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Just these lines... to welcome a new month...and to encourage us all to stay faithful in our Sunday worship, our volunteerism and our giving — especially during the good 'ole summer time. We've got some special events planned. I'll be beginning a new series of sermons; and the mission of our church continues daily with our benevolences — here, near and far! If you're out of town on a Sunday, find a church and bring me your bulletin, as I love to see what's happening in other churches!

What makes for a healthy church? Here is a list of non-numerical criteria which got my attention in a recent "Christianity Today — Pastors" article.

- 1) People care more about doing ministry than having titles.
- 2) There are more ministry teams than committees.
- 3) Departments cooperate with each other.
- 4) The church cooperates with other churches.
- 5) The church reflects the neighborhood's demographics.
- 6) The church goes into the neighborhood.
- 7) The front rows are as full as the back rows.
- 8) The bulletin and newsletter at not just about internal events.
- 9) Newcomers feel welcomed and needed.
- 10) Volunteerism is high.
- 11) Ministry ideas bubble up.
- 12) New ideas are embraced.
- 13) New leadership is embraced.
- 14) Long-time leadership is respected.
- 15) The energy and passion of the youth is celebrated.
- 16) The wisdom and patience of the older saints is honored.

- 17) The eternal truths of the Bible are taught and lived.
- 18) Worship is more than just singing.
- 19) People like bringing their friends.
- 20) Congregation members love each other.
- 21) Congregation members like each other. (Most of the time!)
- 22) People are professing/re-professing their faith in Jesus Christ.
- 23) People are being disciplined — then discipling others.
- 24) People are being sent out into ministry.
- 25) It's a good place to ask hard questions.
- 26) People pray — a lot.
- 27) Failure isn't fatal.
- 28) People are more excited about the future than the past.

How do you think we're doing? What are opportunities for us to get healthier? I'd love to chat with you about this list or about anything else of which you'd like to chat.

I'm excited about summer 2022 with children, youth and adults at FPC!

Raymond

(850-765-3659)

MONTREAT 2022 HERE WE COME!

Our group will leave this Sunday morning (June 5th), including Ryan Law, Eva Marie and Stephen Stafford, John and Paige Lawson, and Ella Freni (students) and LuAnne Law, Elaine Daffin Freni (daughter of our church who went to Montreat as a teen) and Elaine's sister, Ellie Daffin Lawson (leaders). We pray for a safe and significant experience for all!

PRESBYTERIAN QUESTIONS, PRESBYTERIAN ANSWERS

Why don't Presbyterian churches have altars?

When you walk into many churches and look to the front you see an altar. In Roman Catholic churches this is a central focus, since in the Mass when the Eucharist is observed the eucharistic elements, the bread and the wine, are placed on the altar, and the priest recites the liturgy in which the elements become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. In the Mass, Jesus Christ is resacrificed for the sins of the world.

Presbyterian churches have a Communion table instead of an altar. We believe that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ has been offered once and for all on the cross (Heb. 7:27; 9:26). In the Lord's Supper, or Communion, we remember that sacrifice, are nourished by it, and receive the benefits of Christ's death for us by faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. We do not believe that the bread and wine "become" the body and blood of Christ in any literal or physical way. The elements are the means by which the gospel message of Jesus Christ comes to us and is received by believers in the context of the Christian community.

So Presbyterian churches have Communion tables instead of altars. An altar is where a sacrifice is offered. We believe that the sacrifice of Christ has already been definitively offered in his death on the

Cross. So now we remember that death, appropriate what Christ has done for us, and commit ourselves to Christ's service as we eat and drink together in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

We do this from the Communion table, which should be placed on the level of the congregation rather than elevated above the people's level as an altar would be. We receive the Communion elements from the Lord's Table as the common elements of life, which reminds us that Jesus Christ became a human, like us, to bring the salvation that God gives to human sinners.

When elders distribute the Communion elements to the congregation, we are reminded that we receive Jesus Christ from our neighbor and that we communicate Jesus Christ to our neighbors. The Lord's Supper celebrates what God has done in Christ. We do not try to repeat this act from an altar, but rather to commemorate it and receive the benefits of Christ for our lives.

