



First Presbyterian Church

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Just these lines.....this new month.....when mid-month we celebrate the love we have for special people in our lives.....to share a profound poem written by a Presbyterian pastor who has published fifteen books and more than 600 poems and articles —

FOUR LETTER WORD

By J. Barrie Shepherd

Love is such a lovely word, gracious,
spacious, capacious to a fault, embracing
every blessed thing from those little smiley faces
we paste in on our computers, to the cosmic force
of space that holds, some say, this universe together.
At its best it can initiate our birth, surround us at our death,
and accompany our footsteps in between. It can be,
at times, a mindless throw-away, a habitual expression
to close out a letter or a call, uttered, even muttered,
without thought or any real intention to fulfill.
At other times, this tiny—quite untidy—monosyllable
has transformed lives and even empires,
fostered deception and betrayal, prepared the way
for acts of classic heroism, even sacrifice of self.
And on one supreme occasion,
on a hill beyond a city wall, love took the form
of broken hands and feet, a torn and bleeding brow,
as God-made-flesh grasped—crosswise—all our fear and pain,
age-old rebellion, lack of love, and bore it up, and blessed it,
and forgave. All this to show what love can do, will do,
when lived and died and lived again.

As always, give me a call if I can be of pastoral assistance. And let's always remember to make love our aim! (I Corinthians 13)

Pastor Raymond
(850-765-3659)

Historic FPC Organ Restoration Is In Process!

Certain sections of the organ were picked up on 1/11/22; and completion could be in 4 to 6 months — or possibly sooner.



ASH WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON AND SHORT SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES Wednesday, March 2 Noon, FPC Fellowship Hall

Begin Lent with lunch with friends at church, followed by a short service on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent — with an opportunity to have ashes on our foreheads.

RSVP with the church office by Sunday,
February 27th.

JANUARY SESSION NOTES

1. Opened (Bill Stevens) and closed (Donna Moore) the meeting with prayer.
2. Sustained the examination of Lou Roberts, Elder Elect.
3. Received reports from the Church Treasurer, the Property and Operations Committee and the Pastor Nominating Committee. Received the end 2021 Annual Statistical Report.
4. Approved sending a generous donation to the First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield, KY. (Campus facilities were leveled in recent tornadoes.)
5. Approved returning to regular communion in March (serving bread and juice in the pews) — keeping the option of what we've been doing since March, 2020, available.
6. Discussed some "True/False" statements about our Presbyterian Book of Order. (Take the attached quiz; and we'll tell you the answers in March.)
7. Heard that a job description for a summer 2022 intern (to serve primarily with children, youth and young adults and their families) is forthcoming through the Christian Education Committee.
8. Heard that we will kick off Lent with an Ash Wednesday luncheon and short service on March 2.
9. Pastor Raymond led a short review on the responsibilities of Ruling Elders and how we can have a great Session this year. "Our church manual was prepared with much prayer and consideration and needs to be followed. Committees need to meet on some type of regular basis — in this post-Michael and we pray post-COVID — return to normality!

Presbyterian Book of Order

True or False

1. The teaching Elder and Ruling Elders are the head of a Presbyterian church.
2. Not all Presbyterian churches have Elders.
3. The word “Presbyterian” is first seen in the Old Testament – presbyterous and means “deacon”.
4. No quorums are needed for session or congregational meetings.
5. Our presbytery is named The Panhandle with the office located in Panama City.
6. Our national denominational office is in Lexington, KY, and is painted blue because the multi-floor building was donated to our church by a group of University of Kentucky alum.
7. The Nominating committee is elected each year by the various committees of our church.
8. Elders are elected by the Session.
9. Pastors are elected by the Session.
10. The pastor and three Elders can call a Congregational Meeting on any given Sunday to take place at the end of the worship service.
11. Any issue on members’ minds can be discussed and voted on at Congregational Meetings.
12. Pastors can approve upcoming baptisms and weddings with no session concurrence.
13. Session meetings are to be opened and closed by reading poetry.
14. The annual church budget is approved at a congregational meeting each January.
15. The Session has the authority to amend the Call (salary, benefits) of the Pastor.
16. The presbytery is not involved in the Calling of a new pastor in a local church.
17. The worship committee has the final say as to what scriptures are read and what hymns are sung in the Sunday worship service.
18. Any changes in the salaries of non-ordained staff have to be approved by the congregation.
19. In the Presbyterian Church USA, completion of seminary guarantees a student being ordained and appointed to a church.
20. The purchased or sale of property and/or borrowing funds can be approved by the Session.
21. Presbytery’s councils and committees are made up of pastors within the presbytery.
22. The presbytery’s executive is appointed by the General Assembly.
23. Our synod (Flint/Suwanee) is made up of all of the PCUSA churches in Georgia and Florida.
24. When the General Assembly meets every other year, in Lexington, the commissioners are 1/3 Teaching Elders (pastors) 1/3 Ruling Elders (lay) and 1/3 Deacons.

