



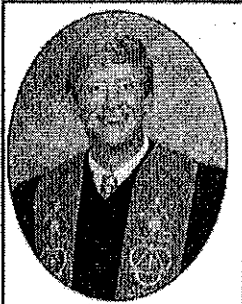
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Good Things At Work in the Life of Our Church



by the Reverend Dr.
L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

Dear Friends,

On Thursday, November 1st, our church will recognize what is known as All Saints' Day, an important yet often overlooked day in the life of the church. It provides an opportunity for us to focus our attention on the legacy of faith of those saints who departed this life and live eternally with God.

Over the last year seven members of our church family joined the great chorus of witnesses: Perk Bowers, Teresa Dooley, Amanda Stover Higgs, John Curtis Page, Paul Shaver, Ann Thomas, and Herbert Wormhoudt.

Simply remembering their families during the seasons of the first Thanksgiving and Christmas without them is not enough; nor is it enough just to include their names as part of a larger litany. In my opinion, the true measure of their spiritual legacy is the extent to which we bear witness to their spiritual fingerprints on our lives. Has all that in them which was good and kind and faithful contributed to the spiritual vibrance of our own lives? Has the knowledge of their experiencing the presence of God served as a source of spiritual renewal for us?

As we approach this year's Consecration Sunday, it seems altogether fitting for us to consider our responses to these and other questions. Since stewardship in its broadest sense is about joyfully responding to what

God has done for us in our lives, our response undoubtedly involves our contributions to a legacy of faith that, by God's grace, includes not only our substance but also our spirit.

As a congregation we are blessed to possess a hospitable spirit. One of our newest members told me that she was warmly welcomed and felt very much at home from the first time she visited until now. Extending this Christian welcome helps to continue our faithful legacy because the members who have joined our church family now share with us their gifts and skills for ministry. As those new members have become involved, I hope you have taken the time to get to know them. They presently include last year's Confirmation Class, which consists of the following people: April Ross, Hannah Duke, Kathryn Jackson and Trent Kirkendall. Other new members include: David and Linda Johns, Susan McCarthy, Tom and Julie McGee, Linda and Ralph Palumbo, Mack and Janet Sisson, Wendy Priesand, Bob and Jana Rainey, and Martha Ann Siegling. I dare say that, if we continue to demonstrate grace and hospitality, our church family will be further blessed by effectively connecting with people on both a spiritual and a personal level.

Allow me to say a word about worship because it is through worship that we often initially engage people and provide for them a space to encounter and, indeed, worship God. As of right now we have two dynamic and traditional worship services which are offered at 8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday mornings. We are

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beginning to prayerfully consider whether a third service would be appropriate in the life of our church family and what that service would look like. The predominant vision is that of a service in the Anchor (our youth facility on Center Street) which would run concurrently with the traditional service in the sanctuary. Providing an additional service at 11:00 a.m. in the Anchor would allow us to keep our existing worship services as they are while maintaining a high level of commitment to our Sunday school program. Since the Anchor provides a generous space that is well suited for contemporary worship, we would be able to telecast the sermon to that location. Through the telecast and a variety of other means, we would create a worship experience that would engage people in a new and different way than ever before.

One final note regarding the following recommendation by our church's

Nominating Committee: on Sunday, October 14th, our Session voted unanimously in favor of those recommended for the Director for Youth and Their Families Nominating Committee. That committee has thus been officially constituted and consists of Doris Holloway, Dee Ann Johnson, Ben Cazell, Grace Kunzelmann, Todd Lockhart, Roger Martin, and Bill Tucker. The members of this committee possess many different gifts as well as a strong commitment to our youth ministry. In fact, most of the committee members are currently working with our students and their families; all of them have what I would consider to be a good perspective and understanding of youth culture. As always, please keep their work along with the ongoing ministries of our church family in your prayers. Until I speak to you again, take care and God bless.

