



*First Presbyterian Church*

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*Just these lines.....my friends to give thanksgiving for all of our Advent and Christmas services, celebrations and ministries and pray that this wonder-filled time of giving and receiving and worship and special music and inspiring children and youth events will live long and last and become more and more our way of life and the life of our growing family of Faith!*

*Here's another poem by Helen Steiner Rice which will help us do just that!*

**Let Us Live Christmas Every Day**

Christmas is more than a day  
at the end of the year,  
More than a season of joy and good cheer,  
Christmas is really  
God's pattern for living  
To be followed all year by unselfish giving . . .  
For the holiday season awakens good cheer  
And draws us closer to those we hold dear,  
And we open our hearts and find it is GOOD  
To live among men AS WE ALWAYS SHOULD  
But as soon as the tinsel  
is stripped from the tree  
The spirit of Christmas fades silently  
Into the background of daily routine  
And is lost in the whirl  
of life's busy scene.  
And all unawares we miss and forego  
The greatest blessing that mankind can know  
For if we lived Christmas each day,  
as we should,  
And made it our aim to always do good,  
We'd find the lost key to meaningful living  
That comes not from GETTING  
But from unselfish GIVING.

Amen and Amen!

*Raymond (850-765-3659)*

## Historic FPC Organ Restoration to Finally Begin This Month!

Thanks for everyone's support! If we get more than we need, funds will be used for an Organ Maintenance Fund.

Restoration is scheduled to begin the week of January 16!!!



## Last Call For 2022 Time & Talent Commitments and Estimates of Giving

If you haven't dedicated your 2022 T & T and estimate card yet, please place them in an offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church: 4437 Clinton Street, Marianna, FL 32446.

Extras are available in the hall between the fellowship hall and sanctuary. Our faithfulness in giving allows our church to grow in our faithfulness in sharing the Gospel, here near and far! Amen!

## DECEMBER SESSION NOTES

1. Opened (Pastor Raymond) and closed (Amanda Hinson) the meeting with prayer.
2. Gave thanks for the faithful service of Elders Larry Spivey, Travis Lawson, Jan Howell and Barry Stafford on Session these past three years.
3. Gratefully accepted the gift to our church of a baby grand piano from one of our families.
4. Elected Donna Moore and Mel Lundgren to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee.
5. Enthusiastically received Anna Barber into the membership of our church by profession of faith.
6. Gave appreciation for all of the ministry in the past two months of our Congregational Care Committee with many of our members.
7. Approved a cost of living increase for our church staff (all part-time at present) and an increase for our support for the Presbytery of Florida in 2022.
8. Heard and discussed reports from the PNC, Organ Restoration Committee and our church treasurer. Like most churches, we need new members and more income to sustain our current operating budget, including mission, in 2022 and the years ahead. We continue to reach out to members which we miss and we have some prospective members.
9. Heard that we are planning a celebration Sunday when our organ renovation is soon complete!!! (Tell us your favorite hymns for this special sabbath!)
10. Approved moving our projects checking into a money market account so that it will produce some income.
11. Approved a new sound system for our sanctuary.
12. Heard that the Christian Education Committee will be bringing a summer 2022 intern job description to the Session for approval.
13. Approved a Congregational (annual) meeting for January 30, 2022, at the end of the worship service for the purpose of (1) the congregation being able to ask questions/make comments about the 2022 church budget (will be posted soon). (2) The election of the 2022 nominating committee (We need at-large member volunteers.) and (3) vote on a quorum for all future Congregational meetings, as required by the Book of Order. (The Session recommends that the quorum be 10% of our members.)

## OUR FPC YOUTH WENT ICE SKATING!



On December 5th the youth went to Ice and Lights in Dothan and had a great time ice skating. Now I, Connie, who came from cold country had no idea that you could ice skate in the south! But, you can and these youth had a wonderful time. We are blessed to have LuAnne Law, Jennifer Stafford and others working with the youth in our church.

## NEW FOR 2022

### “VERBATUM”

“Go where Jesus went, to ‘the poor, the marginalized and the rich,’ he said. ‘Go to the sick and wounded, and then step away and go to the garden to pray.’ Discipleship doesn’t have to be any more complicated than that.”

**The Rev. John Cleghorn, senior pastor,  
Caldwell Presbyterian Church, Charlotte,  
North Carolina.**

### FPC Classifieds

If you have something you’d like to sell or give away, or something which you’re looking to purchase or get for free, send (email or mail) your ad to the church office and we’ll let everyone know.

