



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Worship 10:45 a.m.
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

9:30 – 10:15 A.M.

Join us for a light breakfast and a chance to thank all those folks who lead and prepare educational programs for the church during the year. There will be special music by the children and youth of the congregation!! NO REGULAR CHURCH SCHOOL THIS WEEK! Childcare in the nursery will remain the same.

Church Moving Day

Saturday Morning, May 22 at 9:30 a.m.

All the Sanctuary furnishings, hymnbooks, sacristy materials, stored items, etc. will be moved, leaving essentially only the pews. Glenn Laird's crew will begin work on Monday, May 24. As with the ground floor, everything must go!

Pentecost Offering

For Children-At-Risk-Youths-Young Adults

This Sunday First Presbyterian Church will receive the Pentecost Offering during worship. It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults. FPC will donate 40% of the donations to a local agency that will be selected by the session.

Will You Be Away For The Summer?

Please let the church office know if you will be away for the summer and need to be put on email lists for newsletters and announcements.

Send any address, phone or email address change to office@oldfirstchurch.org or contact Diana McAda at 222-4504

We will be needing two sets of ushers, readers, and Communion servers through the summer. If you are willing to help out, please e-mail Diana McAda at office@oldfirstchurch.org.

Summer Newsletter Schedule

This is the last weekly newsletter until the fall. Please look for newsletters to be mailed on the following dates during the summer:

June 1
June 15
June 29
July 13
July 27

The deadline for any newsletter will remain on the Monday at noon prior to the mailing date. I work on the newsletters in advance, so feel free to send the information as you get it, but the list the date you would like it to appear.



Pastor's Column

Brant S. Copeland

Last week somebody slipped three bulletins – one from 1954 and two from 1955 – through the letter slot in the Education Building door. I enjoyed reading them. At the evening service on January 9, 1955, Peter Marshall was the guest preacher (in the form of a phonograph recording). In those days "Dub" Martin was the pastor, Miriam Wilson was the FSU Student Counselor, Herman Gunter was the Minister of Music, Ramona Beard was the Organist, and Dorothy Boardman (who became Dorothy Cramer) was Director of Religious Education. In those days "Big Bertha," the trusty air conditioner in the sanctuary, was still a toddler.

On June 19, 1955, as people were going off for their vacations, the Stewardship Committee wasn't pulling any punches. This announcement appeared in the bulletin:

INSTEAD OF A SLUMP – A SURGE

Take a vacation – but not from God. He has told us plainly to "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Therefore when we are on vacation to rest from labor and routine chores, God is depending on us NOT to take a vacation from His House and the work for the ongoing of His Kingdom.

Don't rob God to take a vacation. Remember that costs and needs of the Church must be met whether you, one of its members, are away from home or not. It is necessary therefore, to keep church pledges up-to-date from Sunday to Sunday. Regular giving brings a blessing in itself.

God knows man must get the needed rest and relaxation which will better fit him for further service and renewed usefulness. But He expects man to take time for continuing his devotional periods.

As you leave for your vacation, remember to get someone to substitute for you if you have a special duty in the church. No office or job in the church is small and the neglect of it results in others losing something because of you.

-- Stewardship Committee

I don't know who chaired the Stewardship Committee in those days, but whoever it was did not mince words. I'm guessing the Session made its budget that year.

This Sunday, May 23, the Day of Pentecost, is our last day of worship in the sanctuary. We'll be moving to the Westminster Room, beginning May 30. Services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. through the summer. If you haven't e-mailed the office to volunteer to be a summer usher, reader, or Communion server, there's still time. I don't think the author of the above announcement is still in the Church Militant, but even if he's in the Church Triumphant, I think he'd approve.

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 23, 2010

(Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17, John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Elders serving communion Richard Dolan, Martha Stewart and Linda Sims-Davis.

Presbyterian Habitat Build



Presbyterian Churches throughout the Big Bend area, including FPC joined together to sponsor a safe, decent and affordable home for Kim Williams and her family. The three bedroom/two bathroom home is located in the Tallahassee Highlands Neighborhood on Pennlyn Drive.

Thank you to all of the FPC members and friends that participated in this worthy cause.



Celebrating Our 10th Anniversary With Our "Greatest Hits"

Free and Open to the Public

Sunday, May 23

5:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Carla Connors and Timothy Hoekman will be making a special guest appearance to help celebrate 10 years!

Donations Accepted At The Door.

For more info visit www.vocestally.org.



TEN THOUSAND
VILLAGES

Thank You From Ten Thousand Villages
With your support of our Cirque du Cafe fundraiser on April 24, we reached our goal of \$10,000 for our summer reserve fund. This includes having the resources to begin to order our prediction of more popular crafts for the Fall retail season before the most popular stock in the PA Warehouse is out. (Since all our items are handcrafts, made in developing nations, and are shipped by freighters to the warehouse, when they are out-of-stock on a preferred item, we are out of luck for the year.)

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES is in need of volunteers for the summer as well as for longer term. If you or someone you know is interested, we are having a Volunteer Open House at the store on Monday, May 24, 5-7 pm to inform you how to become a volunteer. There is no obligation to sign-up. Snacks will be provided and those who sign-up will receive a discount on purchases.

For more information, please contact Alisen Warner, Volunteer Coordinator, at the store, 906-9010.

First Presbyterian Church Summer Camp Program

June 28 – July 23

We are filling up!!

Register soon for us to hold a spot for your child.

Every weekday we gather with children who have finished Kindergarten – finished 7th grade for a faith-based, activity filled day (8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.).

Brochures can also be downloaded from the church website.

High School Youth Group

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

End-of-the-Year Pool Party at

Grant Hendry's House

1119 Conservancy Drive West

Dinner provided!

Just bring your swimsuit and towel.

Confirmation Class

This year's confirmation class has consisted of: Jose Cruz, Dillon Geradine, Lindsey Welch, Dakota Geradine and Andrew Corzine. This Sunday in worship these young people will be confirmed.

Witness Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 1 @ 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to join the Witness Council, please come to our meeting. The next meeting of the council will be Tuesday, September 7.

Summer Childcare Schedule

There is childcare for infants through preschoolers in the main floor nursery beginning at 9:00 a.m. until noon.



First Presbyterian Preschool is presently conducting the annual Friends' Campaign. Gifts from **Friends** help provide scholarships to families who otherwise could not afford for their child to attend First Presbyterian Preschool.

The support of Friends has been a vital part of the long history of the Preschool. If you would like to make a donation to the *Belinda Kelly Way Preschool Scholarship Fund*, you may mail your gift to First Presbyterian Preschool, P.O. Box 1574, Tallahassee FL 32302, or there will be members of the Preschool *Board of Directors* in the courtyard following worship on Sunday, May 23rd to receive donations. If you would like to make a regular monthly contribution to the Scholarship Fund please call Andra Copeland at 222.4587 and she will be glad to send you donation envelopes for a year of giving. There is considerable need for scholarship help for our Preschool families for the coming school year. Thank you for considering making a gift to the Preschool.

Do You Need A Reimbursement From FPC?

If you need a reimbursement or have charged something to FPC, please use a Disbursement Request Form (Green Sheet) from front desk and place the form in the request for check box beside them. They will be given to Jim Davis our CPA for him to cut a check. Checks are now being written on Friday for Sunday signatures and disbursement on Monday.