



# First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2011

Rev. Dr. Bruce Lancaster - Interim Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Doug Ganyo - Associate Pastor

## Easter - An Explosion of God's Love



My Friends,

First of all, thank you so much for the basket of goodies we received our first week! Cathi and I were overwhelmed by your generosity and the personal touch of each gift

and note. And, yes, we are getting settled! But one thing about settling in to a new church - NAMES! Please help me by telling me your name when we meet. I'll remember it eventually, but even if you've told me before, I would appreciate a gentle reminder.

Now allow me to offer a gentle reminder: EASTER! Maybe not so gentle - because I think of resurrection as an explosion of God's love, the day God said, "YES!" When the world said "No" to God's love in Jesus Christ, God said "YES"! Easter is our celebration to remind us that nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ.

On that Easter morning Jesus broke open the grave, and the one who was crucified on Friday suddenly became more alive on Easter than he had been on Palm Sunday the week before. This Jesus who is alive has changed everything. I believe we need to be reminded of that more today than ever

before: *Jesus who is alive has changed everything!*

God's "YES" on Easter was the judgment day for fear and failure, for death and despair. The words were not removed from our lips or the fact of it from our lives. We Christians need to be reminded that resurrection not only promises life beyond the grave, but calls us to live life in the here and now, life with all its demands and difficulties, challenges and changes. Easter is the experience that God's "YES" in Jesus Christ makes a difference in how we live our lives and deal with our losses. As somebody said, "Easter is not a passport to another world, but a quality of life for this world."

The resurrection challenges us to live in this time when death and defeat seem to surround us; when bad news seems to be the only news; when anxiety breeds anxiety about anything that might be coming around the corner - but this is exactly the time that God has given us but to do what must be done for the sake of the world God loves so much, to live with the reality of the resurrection - God's "YES" in Jesus Christ!

Know that you are in my prayers  
as I am blessed to serve as  
your Interim Pastor,  
Bruce Lancaster

## Columbarium News

"Spring cleaning" is taking place on the grounds behind the church office. You will notice that the shed



is being torn down; the overhang in back of the office is being removed; the pile of old bricks will disappear; and the back walls of the buildings surrounding that property will be given a fresh coat of white paint. All of this is in preparation for building our Columbarium and Memorial Garden.

It will take six-to-eight weeks for the granite, brick pavers, and other construction material to arrive once they are ordered. The lot will need to be graded, and then it will be only a matter of weeks until the columbarium and garden will be completed. Once the construction is started the project will move forward very quickly.

Any questions you may have concerning this ministry to our congregation may be addressed to any of the Columbarium Committee members. They are Nelson Showalter, Marlene Strobach, Jim Shaw, Janet Anderson, Bill Ericksen, and Alice Payne.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE—April 2011

Many thanks to our ministry partners who have volunteered to serve in Children's Church this month. If God is calling you to serve His church by growing a love of worship into the hearts of children, contact Marilyn Flynn or Doris Davis. Our Children's Church leaders for April are:

- ♥ April 3 **Claudia Welshhans**
- ♥ April 10 **Amy Wilking**
- ♥ April 17 **No children's church**
- ♥ April 24 **Michelle Goshert**

**BE THE FIRST TO KNOW.....**  
 Would you like to receive the newsletter in color? And earlier? If so, please contact the church office with your email address. You will receive a .pdf version of the newsletter right to your desktop even before it is printed! \$ave \$, \$ave paper, \$ave trees, \$ave time! Be green and be the first to know what's happening at FPC!!! You should see how beautiful these crosses are in color!



*"Taste & see that the Lord is good."*  
Sally Ericksen



*Beneath the cross of Jesus, hope springs eternal!*  
Peg Granger



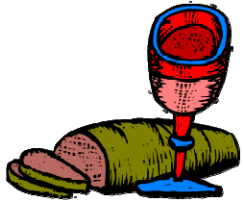
Jack Pickren, age 4



*Shavings from the Cedar tree south of the Sanctuary*  
Marilyn Showalter



*Free & Available*  
Gib Kurtz



## Contemporary Worship

Has moved to a new date -- the First Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the ANCHOR.

