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**Welcome to our 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS  
and even more New Members!**



**(Left to right: Paige, Natalie, Rilynn, Andrew and Stephen)**

**Rilynn Applewhite** is the daughter of Matt and Geriann Milton and Benjamin Applewhite, and the granddaughter of Albert and Kathy Milton. Rilynn was recently baptized at FPC, and says this was one of the most exciting moments of her life. She likes competitive cheerleading and regular cheerleading at Marianna K-8, as well as travel. She's excited to get to know more about God and Jesus and has a brother, Mattox Milton.

**Natalie Bedini** is the daughter of Larrian Williams and Brent Bedini and is a student at Marianna K-8. She is eager to grow in her faith and is considering becoming a pastor! Some of her loves are travel, ballet and art. Natalie has an older sister, Sarah, and a younger brother, Hunter.

**Andrew Law** is a sixth-grader at Marianna K-8 and is the son of Luanne and Jason Law and the grandson of Mary Lou Andreu. He's ready to become a member of his home church and do things to help and support our church. He has a brother, Ryan, and enjoys soccer, basketball, track, cross-country and swimming and is also in the school band.

**Paige Lawson** is the daughter of Travis and Ellie Lawson and has a brother, John. She is an eighth-grader at Marianna K-8, where she's been a cheerleader. She likes to travel and loves the beach.

**Stephen Stafford**, an eighth-grader at Marianna K-8 is the son of Barry and Jennifer Stafford and the grandson of Mary Lou Andreu. He has a sister, Eva Marie, and a brother, Jacob. Stephen thinks that our church is very welcoming and believes that joining his church home will open many doors and opportunities. He's involved in sports and 4-H. A few of Stephen's favorite things are soccer, swimming, FFA, Squad at church and horseback riding.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

**Annual Spring Carnival**

**Games and Cake Walk for Children at 3:30 pm**

**Fish Fry Dinner at 5:00 pm**

**Y'all Come!**

**Bring Friends!**

**Want to help!?!**

**Fish Fry—Call Lou Roberts (850-718-6597)**

**Games and Cake Walk — Call Jennifer Stafford (850-209-4450)**

## NEW MEMBERS

### FROM THE INQUIRERS' LUNCHEON

**ALTON and BRITTANY STONE (pictured with their daughter Caroline June-CJ)**

**Alton attended our youth group with friends from our church. He is a UF graduate and is a dentist with Matt Payne and his practice. A native of Lakeland, FL., Brittany is a trauma nurse and has gotten involved with our Wildflowers Circle! Alton loves hunting and fishing and Brittany loves cooking and travel.**



**CAROL MAXSON**



**Carol was in an exercise class at our church (with neighbor, Mary Bevis Schmidt) and thought — “Since I was baptized in the PCUSA, this seems like a good church.” She and her husband, Dennis, now deceased, settled on the Millpond after living in Great Falls and Eureka, Montana. Mother of three daughters, with seven grands, she has already gotten involved in a circle and enjoys reading and games.**



## PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

### What does the Holy Spirit do?

Some years ago, a theologian wrote a book called *The Shy Member of the Trinity*. This was a book about the Holy Spirit. Presbyterians often speak about God and Jesus, but less often, it seems, about the Holy Spirit.

We believe vigorously in the Holy Spirit as a coequal member of the Trinity, sharing the divine essence with God the Father and God the Son. We believe the Holy Spirit is a person, one who can be known and who relates to us and affects us in our everyday lives. The Bible has much to say about the Spirit. But the reason for the book title is that the Spirit is portrayed in Scripture not as drawing self-attention, but supremely as a “witness” to Jesus Christ. The Spirit points to God’s self-revelation in the person of Jesus and operates to make the knowledge of Jesus Christ known.

This is seen in two major aspects of the Spirit’s activity: the Spirit’s work in relation to Scripture and the Spirit’s work in relation to salvation.