In Christ's Service,
Holton



Holiday Activities - Save the Dates

- The Amelia Island Museum of History is having a Holiday House and Church Tour on November 30th and December 1st. Our very own First Presbyterian will be beautifully decorated and open for touring.
- Christmas Camp for kids in K-5th grade will be held on the first three Saturdays in December beginning on December 1st. Activities will take place in the Anchor. Registration forms will be available in JTH and the church office. Let us help you prepare for the holidays by entertaining your children with stories, crafts, music and drama from 9 a.m. until noon. There is no fee for Christmas Camp. Merry Christmas from Christian Education.
- Sunday, December 2nd, Family Christmas Night. Let's decorate the tree in JTH. Bring an ornament for our family tree. We will enjoy a chili supper, sing carols and make an advent wreath and Christmas ornament to take home.

MOM,ME Playgroup

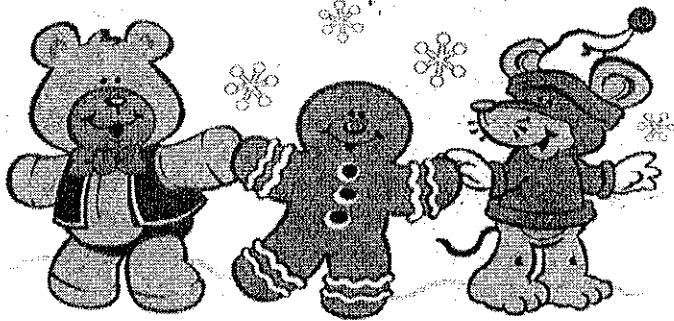
MOM,ME is the newest ministry opportunity offered at FPC for church members and the community. All are welcome. Call the church office to participate with your baby/toddler. Each week features story time and craft activity as well as safe play while moms visit and share. We have a lovely group of moms with a lively crew of children. Perhaps you would like to read a story one Thursday morning. Come, be a part of this growing ministry to families.



ASAP*

Ends on Wednesday, November 28th for this year

On our final afternoon we will have an Art and Magic show for families of our students followed by a pizza party! Yee Haw!!! Many thanks to our ASAP volunteers: Shirley Owens, Peggy Smelt-Day, Darren Smith, Lisa Caddy and Sherri Braeger. Miss Marlene and Miss Rose have been inspirational for the kids this fall.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

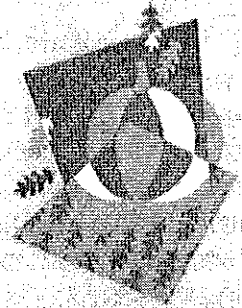
The Holiday Craft Bazaar is just "Over the River and Through the Woods." We will be open Friday, November 2nd from 2 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, November 3rd, the regular 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch will be available on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Set up will be Monday, October 29th - Thursday, November 2nd as we transform JTH into Grandma and Grandpa's home. Friday morning will be used to put on the finishing touches. Projects may be brought anytime, preferably early in the week so we may work them into the set up. If these hours do not meet your schedule, please let Phyllis know and we will arrange a pick up for you.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Rouse at 491-5205.

Flower Calendar

- ♥ November 4th - Nancy and Ken Sturges in memory of her grandmother Blanche Adams and her beloved children, Alice, Frank, Vlers, and Zella.
- ♥ November 11th - Ruth Reeder in loving memory of her husband, Claude Reeder and in honor of her children and grandchildren.
- ♥ November 18th - Deann and Richard Johnson in honor of their 5th anniversary.
- ♥ November 25th - Cevera and Doc Burgess in memory of their parents, Ruth and Buddy Burgess and Billie and Louis Ferrelra.



Talent Show Fundraiser!



The Youth Committee will host a Talent Show and Youth Fundraiser on Sunday, November 11th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Jim Thomas Hall. If you have a talent that you would like to share with the church, please contact our talent scout, Andi Flynn at 548-0506. It's not too late! A dress rehearsal is planned for Thursday, November 8th at 6 p.m. in the Anchor

Please support this fundraiser by purchasing tickets and attending the event. Costs for tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$30 for families. Tickets will be on sale in JTH between services on October 14th, 21st, and 28th. Your ticket price includes your entertainment for the evening, a dessert buffet, and of course the priceless opportunity to support our youth in our two summer trips: Great Escape for middle school youth and the senior high mission trip, which will be in Taylorsville, Tennessee.