Join us April 3<sup>rd</sup> as we continue our journey to the cross with worship led by Forrest Foxworth and the message delivered by Dr. Bruce Lancaster.

Now, there will be two opportunities for communion each month-on the first and third Sundays.

## AHOY McMATES!

On April 9th members of the MACs (Mature Adult Christians) along with members of Northside Presbyterian Church will depart on a cruise to the Panama Canal. They will return on April 17th. Our prayers for a safe trip and wishes for a great time go with them. There will be no local meeting of the MACs in April. But mark your calendars for a roaring good time as we again party at the Bowling's Sugar Shack in May. Details will be in the May newsletter.



**Jim Thomas**  
will be 90 YEARS  
YOUNG on March  
31st!



We would like you to join in the celebration of his birthday on Saturday, April 2nd, from 2-4 pm in the church social hall. No gifts please. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Church-Wide Talent Show

The Youth will host a Talent Show and Dessert Buffet on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. to thank the congregation for all the support you provide throughout the year.

We invite members of the church of all ages to participate and share your talents. Please contact the church office at 261-3837 by April 8 if you would like to participate. Let the office know what your talent will be. We will contact you regarding the rehearsal schedule.

All others are invited to attend the talent show to enjoy the fabulous entertainment and dessert. Please RSVP to the church by April 29 if you plan to attend.



*Joy & Sorrow*  
Shirley Owens



*All Tied Together*  
Marlene Deutcher



Dillon, age 7 &  
Lauren Coe



Faith Smith, age 7



*Coming Storm*  
Jane Turney

## Cold Night Shelter Update

The shelter, sponsored by the Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County and housed in the Fernandina Beach Church of Christ, opens when nighttime temperatures drop to 40 degrees or below. It welcomes the homeless and anyone in the community who lacks adequate heat.

This past winter the Cold Night Shelter was open 36 nights and welcomed 32 different individuals. Because many guests came multiple times, 182 "guest mats" were occupied between November and March. This was the first time the shelter housed a family with a child.

The Fernandina Beach Church of Christ opens its heart and doors to the shelter by making its spacious community room available, providing kitchen and closet space, and providing a male congregant to stay throughout the night.

Sixteen groups of volunteers welcomed guests, laid out mats and blankets, served food, cleaned up, and most importantly treated guests with respect and dignity. A total of 1471 volunteer hours were compiled at the shelter.

Our First Presbyterian ministers served every Thursday night when the shelter was open; a total of six nights. The first night we served was 2 December 2010 and the last 27 January 2011. One night we had 14 guests and one night we closed early because of a lack of guests. Thirty individuals from our congregation expressed their willingness to serve in this mission outreach to our community. A special thanks to these individuals: Helmut Albrecht, Peggy Albrecht, Trish Booton, Gerry Clare, Ed Constant, Dante DeFlorio, Jane Dickison, Buddy Drewry, Jesse Duke, Barbara Dunn, Bill Ericksen, Forrest Foxworth, Doug Ganyo, Bill Gingrich, John Grupe, Jan Gunderson, Nancy Inboden, Trish Kramer, Rich Lang, Gail Niedernhofer, Tom Orr, Will Reinhold, Susan Ryder, Jim Shaw, Nelson Showalter, Gene Sovereign, Selena Smith, Marlene Strobach, Donna West, and Ken Williams.

### *Out of the Saltshaker!*

In April the Saltshakers Adult class will be completing the study "The Promise Keeper-*the God of the Covenants*". Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10 in Jim Thomas Hall.