We confess that the Scriptures are “inspired” by God (2 Tim. 3:16) and that persons who were “moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Pet. 1:21). The church confesses the Spirit was operative in the writing of Scripture, in the shaping of the biblical texts, their transmission, and

in helping us today, as believers to interpret the Bible. We should always pray before we read Scripture, asking the same Spirit who inspired the Bible to help us interpret God’s Word today.

The Holy Spirit also plays a primary role in salvation. Presbyterians have particularly emphasized this aspect of the Spirit’s work. We believe the Holy Spirit illuminates sinners, giving them the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. We come to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by the work of the Holy Spirit. The work of illumination that brings faith is followed in Christian experience by the ongoing indwelling of the Spirit in the church and in the lives of Christians, leading, guiding, comforting, challenging, and equipping God’s people to serve Jesus Christ. We never know the ways in which the Spirit will move us into new modes of mission and ministry. “The Spirit is the one that testifies (witnesses), for the Spirit is the truth” (1 John 5:6).

*Pastor Donald K. McKim*



## NEWS

### AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

#### Hunter Hutton Honored With Distinguished Award

Congratulations to Hunter who recently received The American Concrete Foundation's Robert F. Mast Memorial Fellowship for the 2022-2023 academic year. Hunter is working on his masters in structural engineering at Virginia Tech University.

#### John Casey Andreu Born April 9!

Congratulations to Sam and Nicole on John Casey's birth! Word has it that he was "donning" a blue, knitted hat made with love by his church's Sewing With Love group and he made it to church on Easter! Proud sister and brother are Will and Macy! Proud maternal grandmother is Mary Lou Andreu (her eighth grand). Proud aunts and uncles are Jennifer and Barry and Luanne and Jason. Paternal first cousins are Eva Marie, Stephen, Jacob, Ryan and Andrew!

#### SYMPATHY

The sympathy of our church family is sincerely extended to Yvonne Melzer and family in the recent passing of her mother, Peggy Miles, of Graceville, to Larry and Jackie Spivey in the recent passing of their nephew in Slocumb, AL and to the family of Sandra Daffin who passed on Thursday morning, April 21st. (John 14)

#### 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.

#### Ryan Law, A Good Samaritan At Marianna High School

At the end of a recent school day at MHS, it was raining "cats and dogs." The principal asked a number of boys if they would take an umbrella and help certain students get into their parent's car in the pickup line. All declined until Ryan said "Yes". He got soaked in the process, but served as a Good Samaritan. (From Facebook)

#### A Glorious Easter Day 2022

Thanks to everyone who provided for our scrumptious continental breakfast, the Easter egg hunt, etal! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

#### THE "Second" SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH...

...will meet next on May 22 at Ruby Tuesday!

Hudson Lyons'  
Picture on First page of  
Jackson County Times Sports!

Congratulations to Hudson who's pictured throwing out a runner at first as a member of his Red Sox team! Hudson is the older son of Justin and Lauren. His brother is Collier and his maternal grandparents are Albert and Kathy Milton!

Sharon Bannerman  
Jackson Hospital Pink Lady  
Auxiliary

It was nice seeing Sharon's picture in the April 14 Jackson County Times. She is an honorary member.

Lyla Swearingen  
And Family and Friends  
On Front Page of the  
Jackson County Times  
She's raised over \$10,000 for the  
American Heart Association!

Grandparents, Guy and Ginger Green, brother, Nolan Rackley, parents, Ashley and Jared Rackley and many others are celebrating Lyla's serving a lot of lemonade over many years to raise awareness and research and development funds for the disease which caused her father's passing almost three years ago. Keep up the good work, Lyla!

Youth Groups Join Together  
During Holy Week —  
Seder Meal —  
Holy Communion

Our middle school (SQUAD) and senior high youth groups met together on the Wednesday of holy week to learn and experience the Passover (seder) and communion (administered by Dr. Ted Land). Our very able leaders are the "dynamic duo sister act", LuAnne Andreu Lau and Jennifer Andreu Stafford!