**SUMMER 2022 OPPORTUNITIES
FOR FPC CHILDREN
AND THEIR FRIENDS!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27-30

8:30 am to 11:00 am

(see article on page 10)

BEGINNING GOLF LESSONS

With FPC's Cole Payne

Ages: rising 3rd—6th graders

Mondays: June 13 and 20

July 11

10:00 am to noon

Limited to first 12 students who are signed up. Open to boys and girls, FPC kids and community kids. Call the church office (850-526-2430) for info/to register or email fpcmarianna@gmail.com

BEGINNING ART CLASSES

With FPC's Anna Barber

Ages: rising 2nd—5th graders

Tuesdays: July 12, 19, and 26

10:00 am to noon

Fellowship Hall

Limited to first 12 students who are signed up. Open to boys and girls, FPC kids and community kids. Call the church office (850-526-2430) for info/to register or email fpcmarianna@gmail.com



NEWS

AROUND OUR CONGREGATION

NATALEE MILTON IS COATED

John and Vikki were on hand recently at the College of Charleston (S.C.) where Natalee received her coat toward her doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

LYLA SWEARINGEN IS JACKSON COUNTY'S PETITE MISS WINNER

Congratulations to Lyla, a rising fifth-grader whom was crowned at a multi-age pageant at MHS on April 30!

FLOWERS IN OUR CHANCEL ON SUNDAYS

If we would like to place flowers in our sanctuary in memory or honor of someone special, all we have to do is call Joy Hinton (850-718-7591) who has coordinated this important ministry for a very long time! Thank you, Joy! (Please note that she does plan ahead for a month at a time.)

SEWING/CRAFT GROUP

SEWING WITH LOVE continues meeting on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church office. The group is now making bags for folks to use with walkers or wheelchairs with compartments for cell phones. One of our church's new small groups for fun and mission! Call Donna at 850-765-3659 for information.

MR. AND MRS. JEREMY MUTZ

Congratulations to Jeremy and Amanda whom were united in marriage on April 30!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND

June, July and August

Shorter Worship Services

More casual dress if we'd like. Beginning June 19, summer choir practice will take place on Sundays at 10:20 in the choir loft. Why not join our summer choir!?! Call Kenneth (850-557-1198) for information!

SQUAD Season Finale

The One Where There Was Shaving Cream

We wrapped up SQUAD for the school year with Zaxby's eating, ice cream enjoying, water sliding, and a shaving cream throwing bash!



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Keep us in your prayers as we continue to read pif's and have a zoom interview this week with a self-referral whose references' comments sound very good for the attributes of which we're looking.

2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have planted a poplar tree in the playground. (Thanks, Mr. Barry Stafford!) One of our members wrote compassionate care notes to one of our members who is ill and to a friend of our church whom is incarcerated.

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

COOKBOOKS

We have ordered 100 cookbooks and will have about 12 extras, which will be available on a first call to the church office basis. \$20 each.

"VERBATUM"

Be friends with Jesus
on Faithbook (the Bible)!

SUMMER 2022 WITH FPC YOUTH

(Rising 6—12th)

June 5-11 Senior Highs at Montreat

Blue Springs — kayaking/canoeing/cookout
(date to be announced)

June 27-30 Youth assist with VBS

Wednesdays

July 6, 13 and 20

Bible study and Mystery lunch (???!!)
11:30 with Pastor Raymond

Tallahassee fun event and dinner
with the Gutermans
(date to be announced)

July 30

Cookout and movie night
at the church

YOUTH AND PARENTS
WATCH YOUR EMAILS!



2022 ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL & FISH FRY

We didn't let a little rain ruin our Spring Carnival. It was a great afternoon with slip and slide bounce houses, a yummy fish fry, face painting, cake walks and fellowship for all! Check out the pictures below and there are more on the First Presbyterian Church Mariana Facebook page. Thanks to our Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and many volunteers who made this special event happen!





Dogwood Acres is geared up for Summer Camp 2022! From late-June through the end of July, camps are available for all ages, from *High School Hangout* to a *4-day, 3-night Intro Camp* for 1st and 2nd graders.

