37-46.

## FAITHFULNESS REPORT

Monthly need for budget	21,334
Received through June 27	<u>17,839</u>
	(3,495)
Year-to-date budget need	128,004
Year-to-date received (6/27/21)	<u>88,322</u>
	(39,682)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving, regardless of income, which keeps our church family faithful in ministry, mission, worship, Christian education, campus and manse care, repair, utilities, insurance, etal. To God be the Glory: since 1835, great things He has done, is doing and will continue to do!

## DOGWOOD ACRES SUMMER CAMP 2021

Jesus, adventures, swimming, canoeing, hiking, campfires, challenge courses, s'mores, stars, music, memories, Jesus

For information go to:

[dogwoodacres.org/summercamp](http://dogwoodacres.org/summercamp)

Or call:

Director, Ben Powell

(850-528-3575)



Brochures and registration forms are available in the Narthex. Scholarships are available.

Week 1:	June 27—July 1
Week 2:	July 11 — July 15
Week 3:	July 18 — July 22
Week 4:	July 25 — July 29



# SWEET BABY GIRL

Caroline June "CJ" Stone  
arrived as a gift from God to  
Alton and Brittany Stone  
CONGRATULATIONS!!!



## SEWING/CRAFT GROUP



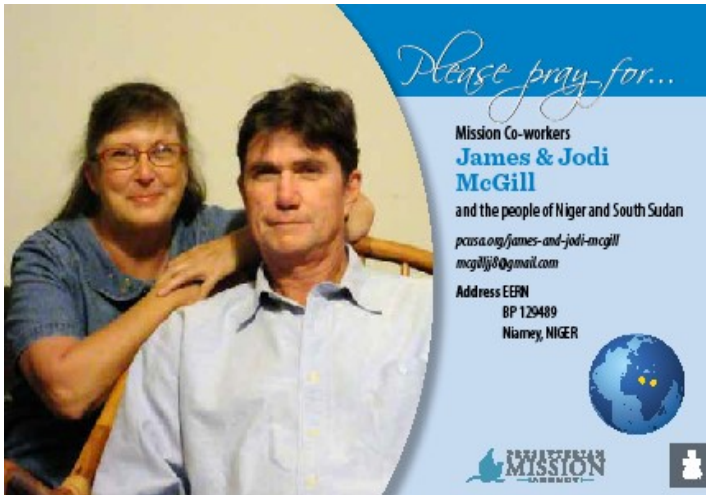
**SEWING WITH LOVE** continues meeting on  
Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church office and  
there is room for more, so please come and bring a  
friend if you'd like.

Good Fellowship Too!

**Take a look at the cute things they have been  
making! What a blessing for those who will re-  
ceive them from our local sheriff's department,  
DCF, etal.**



# PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



We specify the 5th Sunday as a special offering for missionaries, but money can be received at any time. Just mark your check appropriately so Connie will know you want the money to go to support

PCUSA Missions/The McGills

<p><b>Jim and Jodi McGill</b> <i>Service Christ together in Niger and South Sudan</i></p> <p>Jim works with both the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) in their clean water and sanitation programs. He works to ensure sustainability at the community and family levels and to make sure that the church is a strong presence in rural development. Jodi will be working in an EERN clinic in Niamey, Niger, assisting in the primary health care programs of the EERN, and will be teaching nursing students when the church's nursing school in Niamey opens.</p>	<p><b>Personal Information</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays</b> Jodi — Dec 19/Jim — Oct 26 Jason &amp; Michael — July 15 Salome — Sept 28 Selina — Oct 21 Joseph &amp; John — Aug 14</p> <p><b>Anniversary</b> May 23</p> <p><b>Accounts</b> E200385-individuals D50 6718-congregations</p>
<p><i>"Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:8</i></p>	
<p>Give: <a href="http://pcusa.org/give/E200385">pcusa.org/give/E200385</a> Give by check: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700</p>	<p>Learn more about supporting Presbyterian mission workers, Call 800-728-7228, x5611. Learn more about Presbyterian World Mission at <a href="http://pcusa.org/worldmission">pcusa.org/worldmission</a></p>

## JULY'S STEWARDSHIP VERSE

"For wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 5:21



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



***Ashley reported that VBS 2021 was a success! We appreciate all of the children who participated and the volunteers who made it happen!***





Family and friends of Buddy and Sharon Bannerman

Joy Lewis

Peggy Woodham

Cindy Yant

Buddy Bannerman (requested by Sharon)

Theresa Forehand (requested by Kenneth & Leslie Kelley)

Jane Powell

Glenna Barber (requested by Cindy Yant)

Sherry Barber (Amanda Hinson's mother)

Hedy Williams (Hanni Daffin's sister)

Ruth Hammett (Scott Yant's mother)

Fran and Ernie McNeill

Charlton Keen Jr. and niece, Kathryn Keen

Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)

Zooey Chancey (requested by Ginger Green)

