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The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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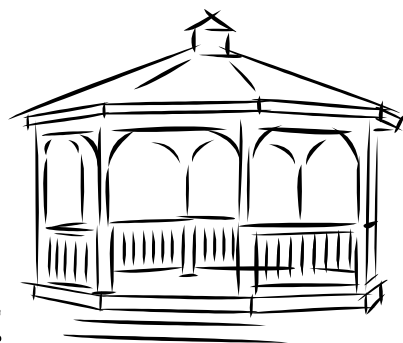
Summer Sunday Evening

June 13

Central Park

5:00p.m.

Worship and Family Picnic



The first of our Summer Sunday Evening Worship and Fellowship events scheduled for this summer is Sunday, June 13th, in Central Park on Atlantic Avenue. We will begin with worship featuring our Praise Band in the Gazebo and Dr. Holton Siegling-live and unplugged!

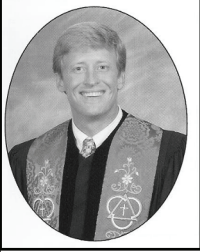
Bring lawn chairs, blankets and pillows for your comfort. Following worship, Herb Underwood will be grilling hamburgers for one and all. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship, fresh air and a spiritual high!

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone you meet to come and celebrate a beautiful evening in the presence of God with a great bunch of Presbyterians.

Summer is that time of year to kick off your shoes, feel the grass between your toes, loosen up and relax. Experience Sabbath this summer with a picnic in the park, a bonfire at the beach, God sightings at Ft Clinch and an ice cream social before the 4th of July Fireworks! God is everywhere and in it all. Let's be there with Him. Make memories this summer!



God is Our Guide Through Transitions



by the Reverend Dr.
L. Holton Siegling,

Dear Friends,

What a nice gathering we had for Wade and Megan on the evening of Sunday, May 16! The Member Care Committee, along with the Youth Committee, and, of course, T.C. and Earl through their special presentation(s), all contributed to a wonderful and festive occasion. Each of us could surely sense Wade's faithfulness, intelligence, and gratitude as he led us in worship the next Sunday, on Baccalaureate Sunday. And so it is that Wade now begins his new work as *Director for College and Transitional Ministries* at the Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Life is, indeed, full of transitions. When Ruth was left with only her mother-in-law Naomi by her side, she was faced with changes from all that she knew and understood to all that God would have her to know and understand. It is at the end of Ruth's story that we see most clearly how God's hand was at work in the midst of those transitions and that the story itself was really God's story. Such a faithful reflection upon the past is what enabled Joseph to remark to his brothers, "...God intended it for good..." (cf. Gen. 50:20).

As our recent graduates move into a new chapter in their lives, they will continue to need our love and prayers. In the near future we plan to have all of their names and updated addresses on file in the church office; we encourage you to reach out to them as much as possible. Also, as we anticipate new leadership in our youth

ministry, let me thank the Youth Committee and our longstanding, dedicated parents and volunteers, along with those of you who have expressed an interest in helping during this time of transition.

In assisting us to move forward, the Session has considered the merits of both a non-ordained and ordained position and has determined to continue with our present model and proceed with a non-ordained *Director for Youth and Their Families*. Among the many factors which influenced the Session's decision are the following: the hope that such a person called to this position could be found more quickly and that the position would be easier for the church to sustain financially.

The Session has asked the Church Nominating Committee (CNC) to provide a list of names for the Session to consider as it creates a search committee for the Youth Director. Once those individuals have been selected, they will be commissioned for the purpose of searching for that person whom God would call to serve with us. Handling the process in this way ensures that we are intentional, thoughtful, and prayerful in considering individuals who might be called to serve in this capacity.

May this time of transition in the life of our church family be for us a time of faithfulness. May we find that where God goes we would also be willing to go. May we also be empowered by God to preserve life and life abundant for those who love him, for those who are called according to his purpose.

