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AN INTERESTING HOLY WEEK/EASTER QUESTION

Just these lines....this holy month....to share with you an interesting question/answer that I saw several years ago, about this time of year, in The Ocala Star Banner —

Which is more important, the death of Jesus on the cross or His resurrection from the dead? My own church places a lot of emphasis on the suffering and death of Jesus, but not so much on the resurrection (or at least it seems this way to me).

Both are very important — in fact, both are absolutely central to our Christian faith. All Christian churches agree on this great truth, and I'm sure that if you examined your own church's statement of faith it would stress both.

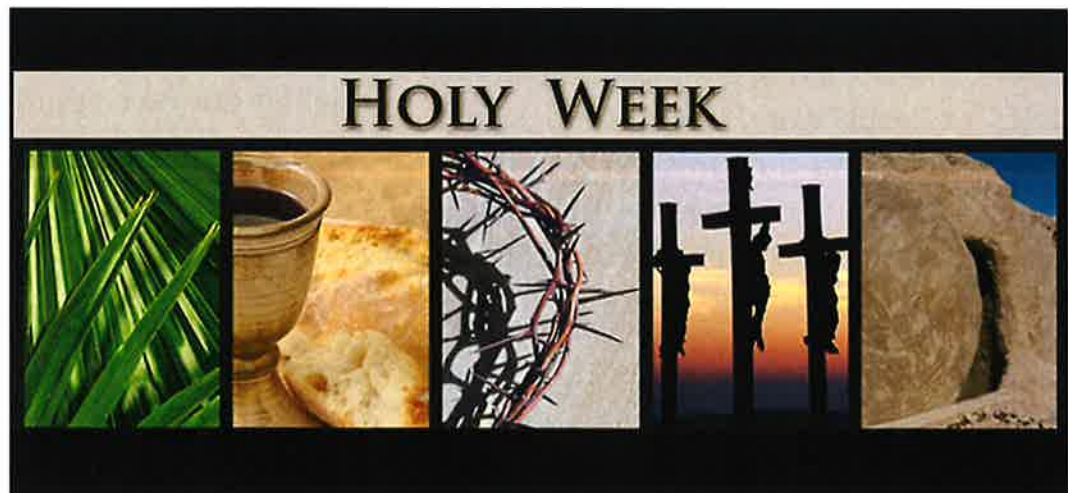
By His suffering and death on the cross, Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sins — and apart from that, we have no hope of forgiveness or salvation. He did for us what we could never do for ourselves. He experienced God's judgement on sin so we can be forgiven and cleansed. Why did He do this? He did it because He loves us and yearns for us to spend all eternity with Him in heaven. As the Bible says, Christ "loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood" (Revelation 1:5).

But by His resurrection, Jesus Christ defeated death's power over us. Death came upon the whole human race because of sin — but now sin has been conquered, and death no longer has any hold on us if we belong to Christ. Yes, we will die — but in Christ we have eternal life.

Never forget: Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ rose from the dead for you and me; and we've got to keep sharing this Good News in word and deed — here, near and far!

Blessings upon you and yours and all as we approach Holy Week, Easter and Eastertide this spring. Keep praying for peace in Ukraine; and call me if I can be of support in any way.

Raymond
(352-817-8700)



PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS,

PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

Did Jesus really rise from the dead, and what does His resurrection mean?

Just as the cross of Christ is a mystery, in that we cannot fully capture or explain its meaning and power, so also is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Presbyterians affirm this central doctrine of Christian faith, expressed simply in the Apostles' Creed, where we confess of Christ that he "rose again from the dead."

Some throughout history have found this hard to believe. After all, how many of our friends have come back from the dead recently? Yet this is precisely the point. Jesus Christ was divine and human. What is impossible for human power alone to accomplish can be carried out by the power of God. This is the Christian claim about the resurrection of Christ. God raised Jesus from the dead (Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14, 15:4; Gal. 1:1). This is an event that happened in history, though it is totally unique from all other "historical events," as we refer to the normal "facts" of history today. As a result of the resurrection of Jesus: the Christian church emerged; the dejected disciples of Jesus were transformed into apostles of joy; and the Christian community met together for worship — a major departure from their Jewish roots of Sabbath worship.

The death of a human person has no power to bring salvation. But the death of the eternal Son of God, who was vindicated in his life and death by his resurrection — this brings salvation! Jesus died on the cross but "was raised for our justification" (Rom. 4:25).

God raised Jesus from the dead. This means, among much else, that Jesus is alive forevermore and that we can have fellowship with him. The power of sin and death are forever defeated by Jesus' resurrection, and God's final victory at the end of history is secured. Evil will not prevail! The resurrection makes our full redemption possible. It gives meaning to Christ's death, assuring us that the cross truly has the power to transform our relationships with God and with others (Phil. 3:10). The resurrection enables us to have a union with the living Christ through faith and "if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Rom. 6:5). Christ's resurrection power enables us to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4) and gives us the "living hope" of our own resurrection (1 Pet. 1:3). For "we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus" (2 Cor. 4:14), to live now and forever!