Evangelism Notes

"Share your Faith!"

Jesus said "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) The word for life in the original Greek is psyche which means "the mind, heart, and the soul of a person." Jesus tells us that the greatest kind of love is when we share our mind, heart, and our soul with another. This kind of sharing is the cost of real friendship and it's why true friendships are so difficult to develop and maintain. We may have hundreds of acquaintances, dozens of fair weather friends, but we are truly blessed if we have just one or two real friends with whom we can be completely open, honest and vulnerable with:

Jesus commands of us "That you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) Jesus even called us His friends, telling us that everything He has learned from His Father He has made known to us. (CF. John 15:15) He said He would never leave us, never forsake us, and will love us with an everlasting love. He desires an intimate relationship with us, so personal, that he will live in us. (CF. John 14:23) Can anyone ask for a better friend than Jesus?

Our relationship with Jesus is at the heart of evangelism. When we share from our own experiences - with our mind, heart, and soul - of what our faith in Jesus means to us, it is a powerful and effective witness. I believe this kind of sharing with another is what Jesus called the greatest kind of love.



When three mothers got together to write a picture book for their children that would highlight the connections between their religions, it soon became apparent that their differences and misunderstandings could doom the project to failure. You see, the three women were a Christian, a Muslim, and a Jew. It became clear that the women themselves needed an honest and open environment where they could admit and discuss their concerns, stereotypes and misunderstandings about one another. After hours of soul-searching about the issues that divided them, Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner grew close enough to discover and explore what united them.

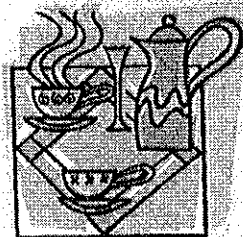
Instead of a children's book, the women wrote *The Faith Club*, a memoir of spiritual reflections in three voices that will make readers feel as if they are eavesdropping on the authors' private conversations, provocative discussions, and often controversial opinions and conclusions. As the authors reveal their deepest beliefs, readers watch the blossoming of a profound interfaith friendship and the birth of a new way of relating to others.

Faith Clubs are being organized all over the world as a result of this book. For more information go to the website to read excerpts from the book and to learn about starting your own "faith club":

www.thefalthclub.com/

Coffee Service

- ♥ November 4th - Youth Committee
- ♥ November 11th - Presbyterian Men
- ♥ November 18th - Esther Circle
- ♥ November 25th - Ruth Circle



Transportation Needs

If you or someone you know needs transportation to church, doctors, hospital visits, etc. please contact the church office at 261-3837 or Nelson Showalter at 261-4885.





MISSION NEWS



Joy to the Children

November's Minute for Mission is Joy to the Children, an organization that provides Nassau County's neediest children and their families with a holiday celebration on Christmas day. In 1994, a group of friends gathering for the holiday decided to reach out to those families that "fall through the cracks", who often go without basic necessities, let alone holiday gifts. That initial outreach started with 36 children and today has reached over 2000 children and their families.

Throughout the year, the volunteer Board works through local agencies and teachers to identify participating children and families. Volunteers use tax-deductible donations to shop for clothes, toys, books, bedding, underwear, socks, backpacks, school supplies and stocking stuffers, plus a special gift. Two days before Christmas, hundreds of volunteers arrive at the school site to wrap the gifts. On Christmas day, the families enjoy a feast in the Yulee Middle School decorated auditorium, hosted by scores of volunteers, with entertainment and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus and the pirates of Fernandina Beach.

You can volunteer by shopping for each child in early December, wrapping gifts on December 22nd, or serving as 'Table Angels' on Christmas day. Questions? Call President Sandy Balzer (491-6146) or Volunteer Coordinator Arlene Filkoff (491-8629) or email joytothechildren@comcast.net.