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

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LAST CALL FOR COOKBOOKS  
Deadline was April 30,  
but you may fill out a form  
and place your checks in the  
offering plate  
on Sunday, May 1st.  
They are \$20 each.

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"VERBATUM"

*Advice is like snow — the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.*

*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

## WE HAVE FOUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING THIS YEAR



### **PARKER DENNISON**

Parker is the son of Charles and Laurie Dennison. (Laurie did the original setup of our church website.)

While attending Marianna High School he participated in his 4th year of National BETA Club and his first year of Anchor Club.

“All of my teachers who taught me during my final year of high school were phenomenal. Ms. Shelfer and Dr. Benton as well as Ms. Law. “I hope to feel her leadership throughout the rest of my career.”

Parker plans to attend FSU and will major in digital/media and studio art. His desire is to work in the professional creation of media.

He says that when he transferred to MHS, our church accepted him with open arms and made him feel a part of our family, giving him a sense of community and belonging at a new school.

### **ANNA BARBER**

Anna is the daughter of Alan and Susie Barber.

While in high school she has taken part in many activities: Anchor Club, FCCLA, BETA Club, SGA, NHS, Ap Art, and Cross Country. Her favorite teachers at MHS are Dr. Jerri Benton, Ms. Christi Shelfer, and Mrs. Luanne Law. She plans to attend FSU and “find a major that I love.”

Her fond memories of being part of our church family are summers at Dogwood Acres and Montreat as well as M&M’s with Mrs. Rachel Christopher.







### **COLE PAYNE**

**Cole is the son of Dr. Matt and Danielle Payne.**

**He has fond memories of Wacky Wednesday with Mrs. Rachel Christopher and our Christmas Eve services.**

**He enjoys playing soccer and hanging out with friends at MHS. His favorite courses are government and economics and he has participated in BETA, NHS and SGA.**

**Cole plans to attend Auburn University and both he and his mother agree that Cole will miss his mommy the most when he heads to Auburn on August 10th.**

### **IAN SPENCE**

**Ian is the son of Dr. John and Sabrina Spence**

**While at MHS he has taken part in the Yearbook, Anchor, BETA, TSA and SGA.**

**Ian's favorite subjects were chemistry and AP government.**

**Ian plans to study computer science at FSU but is not yet sure of his professional dreams.**

**He enjoyed the Wednesday night activities at our church — especially cornhole tournaments. "The care that I was shown during such a hard time in my life means a lot to me."**





EASTER 2022  
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN,  
MARIANNA,  
WAS VERY SPECIAL...  
...ENJOYED BY ALL!





## Historic FPC Organ Restoration Scheduled to be Completed Soon!

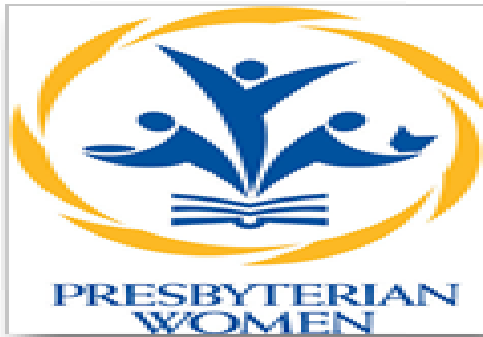
Certain sections of the organ have been picked up; and completion could be in just 2 to 3 months. Watch for an announcement of an Organ Rededication Sunday filled with music, which has been and is such an important part of our church's worship to God!