Pastor Donald K. McKim

Historic FPC Organ Restoration Scheduled to be Completed Soon!

Certain sections of the organ have been picked up; and completion could be in just 2 to 3 months. Watch for an announcement of an Organ Rededication Sunday filled with music, which has been and is such an important part of our church's worship to God!



Holy Week and Easter Services and Activities

Palm Sunday, April 10

Scripture, anthems, hymns and readings from Palm Sunday to Easter, including our children's choir and chancel choir.

Confirmands meet with Session—Noon.

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Communion with First United Methodist Church at our church at 6 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15

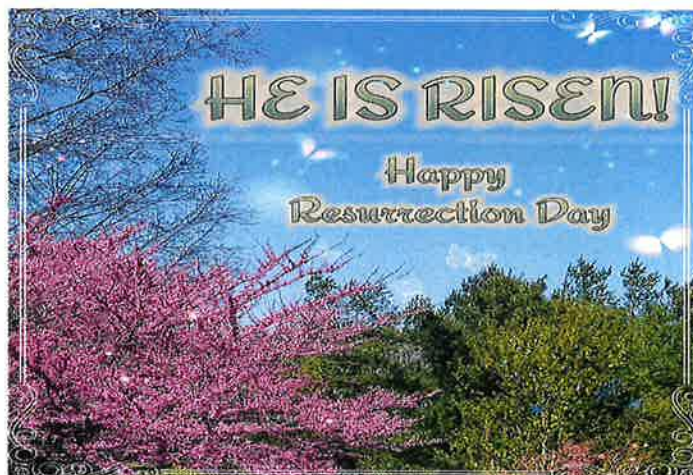
Service with First United Methodist Church at First United Methodist at 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday Celebration, April 17

Continental breakfast	9:30
Church picture (sanctuary)	9:50
Flowering the cross	10:00
Gigantic Easter egg hunt	10:15
Resurrection Worship	11:00

(Our confirmands will be recognized during the service!)

It's the most wonderful time of the year to invite friends, neighbors and relatives to come and worship, grow, fellowship and serve our Lord with the friendliest church in town! (Not that we're partial...)



ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 1, 2022
12PM-2PM

You are invited to share your artistic gifts from God,
enjoy light refreshments, and visit with friends.
Not artistic? Be an art aficionado!

Contact Jennifer Stafford at
850.209.4450 for more information.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING EASTER SUNDAY OFFERING

Each year, churches of all of our major denominations give their members and friends an opportunity to give an "over and above" special offering for disaster relief throughout God's world throughout the year. Special envelopes will be in the pews on Palm Sunday; and our children have been given special offering boxes. Be sure to earmark: One Great Hour! (Extras are on the front pew.)

CHURCH COOKBOOKS...

...were published in 2009 for our church's 175th anniversary. There seems to be an interest in ordering more of these and fortunately the company still has it on file and can print more. They require a minimum order of 100 copies and the cost will be \$20/each.

For those of you who have not seen one, it is a very nice cookbook; a real keepsake. It would make an excellent gift.

We need to know if you would be interested in purchasing one or more of these cookbooks. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or call one of the ladies in charge of this project:

Joy Hinton

(Home 850-482-3466 Cell 850-718-7591)

Mary Ann Gibbs

(Home 850-482-2188 Cell 850-272-1079)

Peggy Peacock

(Cell 850-209-0280)

Any/all proceeds will go to help our missionary family in Niger and the South Sudan, the McGills, build a well for a community which doesn't have one. **Deadline for order is April 30, 2022.**

Name _____

Phone # _____

I will want to order _____ copies of the
church's 175th anniversary cookbook.

Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian
Church and designate for "cookbook."

COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS

JACKSON COUNTY RECYCLING

April 9-10

3530 Wiley Drive

(Hwy 71 N, TL at caution light,

TL on Wiley Dr. Recycling on left)

Also: Cypress Park, 6248 Hwy 90

March 26-27

Town of Malone, 5199 8th Ave.

April 2-3

Accepted: Items too big for can or bag

Items for home remodeling (door, cabinet, etc.)

Large non-metal — furniture and mattresses

5 or more bags or cans of trash

Not Accepted: Hazardous materials

Tires, Appliances,

White goods/Metal

Construction debris

Keeping our environment clean not only shows appreciation for what we have and the beauty of our surroundings, it also adds to the safety and protection of our community. Spread the word! M&S Committee

NEWS

AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO
VIRGINIA MILTON
WHO WAS CROWNED MISS MARIANNA
On March 12!