Joy Gilbert

Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)

Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)

Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Clark)

Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan's brother)

Steven Quigley

Our Elders and Pastor Nominating Committee

Our church and members

Our Missionaries — Jim and Jodi McGill and children in Niger

Our men and women in the armed services and their families

People around us and all around God's world who are hurting emotionally,  
physically or financially

Our church staff





## OUR ELDERS

### Class of 2021

Janet Howell  
Travis Lawson  
Larry Spivey  
Barry Stafford

### Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson  
LuAnne Law  
Bryan Milton  
Matt Milton

### Class of 2023

Mel McLure Clark  
Donna Moore  
Aggie Schack  
Bill Stevens

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### Our 1835 Endowment Committee

Chair: Chuck Morgan  
Members: Guy Green, LuAnne Law, Amy  
Milton, John Milton V., Jack Peacock,  
Larry Spivey, Beth Westmoreland  
*Meets quarterly*

### Our Pastor Nominating Committee

Chair: LuAnne Law  
Members: Mel McLure Clark, Mary Ann Gibbs,  
John W. Milton, Andy Tinsley

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Our Church Treasurer      John W. Milton

### Our Church Staff

Raymond Guterman	Interim Pastor 352-817-8700
Kenneth Kelley	Choir Director 850-557-1198
Christine Yoshikawa	Organist
Connie Butts	Office Administrator
Melissa Krebeck	Food Pantry Coordinator

## OUR COMMITTEES

### Administration

Chair: Larry Spivey  
Members: Jan Howell, John W. Milton, Chuck  
Morgan, Beth Westmoreland  
*Will meet during summer if necessary.*

### Christian Education

Chair: LuAnne Law  
Members: Jim Gibbs, Mary Ann Gibbs, Ashley  
Rackley  
*Will meet 3rd Sunday of month at 9 a.m.*

### Congregational Care

Chair: Jan Howell  
Members: Alma Milton, Donna Moore, Andrew  
Tinsley, Gina Tinsley, Muriel Turner  
*Meets quarterly — next meeting — August 18th*

### Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson  
Members: Mel McLure Clark, Lauren Lyons,  
Gerriann Milton, Peggy Peacock,  
Jennifer Stafford

### Property and Operations

Chair: Barry Stafford  
Members: MaryLu Andreu, Mel McLure Clark,  
John W. Milton, Matt Milton, Chuck  
Morgan, Xylpha Schwehm, Scott Yant  
*Meets as needed*

### Worship and Music

Chair: Bryan Milton  
Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,  
Kenneth Kelley, Anna Beth Milton,  
Tom Stadslev  
*During summer as needed*

### Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton  
Members: Sharon Bannerman, Mary Ann  
Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers Litteral,  
Travis Lawson, Bill Stevens



# GOD'S WARRIORS

Men's Group of  
First Presbyterian Church  
Marianna, FL

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 21st

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Food,  
Fellowship  
and  
BIBLE STUDY

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Barry Stafford 850-209-1918

Our

Mission Statement:

"We are committed to being role models to one  
another and to grow in faith and service to our

Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ"

"As Iron Sharpens Iron,

One Man Sharpens Another"

Proverbs 27:17



Invite others to join in our fellowship, study  
and service. Let us be strong in the Lord  
together!

# WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton

Lesson Planner is Frankie Stewart

Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Will Meet Again in the Fall in Fellowship Hall

Study: What My Grandmothers

Taught Me

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Circle 2: Chair is Dot Carpenter

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets 1st Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Will Meet Again in the Fall in Fellowship Hall

Study: "Into The Light"

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Circle 3: The Lunch Bunch

Chair is Peggy Peacock

Lesson Planner — Rotates

3rd Monday at 11:30 a.m.

July 19th in Fellowship Hall

Study: "The Purpose Driven Life"

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The Wildflowers

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets Year Round on the

1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes.

No July Meeting

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*Each women's group has its own  
flavor and mission.*

*Find the group that fits you  
and join in!*

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# FOOD PANTRY

***“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink....”***

**Matthew 25:35**

**July 3rd**

Kathy McCrary

**July 4th**

Lu Daffin  
Tatum Milton

**July 6th**

Louise Daffin

**July 8th**

Robert Hinson

**July 13th**

John Milton V.

**July 14th**

Kathy Roberts  
Tom Wilkinson

**July 15th**

Mary Lu Andreu

**July 21st**

Matt Payne

**July 23rd**

Macky Gortemoller  
Frances McNeill

**July 26th**

Vikki Milton

**July 27th**

Beth Beasley  
Larry Spivey

**July 31st**

Jake Gunter  
Betty Hatcher



**Take a look at our  
spiffy new sign  
for our Food Pantry  
on Wednesday mornings!**

Remember to pray for the people in the community who need what we can provide via the Food Pantry. For many of them their needs go way beyond food and yet they are thankful for what we are able to provide. May we remember to ask God to care for them.