



## *First Presbyterian Church*

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Just these lines.....this fall month.....to share with you the ordination questions from our Presbyterian Book of Order which ruling elders and teaching elders (pastors) answer when we are “set apart” for service and ministry in our Lord’s church —

A. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

B. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?

C. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

D. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

E. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

F. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

G. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

H. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I. (1) (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(2) (For minister of the Word and Sacrament) Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Let’s pray for our 2021 Nominating Committee as they soon will nominate to our congregation four members to serve as Elders on our Session, Class of 2024, and for our Pastor Nominating Committee as it will some Sunday nominate our church’s next pastor.

As always, give me a call if you would like to make an appointment, have any questions, pastoral concerns, or ideas for Jesus’ family here to keep growing in faith, hope and love.

In Faith, Hope and Love!

*Raymond*

352-817-8700

## Historic FPC Organ Restoration to Begin in Three Months!

### LET'S ALL PITCH IN AS WE CAN!

We can make a one time contribution or we can stretch it out over several months. We can make our gift in honor or memory of someone special, with acknowledgements mailed from the church promptly. Be sure to designate: organ repair, for who your gift is in memory/honor, and who you'd like to receive notice with their address if they're not part of our church. Contributions are coming in weekly; and we are going to get our organ making music to glorify God and enhance our worship again.

## FPC COLUMBARIUM

More families seem to be considering cremation. If you have questions about our church's columbarium, call Beth Westmoreland (850-557-1665)

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 3

On the first Sunday of October each year, we celebrate our unity with Christian sisters and brothers throughout God's world at the table of our Lord. Our choir has a new anthem. There will be a special liturgy. Let's prepare our hearts, minds and souls to receive the Lord's supper and come — repentantly and expectantly — to leave and serve faithfully and joyfully!

## SEPTEMBER SESSION NOTES

1. Opened (Donna Moore) and closed (Aggie Schack) the meeting with prayer.
2. Re-affirmed our church's mission statement.
3. Heard reports from the Christian Education, Membership Roll and Pastor Nominating Committees.
4. Elected Beth Westmoreland as our new Clerk of Session for Membership Records.
5. Interim Pastor's Report
  - A. The new Bible study on the 10 commandments begins on 9/29.
  - B. In trying to get our membership roll updated, we're making contact with some of our folks, seeking first of all to get them re-involved, or to learn if they've joined another church family.
  - C. Pastor study remodel — ceiling will be painted this weekend; then, a small sofa, two chairs, a table and lamp will be ordered.
6. We prayed for several of our members/families experiencing particular challenges.

### PASTOR

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairperson, LuAnne Andreu Law gave an update during worship on 9/19. The PNC has prayerfully read and discussed three batches (about 10 in a batch) of PIF's (resumes) and received two self-referrals. We have ads in the October-December "Presbyterians Today" and "Presbyterian Outlook." Do you know any PCUSA pastors who are prayerfully open to a new Call? Our MIF (Ministry Information Form is 2005/ADO and can be viewed by everyone at PCUSA CLC (Church Leadership Connection). Remind Presbyterian pastors/members everywhere that we're looking — and keep praying! (Additional PNC members are Johnny Milton, Mel Lundgren, Mary Ann Gibbs, and Andy Tinsley.)

## NEWS AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Kenneth Lundgren** is a “Jack of all trades” who enjoys hunting, fishing and horseback riding. He and Mel are still celebrating their July 4 Lakeside wedding! (850-447-1755)

**Jeremy Mutz** is an attorney in Chipley and an author of mysteries set in our Florida panhandle. He enjoys writing and is in Pastor Raymond’s new Sunday school class. (863-361-7869)

### SYMPATHY

*The sympathy of our church family is extended to the family of Hazel Nelson, a longtime faithful member of FPC, including a circle and our music ministry. (Revelation 21)*

### HELP WANTED!!!

We’re looking for some people who love to sing!  
Previous experience is not required!  
Singing in the car or in the shower are evidence you may be who we’re looking for!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Different rehearsal time? Different rehearsal day?  
Child care?

Let us know what you need so you will be able to sing with us.

Share your talent, gift, your love of music  
with your church family.