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 making bags for folks to use with walkers or wheelchairs. If you have extra cotton fabric in your "stash" we can use it! Call Donna at 850-765-3659 for information.

The staff at our local hospital was pleased and appreciative of the baby hats Sewing With Love made.



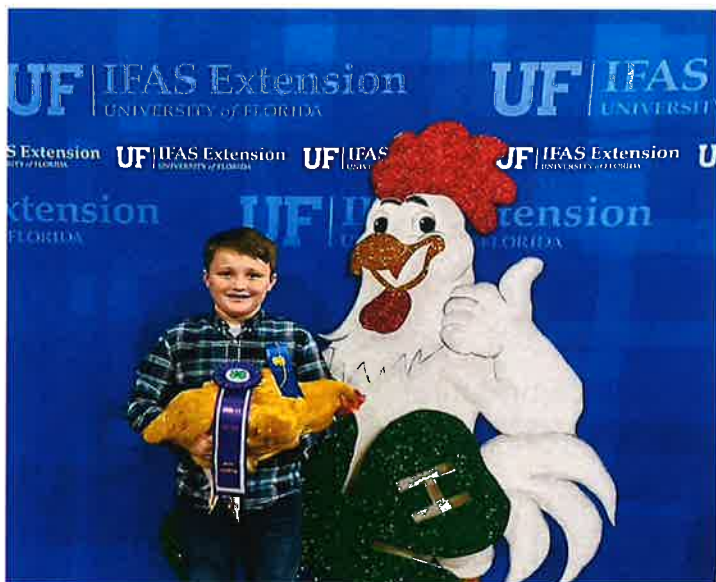
THE SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH...

...will meet next on May 15 at Ruby Tuesday!

MORE NEWS

AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

JEFF HINSON AND
AMANDA HINSON'S SONS
RYDER AND COLTON
Are the 4H Chick Chain
Grand Champion
and
Reserve Grand Champion
CONGRATULATIONS BOYS!



UPDATED

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

New church directories are in the hall between the fellowship hall and sanctuary. Included are members, non-confirmed children and regular attendees. If you see an incorrect phone number, address, etc., please contact Connie in the church office; and special thanks to Connie for getting these updated for us!!!

CHURCH HISTORY BOOKS

are available in the church office for \$10/each or 2 for \$15.

THANK YOU!

2022 Confirmation Mentor Volunteers

We thank Amanda Hinson, LuAnne Law, Bill Stevens, Jeremy Mutz and Beth Westmoreland for volunteering to serve in this important way!

“VERBATUM”

Our Calling as followers of Jesus is to be rooted in a loving relationship with the Divine and to love neighbor as self. This is the core.

The Rev. Chris Dela Cruz

PCUSA

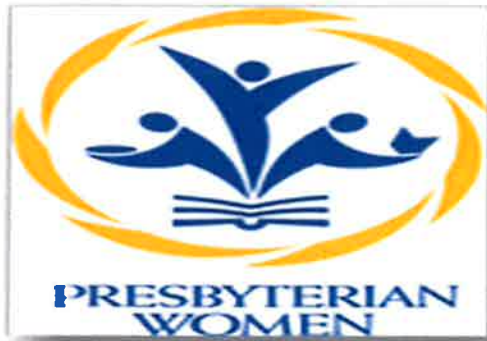
Some Good News.....

1001 New Presbyterian Church (USA) Worshipping Communities

A decade ago, our denomination initiated an ambitious, Holy Spirit-led initiative to begin 1001 new PCUSA worshipping communities in the next ten years. At our February Presbytery of Florida meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, a pastor on the 1001 team (originally from the Congo) gave us a “1001” update:

So far, we have started close to 650 new worship communities, of which about 480 are still going. The average age of participants in these communities is under 40. The average age in most PCUSA churches is over 60. About one half of participants in these new communities are not Caucasian. About 90% of current members of the PCUSA are white. Some communities have/may become churches. Some may/will not. The pastor reporting leads a new PCUSA community in Clarkston, GA (suburb of Atlanta) which consists of 19 different nationalities! A current mission of this particular new community is helping children/youth with their homework and providing E.S.L. classes for adults, as most parents don't speak English yet. The commissioners and alternates who attended the presbytery meeting from our church came home encouraged to hear that a large number of folks have come to Christ/back to church through these new faith communities, including hundreds of refugees. The PCUSA, with offices in Louisville, KY (a building given to our church and remodeled by a Presbyterian) has about 1.3 million members, in all 50 states, and missionaries serving Christ throughout God's world. The Presbytery of Florida stretches from the Alabama/Florida line to Monticello, has about 5000 members — and a jewel called “Dogwood Acres” where our presbytery office is located.





