



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Church School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Mid-Week Adult Enrichment Programs are Starting Back Up:
Series I

Witness Without Parallel:

8 Biblical Texts that Make Us Presbyterian

Explore with us eight scripture passages that have been instrumental in forming the basis of Presbyterian belief and mission.

Sept. 16 – Terry Dyer, Executive Presbyter

Sept. 23 – Keith Leach, Candidate for Ministry

Sept. 30 – Bruce Chapman, Campus Minister at FSU

Oct. 7 – Brant Copeland, Minister FPC

To register call the church office at 222-4504
or

e-mail office@oldfirstchurch.org

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study at 6:15 p.m.

Meals are \$5.00/with a family cap of \$15.

Children 10 and under are free.

Childcare is provided upon registration.



Canopy Connection Dinner

It's time once again to begin planning for the annual Canopy Connection Thanksgiving dinner, to be held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, November 19th. Last year we had a record turnout (well over 100!) so we are planning a little differently this year. Please consider donating a dessert, money for food, or your time to act as server for a few tables. We are planning to serve between 150 and 200 clients of Big Bend Cares this year, so we need your help! Please call Ann Westall at 562 2468 or e mail at anndals2@yahoo.com.

ECHO Meal

The next ECHO meal that FPC members will serve will be on Sunday, October 25. Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up. Your help will be appreciated by those you help serve.

Are You Looking For Ways To Help?

The Congregational Care Council gratefully relies on volunteers to provide food for receptions throughout the year. Sometimes, as with Adam Copeland's ordination, we know several weeks in advance. Other times, such as after a Service of Witness to the Resurrection, we have only a few days' notice. If you are willing to be contacted when the need arises, please e-mail bbusharis@hotmail.com. If you have not received e-mails about recent receptions, you may need to update your e-mail address directly with the Council, also by e-mailing bbusharis@hotmail.com.



Pastor's Column

Brant S. Copeland

I begin with a correction. In last week's column I said Adam was four when our family moved to Tallahassee. He was two. I thought I should set the record straight because he might want those two years back some day. The error is attributable to a loose nut on the keyboard.

When you come to worship this Sunday you'll see a mess. Phase II of the underground water intrusion abatement program has begun. Our contractor, Glen Laird, and his crew will be removing the sidewalk in front of the Education Building and laying underground drainage pipe. They'll start at the parking lot and move up the hill, then turn the corner into the courtyard. They'll excavate along the south wall of the Education Building, right down to the footers of the foundation.

Eventually almost all the water that falls in the courtyard will be channeled into the City's storm water system. Good-bye floods in the basement! Good-bye wakeful nights listening the rain come down and wondering if it's time to go to the church and get out the mops! Oh blessed prospect! I was tempted to hug Glenn's entire crew when they appeared on Monday morning, but construction guys don't go in for that kind of thing.

Also, good news on the parking front. Cara Hardiman, the General Manager of the new Aloft Hotel, has given us permission to use the hotel lot on Sunday mornings. Unlike the camel with its nose in the door of the tent, I have not yet brought up the subject of evening parking, but I have noticed that in the evenings there are lots of spaces near Adams Street in the lower portion of the hotel's lot. I don't think there would be a problem about parking there, but I'll let you know in a few weeks.

Meanwhile, I have noticed that there are always vacant spaces in the church lot on Sunday mornings. The walk uphill from our lot is a problem for some, I know. Just keep in mind that those spaces are available for anyone who's running late for worship or who has limited mobility.

Getting back to the subject of destruction/construction, it will be obvious when the courtyard is inaccessible. The good news is, the front door of the Education Building and the courtyard entrance will not be inaccessible simultaneously. One way or another, you'll be able to get into the Westminster and Education Buildings.

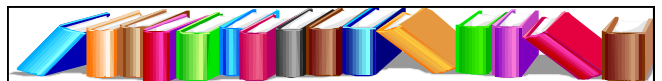
And when the air hammers start on the sidewalk outside my study window, don't expect to find me at the church. I'll be making pastoral calls or evangelizing at Starbucks.

Lunch for College Students
Sunday, September 20, 2009
Following worship in the
Westminster Room

All college students are welcome to join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. No need to register, just bring a friend and come eat!

Young Adult
Gathering

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009
At ***Bella Bella*** (corner of 5th Ave and N. Monroe St)



Pastor's Book Club

The Faith of Barak Obama
by Stephen Mansfield

Oct. 18, 2009

@ 6:00 p.m. at the Westminster Oaks Pool House

Friday Night Frolic

"Let the Games Begin"

Friday, September 18, 2009

6-9 p.m.

\$5.00 per child

Elementary school aged children are invited to join us for an evening of dinner, games, stories and FUN! Friends are welcome. Register by contacting Christy Williams - Christy@oldfirstchurch.org Or calling the church office-222-4504.

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, Sept 20, 2009

6-7:30 p.m.

Westminster Room

Snacks: Jenny Hanson and Nathan Morse

Spiritfest Boot Camp! Even if you aren't joining us for Spiritfest, come join the fun of preparing for this retreat.

High School Youth Group

Sunday, Sept 20, 2009

6-7:30 p.m.

Calvin Room

Thank you all so much for your support last Sunday. It was a great joy to be ordained in the presence of the wonderful saints of First Pres. I'm especially grateful for the tireless effort of Michael, Dad, the choirs, Carl, and the reception hosts to make the day a success. Thank you, also, for the pulpit robe given from the congregation. I will wear it with gratitude to what God continues to do at Old First Tallahassee.

Adam

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 20, 2009

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Elders serving communion will be Norma Meier, Richard Dolan, Janet Bowman, Lester Abberger, Don and Kathee Winstead.

September 27, 2009

(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Ps. 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Church School

Church School for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m. There is childcare for infants through preschoolers in the main floor nursery. Elementary School aged children should come up to room 305 for community time. They will be dismissed by 9:30 a.m. to their classrooms.

ABC (Adult Bible Class)

Calvin Room

Darrell White will lead our study of Amos 4:1-7:9. We continue with the minor prophets. We welcome new members and guests.

Faith and Families Class

Library

This week we will begin our study of the PC(USA)'s policy paper, "Transforming Families".

Hearing and Sharing the Word Class

Conference Room

Join us as we begin our study of the Bible and our faith.

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room

Next Sunday we conclude our three-week celebration of John Calvin's 500th birthday. John Kelsey will speak on "Calvinism and Islam." Walter may wear his Calvin mask again.

Do You Have Something For The Newsletter?

Each week we try to keep you up-to-date on what is going on at the church. We would love to include council information, circle information, etc. Please send your information to office@oldfirstchurch.org or contact Diana McAda in the church office. The deadline is on Monday's at noon for a Tuesday newsletter.



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In Memoriam
Jane Shaeffer
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