## APRIL SESSION NOTES

1. Opened (Beth Westmoreland) and closed (Mel Lundgren) the meeting with prayer.
2. Joyfully received the 2022 confirmation class into the membership of our church (Rilynn Applewhite, Natalie Bedini, Andrew Law, Paige Lawson and Stephen Stafford) and prayed with them.
3. Heard reports from the Mission and Service Committee, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, Congregational Care Committee, Organ Renovation, Pastor Nominating Committee, Property and Operations Committee, Worship Committee and the Administration Committee.
4. Officially received three new members from the recent Inquirers' Luncheon; restored two members to our active membership roll; and added to the roll two members who inadvertently didn't get listed in the church register when they joined several years ago.
5. Discussed the use of the lift on the south side of our sanctuary, the sound system, and summer 2022 ministry opportunities with children and youth.
6. Interim Pastor's Report
  - A. We rejoice in the reception of twelve new members.
  - B. We're still looking for a summer Youth Intern and have a Plan B in mind.
7. Elected Lou Roberts (Commissioner) and Mel Lundgren (Alternate) to the May 21 meeting of the Presbytery of Florida at Dogwood Acres.





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

**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

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**Circle 1:** Chair is Joy Hinton  
Meets 1st Monday at 10:00 a.m.  
fellowship hall

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**Circle 2:** Chair is Dot Carpenter  
Meets 1st Monday at 12:30 p.m.  
fellowship hall  
**May — at Beef O'Brady's in the private room**

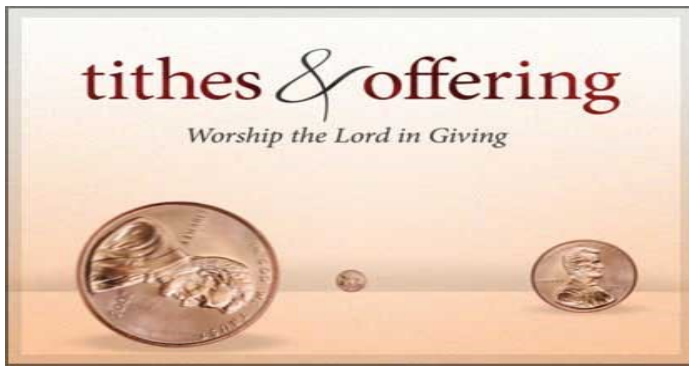
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**Circle 3:** The Lunch Bunch  
Chair is Peggy Peacock  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
Meets 3rd Monday at 11:30 in fellowship hall  
or in homes — check the bulletin for details  
each month.

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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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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 April, donations were made in memory of Sandra Daffin and Peggy Miles.

Monthly need for 2022 budget      \$23,835

Received month of April      \$24,515

+ \$680

Year-to-date 2022 budget need      \$95,340

Year-to-date received (4/30/22)      \$94,153

(\$ 1,187)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

### SOUND SYSTEM DONATIONS

In April, donations were made in memory of Sandra Daffin and Peggy Miles.

### SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS FOR APRIL

\$ 8,555

### 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!



Lee Lucas (Rev. Raymond and Donna Guterman's brother-in-law)  
Family and friends of Sandra Daffin  
Joy Lewis  
Drue Lewis (Joy Lewis' sister-in-law)  
Richard Teague (Joy Lewis' brother-in-law)  
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  
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  
Our Food Pantry mission  
Peace with Russia and Ukraine  
Summer 2022 at FPC





# FPC MISSIONS

## EXCITING FPC FOOD PANTRY NEWS

### MARCH 2022 REPORT

267 households were served including 652 people.  
218 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 need a volunteer to deliver food to the Chipola Apartments (across from the post office) once a month (17 bags)! We also ask everyone to bring peanut butter and jelly for our pantry during the month of May. There is a basket in the hallway between fellowship hall and the sanctuary where we may place our donations or we may place them at the back office entrance on Sundays.

#### May 3rd

Jack Peacock

#### May 4th

Trey Stevens

#### May 5th

Andrew Law

#### May 6th

Ernest McNeill

#### May 7th

Matt Milton

#### May 9th

Erin Christopher

#### May 13th

Brenda Heffner

#### May 21st

Eva Marie Stafford

#### May 22nd

Ron Goold  
Deck Milton

#### May 25th

Cori Christopher  
Albert Milton

#### May 29th

John Lawson

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

*Please give us all children and youth birthdays so they can be included and receive mail from Pastor Raymond on their special day.*



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