OUR ELDERS TOOK THIS QUIZ AT THEIR JANUARY SESSION MEETING. SEE HOW YOU DO; AND WE’LL GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS NEXT MONTH.



2022 SESSION

Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson
LuAnne Law
Bryan Milton
Matt Milton

Class of 2023

Mel McLure Lundgren
Donna Moore
Aggie Schack
Bill Stevens

Class of 2024

Betty Pettis
Lou Roberts
Beth Westmoreland
Scott Yant

Clerk of Session for minutes — Jan Howell

Clerk of Session for membership records — Beth Westmoreland

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 Lundgren, Mary Ann Gibbs,
John W. Milton, Andy Tinsley

Our 2022 Nominating Committee (to nominate
Elder Candidates to the congregation in the Fall)

Mel McClure Lundgren, Donna More,
Tom Stadslev, Lee Shook, LuAnne Law

Our Church Treasurer John W. Milton

Our Church Staff

Raymond Guterman

Kenneth Kelley

Christine Yoshikawa

Connie Butts

Melissa Krebeck

Interim Pastor

352-817-8700

Choir Director

850-557-1198

Organist

Office Administrator

Food Pantry

Coordinator

OUR COMMITTEES

Administration

Chair: Beth Westmoreland

Members: John W. Milton, Larry Spivey.

Christian Education

Chair: LuAnne Law

Members: Jim Gibbs, Mel Lundgren, Yvonne
Melzer, Ashley Rackley, Mary Lu Andreu

Congregational Care

Chair: Aggie Schack

Members: Yvonne Melzer, Alma Milton, Donna
Moore, Andrew and Gina Tinsley, Muriel Turner
Meets quarterly

Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson

Members: Mel McLure Lundgren, Lauren Lyons,
Gerriann Milton, Peggy Peacock,
Jennifer Stafford

Property and Operations

Chair: Scott Yant

Members: MaryLu Andreu, Mel McLure Lundgren,
John W. Milton, Matt Milton, Xylpha
Schwehm, Barry Stafford

Meets as needed

Worship and Music

Chair: Donna Moore

Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,
Kenneth and Leslie Kelley, Tom and
Joan Stadslev

Mission and Service

Chair: Betty Pettis

Members: Sharon Bannerman, Mary Ann
Gibbs, Kathy Milton, Bill and Susie Stevens
and Gina Tinsley

***Pray for all of our leaders (staff and volunteers)
daily. Want to serve on a committee? Call the
chair or Pastor Raymond!***

NEWS

AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

RYAN LAW AND COLE PAYNE

A sophomore and a senior, respectively, Ryan and Cole are members of this year's varsity soccer team.



Andy & Gina Tinsley

The Tinsley's have a new granddaughter. Congratulations on the birth of Olivia Elizabeth Neuman in Alexandria, VA!



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. Lots of laughs come out of this room. The group is now exploring receiving blankets. Call 850-765-3659 for information.



THE SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH...

....will meet next on the second Sunday of FEBRUARY (2/13) at The Oaks Restaurant . We hope you'll plan to join us for a Valentine's party!

CITRUS EXCHANGE

If we have more than we need we can bring some to the "free" table in the fellowship hall!