In Christ's Service,
Holton



Presbyterian Women's News

Presbyterian Women

invite you to our

Spring Celebration

in the Church Sanctuary

Sunday, June 6

2:30 p.m.

as we celebrate the

2010 Birthday Offering

"Train Children in the Right Way"

and the

2010 Life Member Award

Special Guests

Crowns of Creation Ministry
Joey and Jeanie

Followed by a Reception in
Jim Thomas Hall

RSVP to the Church Office
261-3837

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meeting dates—Monday, June 7, and Friday, June 18—9:30 a.m.—Jim Thomas Hall
- **Fall Kickoff Luncheon**—Thursday, September 9. Mark your calendars for this annual lunch and program opening the new year for PW circles.
- **Coming in September:** a new circle for the young women of the church!! Look for more details next month.
- **October—Fair Trade Bazaar**—Help support people who are learning new skills, giving their families a better way of life. This sale will include several Fair Trade projects from around the world. More information is coming soon!!
- **October 23—PW of the Synod of South Atlantic Gathering** at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. Registration forms are available in Jim Thomas Hall.



Summer Sunday Evenings

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join you on these summer Sunday evenings for worship, food and fellowship:

- June 13 -A Picnic Supper in Central Park
- July 4 -Celebration & Ice Cream Social in the ANCHOR
- Aug 1-God sightings at Ft. Clinch
- Aug 22-Bonfire Worship at Peter's Point

OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER!

In June, the Saltshakers class will be completing the series "**The Last Days According to Jesus**". This final section is on the book of Revelation, and includes topics such as "The Antichrist", "The Beast", "The Rapture", and "The Millennium". Even if you have missed previous sessions, you are welcome to join us for this overview of Revelation.

Mission News

There is still time to join the dedicated Presbyterians headed to Houma, LA, for First Presbyterian Church's mission trip. Departure is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, and returning Friday, June 18. No matter what your skills are, there is something special that you can do for the people of Houma, who have been hit by 4 hurricanes and now an oil spill! If you can make the trip with this great group of missionaries, your life will be richer for the experience.

The church's Session has approved our church's participation in the Cold Night shelter when winter comes again to Fernandina. Twenty (20) volunteers will be needed for this program to work effectively. Please contact Rich Lang or Gene Sovereign to sign up for a shift at the Cold Night Shelter.

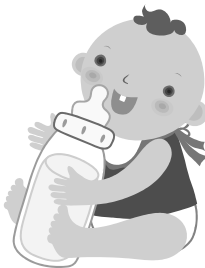
Claire Barry spoke to members of the congregation recently about what is happening on La Gonâve, a small island

west of hurricane-devastated Haiti. Many of the men from the island worked on Haiti and lost their income when the hurricane hit. The Mission Committee has committed to buy five goats for families on the island. A pregnant goat is given to a family with 3 days of training about its care and feeding. The goat provides the family milk, and fertilizer for the garden. A goat has been found to give the family better nutrition and greater self-sufficiency.

Mission Committee and Evangelism Committee have sent another 100 bibles to Barnabas so that they are available for clients who come for assistance. Over 200 bibles have already been shared in this way. Bibles will also be purchased for presentation to the families moving into the two Habitat houses being completed this summer.

MOM, ME

Our MOM,ME Play-group will continue throughout the summer meeting each Wednesday morning 9:30—11 a.m. in our delightful Noah's Place. If you know of any new moms or new folks to the Island, invite them to join our happy group of moms, babes and toddlers as they enjoy conversation, sharing ideas, fellowship and safe play. Will you have young children/grandchildren visiting this summer? No reservations necessary, just drop by. MOM,ME is a wonderful outreach to the families of our church and community. Participation is open to all. Spread the word.



Flower Calendar

- June 7-Presbyterian Women
- June 13-James and Lou Johnson in honor of their grandchildren.
- June 20-Marie Louise Chaplin in memory of her father, W. A. Davis and the Chaplin Children in memory of their father, Ernest Chaplin.
- June 27-Dick and Ellen Hultberg in honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary and their children and grandchildren.