Nassau Juvenile Residential Facility

The Mission Committee adds its thanks to the following note received from Nassau Juvenile Residential Facility: "You will never know how long we have prayed for people like yourselves to come along and help with the needs of our youth and facility. What each and every one of you have done for us will never be forgotten. Your church is a Blessing to our community and your work will be rewarded. Thank you and God bless each and every one of you! Mr. James Payne and the Youth and Staff " It feels good to work in our own community, doesn't it?"

Holt International

This is an excerpt from a longer letter from Holt International, the organization Jesse Duke works through in China.

"We have been home a month now with our beautiful little girl. I have thought about you often during our process to adopt Yiu Jiao Jiao, now known as McKenna Mae Jiao Jiao Graf. While we were waiting, I was so happy to hear that she had a sponsor family from Holt. Thank you doesn't seem like enough, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Because of your generous donation every month our daughter, Jiao Jiao, has been in a loving home all of her life. She was so well cared for in China and we are so very grateful to you, her foster family and Holt International."

The Graf family live in Nebraska and had sponsored Holt International children themselves for years. Their children are two grown, adopted daughters from the States, a son, and now 3 Chinese daughters, Michaela, 5, Mackenzie 3 1/2, and McKenna 2 1/2. Kelli, a stay at home mom, and Frank, an Optometrist have a BIG family, full of love.

Meet Our New Members

Wendy Priesand is not new to the area or our church. With their daughters, Beth and Allison, she and husband, Chuck, lived on Amelia Island from 1986-1996. Wendy was a member of First Presbyterian but moved to Gulfport, Mississippi where she opened a hotel for Mirage Resorts. In 2005, after Katrina, they relocated back to Jacksonville where Wendy accepted a position with the Omni Hotel as Director of Sales and Marketing. In July, the Priesand's purchased a new home in Yulee, and we are delighted to have Wendy back home at FPC.

Tom and Julie McGee met after college in Atlanta, Georgia where they both pursued their individual careers. Tom, a native of North Carolina, was an accountant and Julie, who grew up in Puerto Rico and Argentina, worked with emotionally disturbed children. They lived in the Atlanta area for over 40 years, have two married sons, five grandchildren and were members of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Liburn, Georgia. Tom was an elder and deacon there, and Julie sang in the choir. They've retired to Fernandina and especially enjoy the uniqueness of the area.

Linda and Ralph Palumbo also have retired to our area and are new here. They moved in October from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Linda is into scrapbooking, and Ralph enjoys fishing and photography. They like to walk on the beach together as well as bowl and dance. They've found our church warm and welcoming and are looking forward to becoming involved in whatever way the Lord guides them.

Martha Ann Siegling is a native of Greer, SC where her family still resides today. She graduated from Clemson University in 1995 with a degree in Marketing and Travel Tourism. She has worked for Princeton University and the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce and is the mother of Harrison, 7 and Will, 3. She has been an active member of community organizations in the towns the

Siegling's have lived and also enjoys traveling, reading books and is attempting to brush up on her tennis game since arriving in Fernandina! She is excited about the opportunities that God has in store for her and the Siegling clan next and has felt truly welcomed by the members of 1st Church.

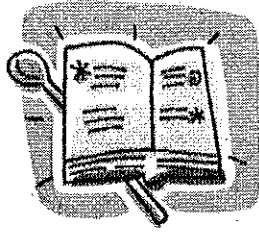
David and Linda Johns moved here from Kokomo, Indiana where he was a member of First Presbyterian Church there. He and Linda are the parents of 22 year old, Daniel, who lives with them here. David graduated from Indiana University with degrees in Management and Behavioral Sciences. He is presently employed by General Motors Corporation but is looking forward to retirement next spring and enjoys golf and walking on the beach.

Susan McCarthy was born in Covington, Kentucky but moved to Lexington early in her life and lived there for 20 years. She moved to Florida in 1978, attended college and worked as a dental assistant. Her son, Joshua (who lives in Orlando), was born in 1980. Susan attended FCCJ receiving a Dental Hygiene degree and later attended the University of North Florida where she earned her bachelor's degree in Health Science. She is currently working in Jacksonville for Dr. Marie Basco.