**Want/need some boston fern for pots? We have lots to share. Call 850-765-3659.**



*DEAR Marianna Presbyterian Church,*

*Thank you for the cards,  
thoughts and prayers. Praying that  
the gracious gifts of the season bring  
you happiness and peace in the New  
Year.*

*Brenda Dauner*

## NEWS

### AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

#### SYMPATHY

*Our sympathy is sincerely extended to:*

*Mary and Bud Wierman in the recent death of Mary's son, Bob ward, in McDonough, GA.*

*Don and Ouida Morris on the death of one of Don's twin sons who recently passed away in Pennsylvania.*

*Roy and Muriel Turner in the recent death of Muriel's brother-in-law in Bonifay.*

*Louise Wilkinson on the death of her husband, Tom.*  
*(Psalm 23)*

#### THANK YOU...

...to everyone whom so graciously gave their time to ring the Salvation Army bell on Tuesday, December 7th at Winn Dixie. We are very appreciative.

*FPC Mission and Service Committee*

#### Remodeled/Redesigned Pastor's Study Open House During January

Drop by and check out the improvements which include a sitting area with a sofa and chairs for visits and/or small meetings. Get a free gift on Wednesdays during the month of January when Pastor Raymond is in. Special thanks go to "architect plus" Betty Pettis, Ken Lundgren and Bill Stevens!

#### 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 made 30 stockings for the Camp Anderson Christmas party, and made some repairs on the costumes for the amazing children's choir Christmas musical, "WOW!"

Call Donna Guterman (351-817-8700) for information.

#### New Roof Installed On Our Church Manse

The roof was replaced last month and some other minor repairs are being made — ready for some great new occupants in His time!

#### THE SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH...

....will meet next on the second Sunday of FEBRUARY at The Oaks Restaurant . We hope you'll plan to join us!

#### CITRUS EXCHANGE

If we have more than we need lemons, satsumas, etc. on our trees, we can bring some to the "free" table in the fellowship hall!



THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
WAS A BLESSING!

WOW!



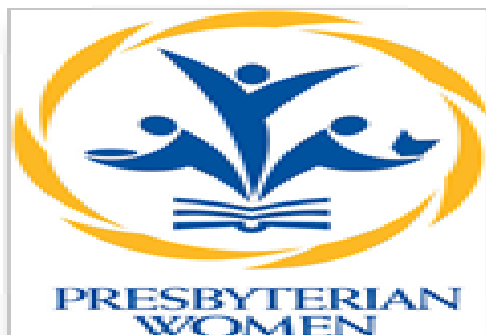
A New Nativity Play for Kids

Once again, our children of FPC blessed us with the Christmas story. We are so thankful for Amanda Hinson, Kenneth Kelley and Xylpha Schwehm for working with our children to provide us with this special event.

They say, "A picture is worth a thousand words." and I have to agree that these pictures say it all. What a blessed evening it was.

After the play there was a birthday party with pizza and cake and it looks like these two young men on the right were ready for some of that cake!





## 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  
(January 2022 — 2nd Monday)

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**Circle 2:** Chair is Dot Carpenter  
Meets 1st Monday at 12:30 p.m.  
fellowship hall  
(January 2022 — 2nd Monday)

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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  
or in homes — check the bulletin for details  
each month.

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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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## THE WILDFLOWERS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUCCESS!

The Mission the Wildflowers chose to benefit this year is Camp Anderson in Marianna. A fine presentation was given by Joshua Horne who did a wonderful job of sharing with us the many ways in which they minister with children. A total of \$1,416 was placed in the offering basket; and the Lunch Bunch Women's Group of FPC donated an additional \$200. For more information about Camp Anderson, their web site is: [campanderson.org](http://campanderson.org).



I (Connie) was fortunate to be in attendance and absolutely EVERY table was beautiful! Jennifer Stafford put several pictures on Facebook so you might want to check there to take a look at them. I put the picture below that shows fellowship hall as the ladies began to arrive — it will give you an idea of what it looked like, but you need to check out Jennifer's pictures!





## PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

### Why did Jesus come into the world?

There have been a variety of answers in the history of the Christian church to the question of why Jesus came into the world. Put more formally, the question would be: What is the purpose of the incarnation? We can find a number of major themes that have emerged:

*Jesus came to illuminate us.* Humans live in the darkness of sin, in ignorance, error, and bondage. Jesus came as the “light of the world” (John 8:12), to enlighten us and show us God’s ways (John 1:1-9).

*Jesus came to restore us.* Humans are separated from God by sinful disobedience. Jesus came as a “second Adam,” to bring humanity back to God (Rom. 5:14-17) by bringing new life through his obedience.

*Jesus came to satisfy God.* Humans stand guilty before God, having broken God’s laws and rejecting God’s law (Rom 3:23; Luke 15:11-24). Jesus came to obey God’s law, and by his sacrifice our guilt is removed.