We are excited to have our new full-time Program Director **Eric Hearn** on board with us helping to bring all of our ministry to the next level. Dogwood's summer camps are designed around small-group experiences. We encourage future generations by guiding our youth toward a greater awareness of their relationship with God, instilling a sense of accomplishment, an appreciation for their own and others' abilities, and presenting a new outlook on what they are capable of achieving. It's our goal to provide an outdoor ministry where individual kids and groups can grow in Christian faith, fellowship, and fun, as we marvel in God's miracle of creation! Registration is open, and *scholarships are available*. To learn more, please visit www.dogwoodacres.org. -- **Register soon – summer is right around the corner!**

ERIC HEARN
Program Director
Cell: (770) 378-7289



Website: dogwoodacres.org
Address: 3320 Harmony Rd.
Chipley, FL 32428

There are a few brochures on the table between the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. The brochure provides some information regarding the camps available this summer and also says that scholarships are available.

For more information and to register go to the website or call Eric; he'll be happy to talk with you and answer your questions.

Historic FPC Organ Restoration Scheduled to be Completed Soon!

A new control system from Washington State will hopefully arrive in Florida this month; and new wiring is scheduled to begin. 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!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 27—30
8:30 am to 11:00 am

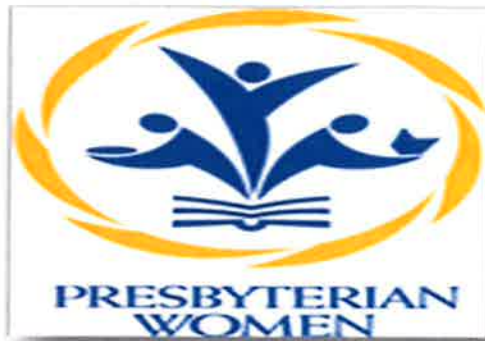
To register, go to the church's Facebook page (1st Presbyterian Church of Marianna) and look for the post regarding VBS. Click on the link as it instructs you and fill out the form.

(For information call Ashley Rackley (850-209-1130) or LuAnne Law (850-557-7425.)

SPARK STUDIOS

Lifeway's VBS 2022 takes kids to Spark Studios where they will spark their imagination and kick their creativity into high gear! They will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us — His creation — to the original design He planned for us.





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

**NO MEETINGS JUNE, JULY
AND AUGUST**

Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton
Meets 1st Monday at 10:00 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**

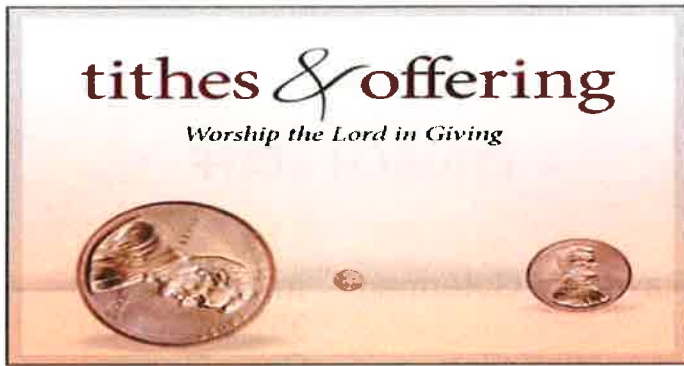
Raymond Guterman	Interim Pastor 352-817-8700
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Christine Yoshikawa	Organist
Connie Butts	Office Manager
Melissa Forehand	Food Pantry Coordinator
LeAnn Heineman	Custodian

**THE PRESBYTERY
OF FLORIDA**

Our presbytery's spring meeting was held on May 21 at Dogwood Acres. Lou Roberts was our church's voting commissioner and Mel Lundgren was our alternate commissioner.

**WELCOME HOME
Lauren Peacock Johnson
and children!**

It is so nice to have Jack and Peggy Peacock's daughter, Lauren, and children, Elin and Bo, with us for a few months while Lt. Commander Craig Johnson is deployed. The family will reunite in Corpus Christi in the fall.



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 May, donations were made in memory of Sandra Daffin.

SOUND SYSTEM DONATIONS

In May, donations were made in memory of Sandra Daffin and Louise Daffin.

ORGAN RESTORATION DONATIONS

In May, donations were made in memory of Tom Wilkinson, Sandra Daffin and Louise Daffin.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Happy Father's Day 2022 to all of our dads, grandads, uncles and all! Let the guys in your lives know how special they are this month!

Monthly need for 2022 budget \$23,835

Received month of May \$15,189

(\$8,646)

Year-to-date 2022 budget need \$119,175

Year-to-date received (4/30/22) \$109,342

(\$ 9,833)

(These figures do not include special fund giving.)