Bob and Jana Rainey moved to Fernandina in 1997. Bob was born in Wauchula, Florida, and Jana is a Jacksonville native. He retired in 2005 after a career of teaching at FCCJ which began in 1968. Jana graduated from UNF with a bachelor's degree in Health Administration, worked for 22 years with Florida Police and Fire Games, and is currently an Executive Assistant. Their son, Hamilton was born in 2001 and besides being very involved in his life, Bob is active in the local Cub Scout program, is into serious bicycle riding and motorcycle/scooter riding. His other passions include music, playing the guitar, and growing roses. Jana enjoys family time, motorcycle riding, and walks on the beach.

Wanted: Recipes for New Cookbook
that will be on sale for the 150 anniversary
of First Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Women are inviting everyone to participate, Men, Women and Youth. Give us your favorite recipe or your grandmother or grandfather's, your favorite aunt's or your best friend's. We want recipes for Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Vegetables Casseroles, Meat, Poultry, Seafood, Cakes, Pies, Cookies or Desserts. If you have a favorite that you barbeque or put on the grill we want that too. We also want recipes for relishes, pickles, sauces and salad dressings. You may contribute as many recipes as you would like. The deadline for entries is December 1st, 2007. Forms may be picked up at the church or from circle members, or you may enter your recipe on a piece of paper. Remember to include Category, Your Name, Your Phone Number, Name of Recipe, Ingredients In the Order of Use, Method of Preparing, Size and Type of Container, Time, Temperature and Yield. Recipes may be emailed to Carolyn Guerrin at cguerri@bellsouth.net, by phoning her at 261-8356 or mailing her at P.O. Box 1064, FB 32035. Recipes may also be given to Cookbook Committee Members Georgette Giles, Nancy Inboden, Eunice Kurtz, Bonnie Selby or Marilyn Showalter. Let's make this the best Cookbook ever.



Presbyterian Women News

Circle meetings are well underway and studies have begun. If you are looking for a way to become acquainted with other ladies in our congregation, please consider joining one of our Circles. We currently have six circles. All of them meet once a month - four during the daytime, and two at night. We share study, prayer, food and fellowship! For more information, please contact Alice Payne at 277-2001.



Circle Meetings for November:

- ♥ Elizabeth Circle - November 8th, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- ♥ Esther Circle - November 8th, 1 p.m., Phyllis Rouse's home
- ♥ Hannah Circle - November 8th, 6 p.m., Bunny Selby's home
- ♥ Lydia Circle - November 11th, 6:30 p.m., Emily Kunzelmann's home
- ♥ Martha Circle - November 14th, 10 a.m., Judy Levers' home
- ♥ Ruth Circle - November 8th, 10 a.m., Dot Bell's home

Operation Christmas Child

Stuffed to the brim, wrapped, shoeboxes must be returned to the church no later than November 12th so that they can be shipped overseas to happy little boys and girls anticipating your generosity this Christmas. Shove everything in those boxes that you can!



For most of the recipients, it is all that they will get for Christmas. Imagine the joy on their faces when they open the shoebox that you have lovingly filled for them this year. The joy on your face will shine as well. Don't forget to include the \$7.00 needed to help with shipping costs. Make checks payable to Operation Christmas Child.

Men's Coffee Klatch

A group of men from our church, and others, meet for one hour of fellowship, discussion on a wide array of topics, and coffee every Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Community Room of Amella Woods Condominiums at the end of Mizzell Avenue off the beach. Come and drink coffee with us.