[Contact your local choir director.](#)

## SEWING/CRAFT GROUP

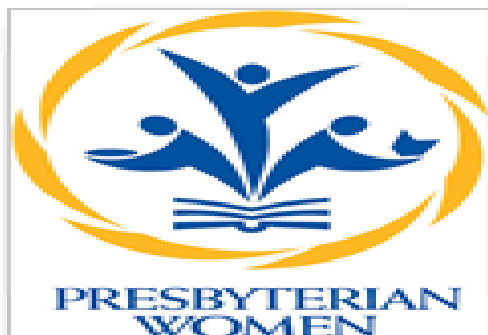


**SEWING WITH LOVE** continues meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church office, and there is room for more; so please come and join us for fellowship and mission. We are still stuffing animals and have begun knitting hats for preemies at Jackson Memorial Hospital. A portion of our giving now helps purchase stuffing and other supplies for this exciting new mission, recently featured on Channel 13 TV and in [The Jackson County Times](#).



### LEE SHOOK ON STAGE AGAIN!

*Lee was a part of the Spanish Trail Little Theatre’s (Chipley) recent production of “Bonnie and Clyde.”*



## ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR ORGAN REPAIR FUND

Addresses of our family, former members, and friends of our church, etc. are needed for a letter from Pastor Raymond.

We'd like to mail a letter early this month to all of our out of town members, former members, former pastors and members of our family, et al whom may like to support us in our worthy efforts to repair our organ, sadly silenced since 10/10/18.

Please print out, fill out this form and place in an offering plate this Sunday or email or call the church office with the information.

Friends/Family of FPC

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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(A middle-age guy in Alabama, who grew up in our church was in worship with us one Sunday in June and told Pastor Raymond that he definitely wanted to receive information about how he could help his home church restore its organ!)

### WOMEN'S GROUPS

AT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
MARIANNA, FL

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Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton

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

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Circle 2: Chair is Dot Carpenter

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

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Circle 3: The Lunch Bunch

Chair is Peggy Peacock

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets 3rd Monday at 11:30 in fellowship hall

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Circle 4: The Wildflowers

Chair is LuAnne Law

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes

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## PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

### ***“What are elders and what do they do?”***

Traditionally the term “elder” in Presbyterian churches refers either to a “teaching elder” — the minister of Word and Sacrament — or to a “ruling elder,” who is a layperson ordained to this office in a local congregation.

“Elder” is a term stretching back to Old Testament times, when the people of Israel were governed by elders (Ex.3:16; 1 Sam. 8:4). In the New Testament, persons with special gifts shared in governing and ministries in local churches (Acts 15:4; Titus 1:5). The word “elder” is an English translation of the Greek term *presbyteros* found in the New Testament. So, a “presbyterian” church is governed by elders.

Ruling elders are elected by the congregation and have responsibilities for leadership, government, and discipline in local churches and in other governing bodies, such as presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly, to which they are elected as commissioners. In these bodies, ruling elders participate and vote in parity with teaching elders. Collectively, the body of ruling elders who exercise oversight over local congregations is called the session.

The duties of the elder are to strengthen and nurture Christian faith in congregations and to exercise spiritual oversight over the life and work

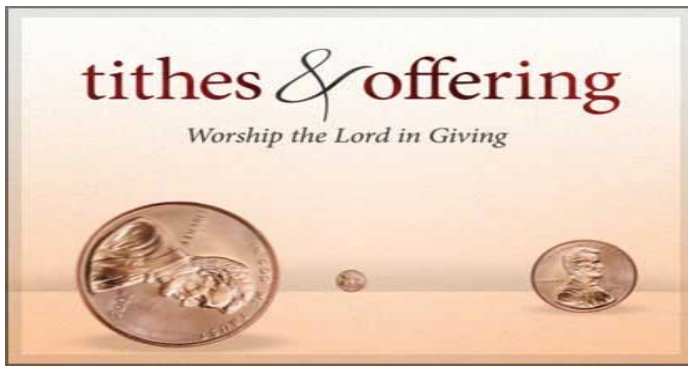
of the church. Particularly they work with the pastor for the ordering of public worship and for equipping the congregation for ministries to the world. Special circumstances may lead to elders being able to perform ministerial functions as authorized by a presbytery.

Ruling elders have exemplary duties and responsibilities by virtue of their ordination and role in the life of the church. They are to lead the congregation in enacting the law of love as they support the mission and ministry of the church through its worship, education, and service.

Further specific duties of the session are enumerated in different Presbyterian denominations. The pastor of a church serves as the moderator of the session. Many Presbyterian churches also have deacons (ordained) and trustees (nonordained) to carry out their distinctive functions. In some churches, elders also assume the duties of deacons and/or trustees.