MORE NEWS AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

MHS Anchor Club And FPC Connections

A front-page 1/20/22 Jackson Times article featured the local club serving our community on MLK Day and included pictures of Ian Spence and Ryan Law, and a quote from club sponsor, School Media Specialist, LuAnne Andreu Law. The club motto: "Do more, Care more, Be more."

WELCOME ANNA BARBER!

We welcome Anna whom was received into our membership by the Session at its stated meeting in December. Baptized as an infant here, Anna has been very involved in our local schools and our church. She served at our Presbytery of Florida's Dogwood Acres as a camp director this past summer and is quite the artist. Her parents are Allen and Susie; and her big brother is Evan. She's considering several Florida universities to continue her education.

LEE SHOOK Rehearsing for "Harvey"

Once again, Lee will be on stage when the Spanish Trails Playhouse in Chipley presents its next play on March 3-6. Call 850-638-9113 or go to the playhouse's web site for times and ticket information. Don't break a leg, Lee. We need you in the choir!

DO YOU KNOW....

Members/friends of our church that you'd like to include in our "News Around the Congregation" section? Let us know!

SUSIE BARBER IS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AT THE HOPE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Susie who was Rookie Teacher of the year her first year of teaching and received this honor several times when she was teaching at MHS; and was once selected teacher of the year of Jackson County for which she's now nominated again. Susie teaches art and math at The Hope School.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new directory with updated phone numbers, etc. is forthcoming!

FPC Classifieds

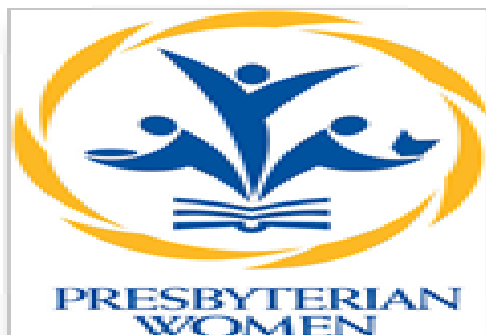
If you have something you'd like to sell or give away, or something which you're looking to purchase or get for free, send (email or mail) your ad to the church office and we'll let everyone know.

FPC Family has 11 Spode Christmas china cups (no saucers) for sale. Make an offer. (850-765-3659)

"VERBATUM"

"He loved. He laughed. He cried. He was forgiven. He forgave. He was blessed. Hopefully, he blessed."

Bishop Demons Tutu
(when asked how he wanted to be remembered)



2022
SOUPER BOWL
OF CARING
FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

WOMEN'S GROUPS
AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
MARIANNA, FL

Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton
Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.
fellowship hall

Circle 2: Chair is Dot Carpenter
Meets 1st Monday at 12:30 p.m.
fellowship hall

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.

Circle 4: The Wildflowers
Chair is LuAnne Law
Lesson Planner — Rotates
Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes

Support our youth (SQUAD) as they collect cans of soup, vegetables/other staples — or make an “over and above” gift to “Souper Bowl” for our Food Pantry. — before or on this year’s NFL Super Bowl Sunday (2/13). There’s a cart to bring our donations in the foyer between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. (Please be sure to designate cash or checks to “Souper Bowl.”)

Souper Bowl of Caring began some 25 years ago at a Presbyterian church in the suburbs of Columbia, S.C. Be generous!



PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

Why do Presbyterians baptize babies?

Presbyterians, like many other Protestants and also Roman Catholics, practice infant baptism. Infants are presented by their parents, in a church service, to receive the sacrament of baptism. At that time, parents make vows, as does the congregation.

We baptize babies because we believe our children are included in God's covenant of grace with Christian believers. In the Old Testament, the sign of God's covenant relationship with the people of Israel was circumcision (Gen. 17:11). The New Testament church saw baptism as the new sign of God's covenant with the church, the new people of God (Col. 2:11-15). Jesus Christ is God's "new covenant" (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25). In Him, all the promises of God find their "Yes" (2 Cor. 1:20). Baptism is a sign of the believer's incorporation into Christ as we are adopted into the family of God.