November @ 1st Presbyterian

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Opportunities 8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Fellowship 9:50a Sunday School & Adult Studies 11:00a Worship Nursery 8:15-12:15				1 8a Prayer 9:30a MOM,ME 2p P W Com. Mtg. Bazaar Set up	2 Presbyterian Women's Fall Bazaar 2:00-7:00p Pastor's Day Off Church Office closes 12p	3 Presbyterian Women's Fall Bazaar 9:00a-2:00p
4 5:00p Sr. High & Middle School Youth-Pilgrim's Progress	5 5:30p Teen CBS-YC 6:30p Youth Com.	6 3p Coffee Klatch 4p Christian Ed 7p Property	7 <i>ASAP</i> 3:30-5:30p 6:15p Comm. Com. 6:30p Choir	8 8a Prayer 9:30a MOM,ME 6p Dress Rehearsal Talent Show-Anchor 6:30p Presby. Men	9 Pastor's Day Off Church Office closes 12p	10 Church Work Day 
11 Consecration Sunday Brunch @ 9:30a Lunch @ 12:00p 6:00p Youth Talent Show	12 5:30p Teen CBS-YC	13 3p Coffee Klatch	14 <i>ASAP</i> 3:30-5:30p 6p Worship Com. 6:30p Choir	15 8a Prayer 9:30a MOM,ME 11:30a MAC Thanksgiving Lunch	16 Pastor's Day Off Church Office closes 12p	17
18 Communion 4:30p Sr. High Movie & Dinner 6:00p MS SNL YC	19 2-9:00p Pictorial Directory Photos JTH 5:30p Teen CBS-YC	20 2-9:00p Pictorial Directory Photos JTH 4p Finance Mtg. 5:45p Deacons 7p Session	21 2-9:00p Pictorial Directory Photos JTH 6:30p Choir	22 23 24 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 		24
25 6p Halfway House Ministry	26 5:30p Teen CBS-YC	27 3p Coffee Klatch	28 <i>ASAP</i> 3:30-5:30p 6:30p Choir	29 8a Prayer 9:30a MOM,ME play group	30 10:00a-5:00p Holiday House & Church Tour Pastor's Day Off Church Office closes 12p	K-5th Christmas Camp 9a-12p Holiday House & Church Tour 10:00a-5:00p

Communications Committee News

Church Pictorial Directory Save the Dates 2007 and 2008

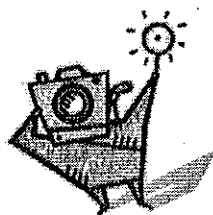
We will begin photography for the pictorial directory of church members on Monday, November 19th and continue through Wednesday, November 21st, in Jim Thomas Hall. Each church family or individual member, who makes a reservation and who participates, will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and one free directory for participating.

On each of these three days, we will provide ten periods during which each person, or family will be able to complete their check-in, photography, and portrait selection. The daily schedule will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 8:30 p.m. Although it typically takes less time please allow one hour for the entire process.

After your portrait session you will view your images and have the opportunity to purchase, (without obligation), additional portraits. You may use cash, personal check, Visa, Master Card, Discover or American Express to purchase any additional portraits you wish to buy.

You may make your reservations for your portrait sitting using one of three ways:

- You may sign up at church on any Sunday morning beginning with November 4th. The sign up sheets will be on a table in Jim Thomas Hall.
- You may go on line to our church web site, <http://1stpres-fb.com> and click on



the link to Life Touch. Each church member will shortly receive a mailing with all of the details of the program.

We have scheduled the photography for the church member pictorial directory in two parts. The November schedule this year is to facilitate those members who wish to have their finished photographs, and any additional prints, available in time for Christmas.

Part two of the photography schedule will occur next year in 2008, on Tuesday, February 5th, Wednesday, February 6th, Thursday, February 7th, Friday, February 8th and Saturday, February 9th.

Using this schedule the Communications Committee will have sufficient time to acquire all the necessary photographs, and member listings text, and then edit, proof read and give final approval to the new church directory in time to permit its production and distribution to the congregation on or before Easter Sunday, March 23rd, 2008.

The new directory will be a three-ring binder arrangement, which will permit additional page insertions as, from time to time, we take in new members. In addition, we will be visiting those of our members who cannot physically come to church, and we will arrange to take their portrait at home so that they will not be left out of the

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee invites your help in selecting the individuals to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. If you know those of our membership whom you think would be called in this way, please bring their names to the church office along with an explanation of why the nominee should be prayerfully considered.