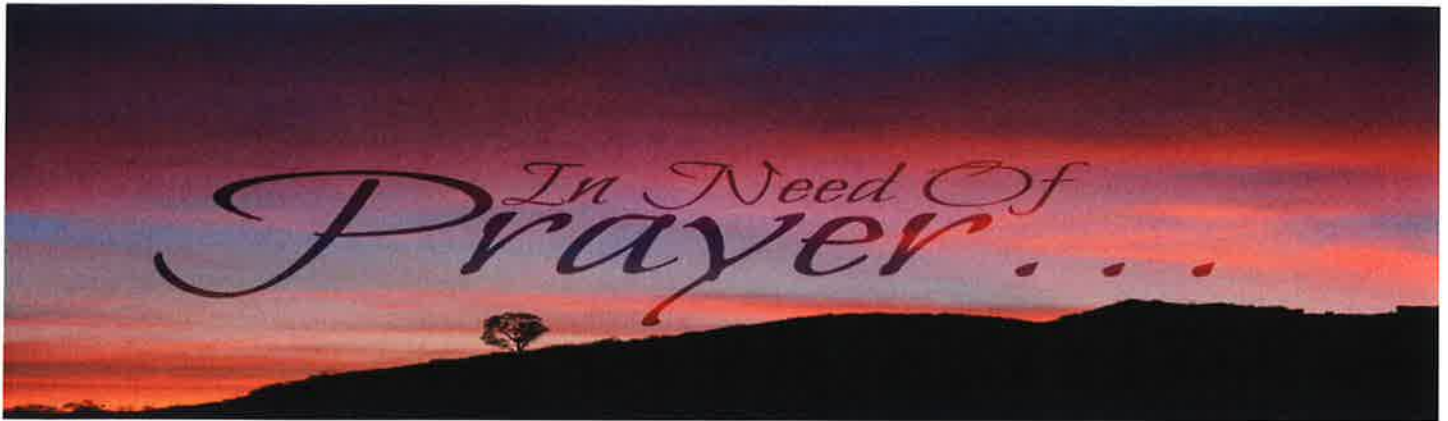
SPECIAL FUNDS DONATIONS FOR MAY

\$ 5,070

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!





Hurting families in Buffalo and Texas
Frances Brock (requested by Kathy Roberts)
Eli Payne
Family and friends of Andrea Granger
Jack Busby and family on the death of his wife (Jack is Joe
Busby's brother)
Bud Wierman
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
Spring 2022 graduates



FPC MISSIONS

EXCITING FPC FOOD PANTRY NEWS

APRIL 2022 REPORT

375 households were served including 838 people.

339 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 tuna and canned fruit for our pantry during the month of June. 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.



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

June 2nd

John W. Milton

June 11th

Carol Maxson

June 13th

Pam Fuqua

June 17th

Joy Hinton

June 18th

Paige Lawson
Barry Stafford

June 23rd

Cindy Yant

June 24th

Jason Law

June 25th

Syntha Alvarez

June 27th

Lauren Lyons
Deck Milton

This is a list of the birthdays of which we have been made aware. If your June 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.



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May 18, 2022

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To Our Faithful Friends at First Presbyterian Church of Marianna:

Thank you for your 2022 pledge of \$8,000. The chart below reflects our January – April 2022 records for giving from your church. Please review this and let us know of any discrepancies. We appreciate the work you do and thank you for your support. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Marianna First

01/14/2022	60001/60002 Shared Support	125.00	1609
01/14/2022	Joy Offering - CJ999999	125.00	1609
01/14/2022	One Great Hour of Sharing - OG999999	125.00	1609
01/14/2022	Peacemaking 1/3 for POF	89.46	1609
01/14/2022	Peacemaking - PM999999	178.93	1609
01/14/2022	Dogwood Acres Pass Through	350.00	7655
02/15/2022	60001/60002 Shared Support	666.00	7677
02/28/2022	60001/60002 Shared Support	667.00	7686
03/18/2022	60001/60002 Shared Support	667.00	7701
04/28/2022	Joy Offering - CJ999999	50.00	1623
04/28/2022	60001/60002 Shared Support	667.00	7720
Total Marianna First		3,710.39	

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