Coffee Service

- June 6th - Personnel Committee
- June 13th - Presbyterian Men
- June 20th - Ruth Circle
- June 27th - Property Committee





ENRICHMENT 2010

Saturday, August 28
Montgomery Conference Center
Starke, FL

SCHEDULE

Registration: 9-9:30a.m.

Worship: 9:30a.m.

Morning Classes: 10:30a.m.-12:15p.m.

- Children in Worship
- Christian Education in the small church
- David-Pt. 1
- Called to Discipleship
- Faith at the Movies
- Western Christian Spirituality
- The Old Testament in the Church
- Religion and the Constitution
- Small Group Bible Study

Lunch: 12:15-1:00p.m.

Afternoon Classes: 1:15-3:15p.m.

- Sacred Season, Sacred Images
- Daniel-From Lion's Den to Apocalyptic Vision
- David-Pt. 2
- General Assembly 2010 Issues
- Stepping into the Light: The Body at Prayer
- Making a Joyful Noise Together in the Sm to Med size church

- Photography & Prayer: Imaging as a Spiritual Discipline-*Michael Whitman*
- Spiritual Responses to Disaster
- Recruiting, Retaining & Occasionally Redirecting Volunteers in Youth Ministry

REGISTRATION

Forms are available in the church office or online at www.staugpres.org/NewsandEvents/Enrichment2010 Registration for classes and lunch is \$20 before August 21. After August 21, the fee will be \$25.

CHILDCARE

Montgomery Presbyterian Center will provide childcare (K-8th grade) for Enrichment. Trained summer counselors will provide a fun day of crafts, games, activities and swimming. Please preregister your child by calling the Presbytery office at (800) 440-9477 no later than August 21. Cost is \$15.00 per child.

Make your plans now to end your summer in the natural beauty of Camp Montgomery worshipping, learning, growing, communing with God and fellow Presbyterians.

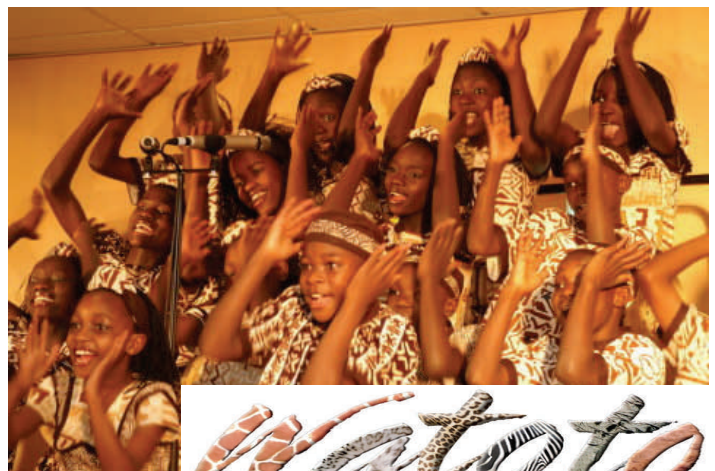
Watoto Children 's Choir

FREE CONCERT

Wed, June 2nd 6p in Maxwell Hall

Memorial United Methodist Church

Accompanied by a small team of adults from their home church in Uganda, Watoto 's musical performances are a soulful blend of native African rhythms, contemporary gospel music and ethnic dance, which significantly reveal their vision and mission. Aged



Watoto
RAISING FUTURE LEADERS

Paths

by John Fischer

True or false - All paths lead to God. False. All paths can lead to God. True. It all depends on which end of the path you are looking from.

True or false - All paths that lead to God have to go through Jesus. True. Therefore, there is only one path to God. False. There are as many paths to God as there are people who find Jesus. Everybody's path is different. Some paths go through fundamentalism and end up with Jesus. Some paths go through Catholicism and end up with Jesus. Some paths go through Islam and end up finding Jesus. Some paths go through Buddhism and end up finding Jesus. Some paths go through atheism and end up with Jesus. Some paths go through Mormonism and end up with Jesus. All paths that get to God go through Jesus, but you can start from anywhere. God is fully capable of drawing those who are His from anywhere. And He does.