*Donald K. McKim*





Monthly need for 2021 budget	21,334
Received through September 26	<u>12,694</u>
	( 8,640)
Year-to-date 2021 budget need	192,006
Year-to-date received (9/26/21)	<u>148,659</u>
	( 43,347)

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT



OUR MEN'S GROUP  
GOD'S WARRIORS  
WILL UPDATE US  
AS THEY DECIDE WHEN AND WHERE  
TO MEET



Joy Lewis on the death of her sister, Donna O'Bryan  
Shelby Vlieg (requested by Ellie Lawson)  
David Hand (Betty Joyce's son)  
Angie Griffin (Jill Miller's niece-requested by Susie Stevens)  
Jay Hoyt Rackley (requested by Ginger Green)  
Family and friends of Jamy Yon (Susie Stevens' cousin)  
Shelby Kandle and her fiancé, John (requested by Susie Stevens)  
Frankie Stewart  
Alisa Gunter Goldberg (Jake Gunter's daughter)  
Buddy Bannerman (requested by Sharon)  
Theresa Forehand (requested by Kenneth & Leslie Kelley)  
Jane Powell  
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)  
Joy Gilbert  
Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)  
Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)  
Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Lundgren)  
Steven Quigley  
Our Elders, Pastor Nominating Committee and  
Elder Nominating Committee  
Our church and all churches  
Our missionaries — Jim and Jodi McGill and children in Niger  
Our men and women in the armed services and their families  
The family of Hazel Nelson  
Our Sunday School classes



## FPC MISSIONS

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

**Matthew 25:35**

**October 4th**

Sharon Bannerman  
Guy Green

**October 5th**

Ryan Law

**October 6th**

Amanda Hinson

**October 12th**

Steve Hutton

**October 13th**

Alex Lewis Jr.

**October 15th**

Joe Busby  
Hanni Daffin  
Sandy Westmoreland

**October 16th**

Natalie Milton

**October 20th**

Travis Lawson  
Betty Pettis

**October 24th**

Ralph Pulliam

**October 25th**

Jan Howell

**October 26th**

Joan Stadsklev  
Anna Barber



Pray for our church's mission agencies and projects as we seek to be faithful to our Lord's great commission!

The Presbytery of Florida  
Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Camp  
FPC Food Pantry (part time staff & food)  
Marianna High Fellowship of Christian  
Athletes  
Thornwell Presbyterian Home for  
Children  
Innovative Charities of Jackson County  
Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County  
FPC Sewing With Love (supplies)

Our generous and faithful giving (regardless of our income) makes our growing mission possible!





## 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
Leann Heineman	Custodian

## OUR COMMITTEES

### Administration

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

### Christian Education

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

### Congregational Care

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

### Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson  
Members: Mel McLure Clark, Lauren Lyons,  
Gerianne 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

### Worship and Music

Chair: Bryan Milton  
Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,  
Kenneth Kelley, Anna Beth Milton,  
Tom Stadslev

### Mission and Service

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

## 2021 Nominating Committee Seeks Spiritual Leaders for our Church Elders — Session Class of 2024

Each fall, our church's Nominating Committee (elected by the congregation in January) prayerfully discerns the Holy Spirit's direction in nominating for election four members to our congregation to serve a three-year term on our session as well as on our permanent committees.

### G-2.03 RULING ELDERS: THE MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT AND GOVERNANCE G-2.0301 Ruling Elder Defined

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25) but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioners to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office. (Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order)

As spiritual and pastoral leaders, potential elders are expected to currently be very faithful in weekly worship, (in person, Facebook or radio) currently involved in some educational or service aspect of our church; and faithful in sharing a portion of their time, spiritual gifts and financial resources for our church's growing ministry and mission. Please recommend members whom you would like for this year's Nominating Committee to consider by prayerfully printing and placing this form in an envelope and putting it on an offering plate or mailing it to the church by Sunday, October 10.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Current church involvement \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominating committee members do not typically nominate either themselves or a member of their immediate family; and members of families do not generally serve on the session together. Nominees are to be committed to the peace and unity of our local congregation, the Presbyterian Church, USA and to the church universal.

We give thanks to God for the exceptionally strong pastoral and lay leadership of which FPC, Marianna, has been blessed for 186 years and know that this leadership will continue in our bright future in Christ.

Members of the 2021 Nominating Committee are Mel Lundgren, Brian Milton, Leslie Kelley, Xylpha Schwehm and Joe Busby.