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

**OUR
CHURCH STAFF**

Raymond Guterman	Interim Pastor 352-817-8700
Kenneth Kelley	Choir Director 850-557-1198
Christine Yoshikawa	Organist
Connie Butts	Office Manager
Melissa Forehand	Food Pantry Coordinator
LeAnn Heineman	Custodian

**THANKS TO THE MEMBERS
OF OUR
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Jane Powell, Jackie Spivey, Mary Ann Gibbs,
Beth Westmoreland, Aggie Schack, Muriel
Turner and anyone else that we may have
inadvertently omitted.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

We are blessed to have several new families
among us. Watch for pictures and introduc-
tions in our May newsletter.



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. In March, donations were made in memory of Buddy Bannerman and Tom Wilkinson.

ORGAN RESTORATION

In March, donations were made in memory of Buddy Bannerman and Steven Morris; and in honor of birthdays for Artie Franz and Brenda Dean.

Monthly need for 2022 budget	\$23,835
Received month of March	<u>\$17,940</u>
	(\$ 5,895)
Year-to-date 2022 budget need	\$71,505
Year-to-date received (3/31/22)	<u>\$69,638</u>
	(\$ 1,867)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS FOR MARCH

\$ 2,970.00

“My bank now keeps my giving to First Presbyterian Church of Marianna arriving faithfully every month; and it’s free.”

I was forever trying to remember if I had sent in our tithe to our church each month. Someone suggested that my bank would take care of this for us with no charge; including the bank picking up the postage!

I set this up online (or could have gone in to do it) giving the name and address of our church, the amount and the date I wanted it mailed. I can adjust the amount and date at any time, or discontinue the payment. This works beautifully for us; and I know that the growing mission and ministry of FPC is being funded faithfully so far as our family is concerned. Might this be something of which you may want to explore!?!

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!



5-year-old Malaki Grant (Carol Maxson's grandson)
Larry and Jackie Spivey in the recent death of their nephew in
Slocomb, AL

Drue Lewis (Joy Lewis' sister-in-law)

Mike Evans (friend of Jake Gunter)

Richard Teague (Joy Lewis' brother-in-law)

Sandra Daffin

Roy Turner

Shelby Vlieg (requested by Ellie Lawson)

Jay Hoyt Rackley (requested by Ginger Green)

Alisa Gunter Goldberg (Jake Gunter's daughter)

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 (Hospice)

Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)

Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Lundgren)

Steven Quigley

Our 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

First Presbyterian Church, Mayfield, KY.

Our Food Pantry mission

2022 Confirmation classes

Peace with Russia and Ukraine

Neighbors affected by the fires

Holy week and Easter services here and everywhere



FPC MISSIONS

EXCITING FPC FOOD PANTRY NEWS FEBRUARY 2022 REPORT

282 households were served including 625 people.
246 of the homeowners were 60 years or older.

Current Volunteer Needs

1. Weekly (Mondays) unloading of Second Harvest Truck
2. Tuesday bagging (back ups needed)
3. Wednesday distribution (back ups needed)

Call Food Pantry Director, Melissa, (850-693-1161) for information/to volunteer today!

NEW — We're expanding our Food Pantry mission with residents of the Chipola Apartments (across from the post office)! We also ask everyone to bring tuna and/or rice for our pantry during the month of April. There is a basket in the fellowship hall where we may make our donations.



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

April 1st

Alma Milton
Jackie Reddoch

April 3rd

Jeff Hinson

April 10th

Betty Taylor

April 11th

Don Nowell

April 12th

Evan Barber
Mary Ann Gibbs

April 14th

Alan Barber

April 15th

Amy Nelson
Glennis Wright

April 18th

Charlton Keen Jr.

April 22nd

Beth Westmoreland

April 25th

Aggie Schack

April 26th

Deborah Mathewuse

April 29th

Betty Blighton

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

March 2, 2022

Clerk of Session
First Presbyterian Church
2898 Jefferson St
Marianna, FL 32446-3404

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

You're changing lives! Your generosity will provide hope and healing to hurting families in communities across Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. We believe family changes everything—and that serving children and families is just like serving Christ himself. None of that would be possible without you, and we can't thank you enough!

Because of your kindness, we can provide safe homes for neglected children, family support and in-home therapy for families, education for students working towards graduation, and so much more. Together, by God's grace and your support, we are turning despair into determination, fear into courage, and trauma into triumph – THANK YOU!

If you'd like to see first-hand how you are making a difference, let us take you on a personal tour of the Clinton, SC campus or help you connect with one of our outreach programs in FL, GA, or SC. Please contact Jill Gibson at 864.938.2739 or jill.gibson@thornwell.org, and we will be happy to make arrangements.

Sincerely,



Jill Gibson
Vice President for Mission Advancement

Contribution: \$150.00 received on 2/28/2022

P.S. Follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ThornwellHome to see live videos and photos of your gift in action!