It isn't necessary to convince someone to change paths. We don't have to carry around WRONG WAY signs to flash in front of people. There is no such thing as a wrong path; there is only the path you are on, and it is not necessary to get someone off the path they are on, and onto the "right" one. It's only necessary to point people to Jesus. Anyone should be able to see Jesus from just about anywhere. Especially if they are truly looking for God. The point is to point people in the direction of Christ from wherever they are. Christians as well as people from other religions, cults, or no religion, who are truly seeking God, will find Jesus. Christians and people from other religions, cults, or no religion, who are not really seeking God, will not find Jesus. They will just be distracted by religion.

Evangelism Committee

Confidential Care Giving Expands

The Stephen Ministry of one-to-one caring by trained care givers has blessed over a dozen members since its renewal here at First Presbyterian in January of this year. Stephen Ministers, using their 50 hours of initial training and on-going Continuing Education two days a month, are putting Christian compassion to work and our church is being blessed. The Stephen Ministers are a wonderful complement to our Deacons, who have more general oversight over all of ministries of compassion here in Fernandina Beach.

To request the confidential services of a Stephen Minister for your self or another person please contact a pastor. Usually Associate Pastor Doug Ganyo will make a referral but only after a particular caring relationship is approved by both the care receiver and the care giver. This relationship will thus have a formal beginning and it will end when it seems best for the care receiver. Stephen Ministry serves God and meets the needs of people who are hospitalized, in transition, grieving, homebound, out of work, imprisoned, aging, disabled, separated, divorced, birthing or any spiritual crisis. There are over a dozen active Stephen Ministers in our congregation.

VBS

Registration is now open
on line at:
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/FPCfb

- **WHEN:** July 26-31
- **WHERE:** The ANCHOR @ First Presbyterian Church
- **WHO:** Students going into Kindergarten through 5th grade
- **WHAT:** 5 days of *High Seas Adventure*
- **PLUS:** a 6th day of Family Fun & Celebration with Hot Dogs and Water Slides on Saturday, July 31st!
- **Nursery and Preschool will be available for children or grandchildren of our volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to have a wonderful time at VBS sign up now. It's EZ on line.**



ATTENTION PARENTS

- Summer Sunday School for **Kindergarten—5th grade** will be combined in the KIDMO room beginning June 6th.
- **Middle School** and **High School** will combine classes in the ANCHOR at 9:50a.
- Children's Church at 11a for Preschoolers continues through the summer in Noah's Place.
- Kindergarten through 2nd graders are invited to enjoy worship with their families in the Sanctuary this summer. Children's worship bags, filled with activities, children's bulletins and crayons, are available from the ushers in the narthex each Sunday.

New Orleans Bound!

The senior high youth summer mission trip destination this year is New Orleans, Louisiana. The trip will be lead by Holton Siegling and Katherine Scofield, and will leave from the church on Saturday morning June 19, returning on June 25.



Our youth will minister to the diverse population of New Orleans, through serving at kid's programs, visiting the elderly, and assisting local ministry organizations.

BREAKING NEWS

Our very own **Sandi Neal** has accepted an invitation to join the Board of the **National Church Library Association.**



Her two year term begins in October. Sandi has been a member of the Christian Education committee for the past three years and has chaired the Library Subcommittee, selecting books, providing the traveling Library once a month in JTH, writing articles for the newsletter, cleaning and de-cluttering shelves and files, and generally improving the appearance of the Ann Thomas Resource Center. Sandi is an avid reader and has a passion for books and learning. She is a tremendous asset to FPC and will serve the NCLA well. We wish her the very best in this new endeavor and hope that it enriches her life as much as she has enriched ours through all her efforts. Way to go Sandi!!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Please express your appreciation to these leaders in Christian

3 & 4 year olds

JoAnn Hord
Kim Scheele

Kindergarten

Peg Granger
Shirley Owens

1st-2nd grade

Jana Rainey
Carrie Sturges

3rd -5th grade

Trish Booton
Charlotte Collins
Doris Davis
Ed Mathews

Youth-Sunday School

Barbara Kent
Wade & Megan Preston

Power Lab

Darren & Terri Smith
Miss Marlene

Education who have served all of our congregation through classes for children, youth and adults this past year. Well done, good and faithful servants.