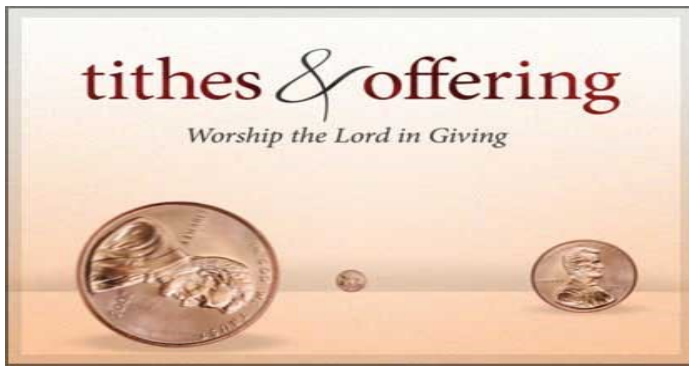
*Jesus came to bring victory.* Humans are captive to the power of evil. In his death he became our ransom (Mark 10:45), and in his resurrection Jesus is victorious over powers of sin and death (I Cor. 15:24-28). Humanity is rescued, and we are saved.

*Jesus came to unite us with God.* In our sin, we are separated from God. Jesus came to bring us into union with God. We grow in our union until death, when we attain divinization (Rom. 8:11; 2 Pet. 1:4)

*Jesus came to justify us.* Our pride has produced a sinful nature, which separates us from God’s holy righteousness. Jesus came to justify, or set us right with God, by offering himself as the mediator, so by faith we receive his righteousness in place of our own unrighteousness (Eph. 2:4-10).

These views complement each other, providing lenses through which we can understand the purposes of Jesus’ coming. Presbyterians can affirm all these different biblical aspects and marvel at the “immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe” (Eph. 1:19).

*Pastor Donald K. McKim*



Monthly need for 2021 budget	21,334
Received through December 31	<u>31,999</u>
	+10,665

Year-to-date 2021 budget need	256,008
Year-to-date received (12/31/21)	<u>212,476</u>
	( 43,532)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS FOR 2022:

\$51,130.70

**LIFT**

Do we have folks who would like to use the lift on Sunday mornings? Call the office 850-526-2430.

**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!

**FROM OUR**

**1835**

**ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

Our Endowment Committee would like to remind us that donations made to the 1835 Endowment Fund in honor of or in memory of someone special are very much appreciated. Please make your check out to the church and designate for 1835 Fund and designate who it is you are remembering.

**ORGAN RESTORATION**

In December, donations were made in memory of Linda Bevis Burch, Ray & Betty Brendemuehl and Tom Wilkinson; and in honor of Christine Yoshikawa and Kenneth Kelley.

**2022 Estimates of Giving  
Thru January 4, 2022**

General Fund

Total Amount Estimated so far: \$142,528

New Estimates	1
Same as Before	15
More than Before	16
Less than Before	<u>3</u>
Total #	35

We're grateful for the generous gifts of our members who estimate and who do not estimate. The estimates help us to know what we can do in mission and ministry in the church's commitments to our growing benevolences for the new year.





Louise Wilkinson on the death of her husband, Tom  
Don & Ouida Morris on the death of one of Don's twin sons in PA  
Mary & Bud Wierman on the death of Mary's son in GA.  
Roy and Muriel Turner on the recent death of Muriel's brother-in-law  
In Bonifay  
Edward Syfrett  
Sandra Daffin  
Roy Turner  
Shelby Vlieg (requested by Ellie Lawson)  
Jay Hoyt Rackley (requested by Ginger Green)  
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)  
Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Lundgren)  
Steven Quigley  
Our Elders and Pastor 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  
A new year of worship, Christian education, fellowship, ministry,  
mission, evangelism, and growth in our church and all churches!  
Those who are incarcerated and their families.  
Folks affected by tornadoes in Kentucky and surrounding states.  
First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, KY.  
Persons who lost their homes to fire in Denver, CO area.



## FPC MISSIONS

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

**Matthew 25:35**

**January 3rd**

Laurie Ward

**January 5th**

Charlotte Hunter

**January 6th**

Jim Gibbs

**January 7th**

Ginger Green  
Kathy Milton

**January 11th**

Lee Shook

**January 12th**

Adrian Alvarez

**January 17th**

Jared Rackley

**January 22nd**

Ouida Morris

**January 25th**

Anna Beth Milton

**January 27th**

Lou Roberts

*This is a list of the birthdays of which we have been made aware. If your January birthday is not listed, please let the church office know so that we might update our list.*



Pray each day 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 in Clinton, S.C.

Innovative Charities of Jackson County  
Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County  
FPC Sewing With Love (supplies)  
Jim & Jodi McGill and children PCUSA  
Missionaries in Niger and South Sudan