Nominees should be persons of faith, dedication, and generosity, who are willing to give sufficient time and interest to this important work.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

- ★ Pilgrim's Progress - Sunday, November 4th, Church, 5 - 7 p.m. Middle school and Sr. high youth become pilgrims in this interactive game based on Paul Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.
- ★ Talent Show Fundraiser - Sunday, November 11th, 6 - 8:30 p.m. - Show off your talent or just work this event that will raise funds for future youth group trips and activities.
- ★ Youth group meetings - Sunday, November 17th. Middle school meets in the Anchor from 6 to 7:30 p.m. High school youth will meet from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a late afternoon matinee and dinner.
- ★ No Youth Group Meetings - Sunday, November 25th. Happy Thanksgiving!
- ★ Youth group meetings - Sunday, December 2nd. Middle school meets in the Anchor. Senior high will meet in JTH to make Christmas decorations for Jane Adams House residents and Christmas cookies. Both groups meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- ★ Youth group meetings - Sunday, December 9th. Middle school meets in the Anchor. Senior high will meet after church at Applebees for lunch, then go to Jane Adams House to sing Christmas carols.
- ★ Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church Live Nativity Scene - Saturday, December 15th. Sr. high will leave from church at 5 p.m. and travel to Ponte Vedra returning at around 9:30 p.m.
- ★ Youth group meetings - Sunday, December 16th, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- ★ No youth group meetings December 23rd and 29th, Merry Christmas!

MACs

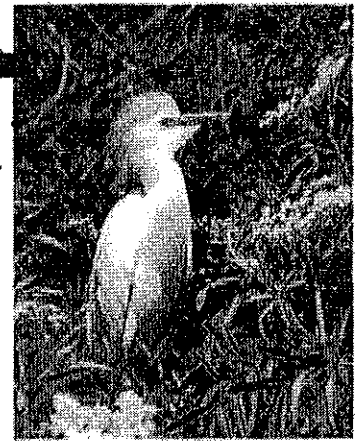
Mature Adult Christians, 55 and over, meet monthly for lunch, fellowship and interesting speakers/activities!

On November 15th, join the MACs for their Traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon prepared by Chef Donna. Gather in Jim Thomas Hall at 11:30 a.m. for some fellowship time followed by lunch at noon and an interesting, informative presentation by local artist and naturalist, Sandra Baker Hinton.

The cost for lunch is \$10 per person. Make your reservations by November 8th. Shop with Cops will be the featured mission project for November and Don Monahan will be present to explain how the program works.

The MACs have collected over \$250.00 to purchase overseas phone cards to be sent to Iraq for our service men and women. Sixty MACs turned out for the Polly the Trolley historical tour and picnic lunch in October. That's two trolleys full!

If you have questions about MAC activities, call Mary Hughes at 321-2660.



Consecration Sunday

following the 11 a.m. worship. Both meals are catered. This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her spiritual development. We believe you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary. No one will call on your home for a pledge. But we will contact you personally to secure your commitment to attend morning worship on Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Brunch or Luncheon immediately after worship.

Sunday, November 11th, is our congregation's Consecration Sunday, and two important events will occur: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Brunch immediately following the 8:30 a.m. worship or the Celebration Luncheon

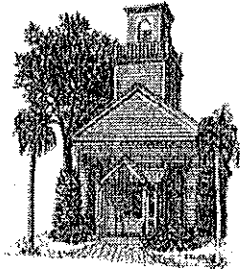
Relay for Life

The Mighty Church Mice are grateful for all of your support! FPC's Relay for Life team includes Holton Siegling, Trish Booton, Nancy Inboden, Ginny Grupe, Jan Gundersen, Pat Ermold, Mara Reaves, DeAnn Johnson, Richard Johnson, Robin Marley, and Caroline Tunkel. Cheer on the team during the relay on Friday, November 2nd, at 6:00 p.m.



Our 150th Anniversary

Preparation is underway for a May 18th, 2008 celebration of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the First Presbyterian Church in Fernandina. If you are interested in being involved in the planning of this event, please contact Susan Steger at 261-4372.



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1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

Sunday Worship Hours: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.
Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 8:00 a.m.