It is customary to give our regular teachers the summer off for renewal or rehabilitation (whichever is necessary).

Is God calling you to relieve one of our teachers this summer? Call Doris in the office to schedule a date to demonstrate your gratitude for the faithful commitment, preparation and time that these teachers have so generously given.



Original Adults

George Geiger
Mac Noden
John Patterson
Addie Underwood

Saltshakers

Sally Ericksen

Faith & Friends

Stan Everett &
Stephanie Kirkpatrick
Claudia & Rich
Welshhans

Faith Cafe

Amy Bunk
Marissa Chenoweth
Amy Saegert
Dina & Roger Martin
Martha Ann Siegling

1st Café Adult Studies

Doug & Judy Ganyo
Holton Siegling
Roger & Dina Martin
Jesse & Becky Duke
Sandi Neal
Doris Davis

Volunteer Coordinator

Yvonne Treska has agreed to take on the yet uncharted territory of Volunteer Coordinator at First Presbyterian. Initially, Yvonne will be working with the membership database in the Power Church program to input information received from new members. After establishing a working database that coordinates with our Ministry & Missions Opportunities Inventory, the entire congregation will be given the time to complete the form so that all members of FPC are aware of the many avenues of service available to them through this church community and Presbytery. This position is created at the recommendation of our Acts 16:5 Team.

Yvonne has served as deacon, office volunteer and member of the Property Committee. She and her husband, Clay, worship regularly at 8:30 a.m. They live in North Hampton and share a home with their two dogs. Yvonne has years of administrative experience, is a prolific reader, and an accomplished needlepoint artisan.

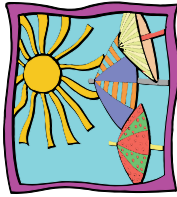
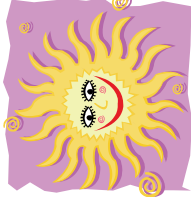


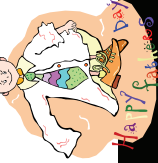


Spaghetti Dinner Thanks from Youth!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. \$2325.00 Was raised, which will be used to fund the summer youth mission trip to New Orleans. Special thanks to the Member Care Committee led by Bunny Selby for preparing the delicious meal !!!

June @ 1st Pres



SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES
 8:30a & 11a Traditional Worship
 9:30a Coffee Fellowship
 9:50a Sunday School & Adult Studies

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 6 2:30 p PW Spring Fling Celebration	7 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry 4p Christian Ed Comm 6:15 Communications	8 5p Property Comm	9 9a Staff Meeting 9:30a MOM,ME Last Day of School	10 10a Elizabeth 4p Stephen Ministries 8:30p YA prayer grp	11 	12
13 12p Evangelism 5p Family Picnic 	14 	15 4p Finance 5:45 Deacons	16 9:30a MOM,ME 3:30 Staff Meeting	17 8:30p YA prayer grp	18 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry	19
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MEET & GREET
Our NEW Members

Steve & Linda Doss moved to Fernandina Beach from Jacksonville with their daughters **Katherine** (10) and **Ellie** (7) in 2005. Steve grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island. He currently has a CPA firm here and enjoys coaching youth soccer. Linda grew up in Lake City, FL, went to Auburn University (WAR EAGLE) for undergraduate work and then on to the University of Houston. She has an Optometry practice in Callahan. Linda is already a valued addition to our Adult Choir The girls are in school in Yulee and enjoy sports and playing with their dog, Peanut Butter!

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all our high school graduates who were recognized at the worship services on Sunday, May 23. This year's graduates include:



- Katie Burford
- Nathan Cazell
- Patrick Croft
- Rachel DeViese
- Rachel Gillespie
- Catherine Lockhart

Please take time to give your best wishes to these young people.

"So the churches were strengthened in faith and increased in numbers daily."
Acts 16:5

STEPHEN MINISTRY



A CARING
COMMUNITY