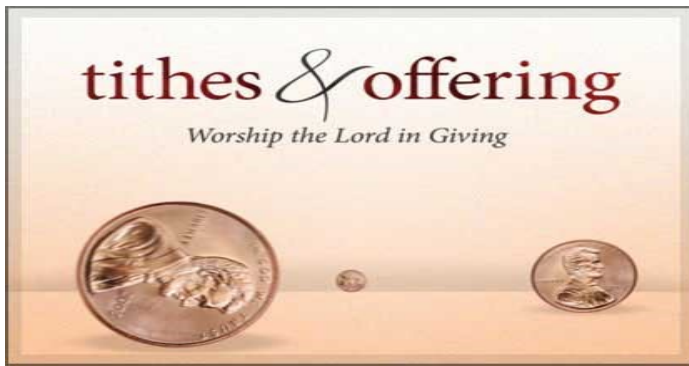
We also believe that just as in the Old Testament the sign of God's covenant was given to those of faith and their children, so also now the benefits of Jesus Christ as God's new covenant of grace are extended to believers and their children as well (Acts

2:39). In the baptism of infants we recognize this covenant and celebrate the entry of our children into the church. Infant baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises in Jesus Christ to our children.

Traditionally, those baptized as infants are "confirmed" in their faith when they reach an "age of accountability." At that point, young persons affirm the vows taken on their behalf by their parents when they were baptized. In baptism, parents promise to raise their child by teaching faith. The congregation promises to support, nurture, and provide opportunities for the child to grow in faith.

Infant baptism is not a "guarantee" of salvation. But it is a wonderful sign of God's electing love. The helpless child is drawn into the family of God, just as all of us — as sinners — are saved by God's grace "while we (are) weak" and unable to save ourselves (Rom. 5:6).

Pastor Donald K. McKim



Monthly need for 2022 budget \$21,835

Received through January 23 \$29,998

+ \$ 8,163

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS FOR JANUARY

\$1,535.00

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

FROM OUR

1835

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Our Endowment Committee reminds 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. (See end 2021 1835 Fund attached.)

ORGAN RESTORATION

In January, donations were made in memory of Stanley Littleton, Larry & Hazel Nelson, Jeff Allen, Rachel Micol Christopher and Tom Wilkinson; and in honor of Christine Yoshikawa and Kenneth Kelley.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Are there some items in the church that you think need attention — maybe some repairs? In an attempt to facilitate this for the persons who need to take care of these items, we have a "Building Maintenance Request/Suggestions" form that we may fill out. These forms are on the table just before the hallway going to the sanctuary. Fill one out and put it in an offering plate. This will assist us greatly.

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!

1835 ENDOWMENT YEAR-END FINANCIALS

1835 Fund	\$410,455
1835 Income	\$167,143
Value of both	\$577,598

The Endowment Fund is written whereby, the earnings can only be used for non-budgeted Christian Education Ministry. The principle is for growth.

For 2021 we had 18 contributors for \$4,900 honoring someone or in memorials.

Our best year, 2014, we had 81 contributions for \$35,750.

Hopefully, one day we will have enough principle to fund a DCE or Youth/Children's Director with the yearly earnings.

Call Chuck Morgan (850-526-8235) or Jon Milton V (850-718-6924) if you have questions, or would like to receive information about investing in our church's future.

CONFIRMATION 2022

There will be a short pizza lunch on Sunday, 2/20, at noon for students (6th grade and up) and their parents whom are ready to think and pray about what it means to profess one's faith in Christ and become a member of our Lord's church. Call Pastor Raymond if you have questions. (850-765-3659)



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!
First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, KY.
Our Food Pantry mission
2022 Confirmation



FPC MISSIONS

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

Matthew 25:35

February 5th

Julien Cumming
Lou Wilkinson

February 6th

Sam Andreu

February 25th

Chuck Morgan

February 26th

Ashley Rackley

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

WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY? WE'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW SO WE CAN WISH YOU A HAPPY DAY!

(We're not asking your age --- just the date!)



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