### Coffee Service

- ♥ April 3 - Member Care
- ♥ April 10 - Mission
- ♥ April 17 - Personnel
- ♥ April 24 - Property



*"we crucify you daily"*  
Ginny Foxworth



*I'll fly Away*  
Doris Davis



Will Pickren, age 9



*My Witness*  
Trisha Kenner



Renee Pickren

## We are All Called to Witness

From Matthew 28:16, Matthew writes "then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded to you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

And from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy Chapter 4 Verse 2, Paul wrote to Timothy "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction." Statistics show that Americans are searching spiritually, but the church is not always connecting with those we are seeking to reach. The culture around us has changed, and the church needs to find new ways to engage it. Today's culture is more disillusioned with religion, more relativistic and more pluralistic. More and more people not only don't know the Christian worldview, but also look negatively on Christianity. Researchers have found that those outside the church perceive Christians as hypocritical, insincere, judgmental, insensitive, and out of touch with reality.

Church members are called to become missionaries, realizing that the church exists to be a witness, to bless and to serve the community. We are to be part of God's mission of helping set things right in a sinful world. We do this by caring for those who are hungry and hurting, seeking reconciliation and forgiveness, being good neighbors, being involved in social justice and caring for the environment, all in Christ's name as transformed disciples. We are to be motivated by love, as described in 1 Thessalonians 2:8: "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

*From the Evangelism Committee*

### Did you know.....

A baby changing table has been installed in the restroom off the library in Jim Thomas Hall.

### Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 22.



*Created by God*  
Ginny Grupe



*Jesus Loves Me*  
Preschool Sunday



Max Pickren, age 7

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*"In my brokenness,  
He made me whole."*  
Linda Johns



*And then they cruci-  
fied him*  
Bill Ericksen

On Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have the opportunity to join our donations with millions of other Christians in support of **One Great Hour of Sharing**.



Since 1949, this disaster support ministry has provided refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development helping people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.



### Ramp Goes Up for Roland Knight

Approximately 70 persons showed up March 12th at the home of Roland and Charlotte Knight to build a 60 foot access ramp. Builders Care coordinated the effort after seeing Roland coordinate similar efforts for many Nassau County residents himself over many years of service. A BIG "Thank you" to all those who came out to help in this act of love for Roland!



The church is contracting with Olan Mills for a pictorial directory. We encourage everyone to participate in this project. It will be especially important for our new pastor. You can sign-up online from March 24 through April 2 at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). After-service sign-ups will be April 3, 10, 17, and 24. Pictures will be taken on May 2, 3, 4, 12, 13 and 14. Every family/household that participates will receive a free directory and 8x10 portrait. Christine Dobbins is leading this project. You can call her with questions at 261-0620.

### Maundy Thursday

April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7p.m.

MUSIC, DRAMA, & COMMUNION

*"Conversations at the Foot of the Cross"*

The Chancel Choir will lead worshipers on a musical journey to the cross where you will listen in on the conversations of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the beloved disciple, John.

This contemplative and inspirational service of worship will conclude with Holy Communion, the extinguishing of the candles and departure in silence as the black stole is draped on the cross.



David Turney



Yvonne & Clay Treska



Hannah Daniels, age 10

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1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School



Plead Guilty Alice Payne

## Interfaith Dinner Network

(Serving dinners to the Homeless and Needy at Salvation Army Hope House)

In February the guests at Hope House had a very special treat. The Praise Band from First Presbyterian filled the room with their beautiful sounds.

Dinner Guests and Servers alike enjoyed every minute of the music and even asked for an encore and then another encore. We are hoping the band will be able to join us again in March.

Some good things have been happening at Hope House. St Peter's Episcopal Church donated 40 new chairs to be used at the dinners and an anonymous donor gave a new freezer that was bought at a discount from Sears.

Interfaith Dinner Totals for 2010 were 3595 guests served with an average of 69 individuals per dinner; 1117 were children. Thanks to all the volunteers for the great work that has taken place in our community.

If you are a member of a special group that would like the opportunity to assist with Interfaith Dinners you may contact Marilyn Showalter at 261-4885 or showalte@bellsouth.net.

## Japanese Tsunami Relief Update

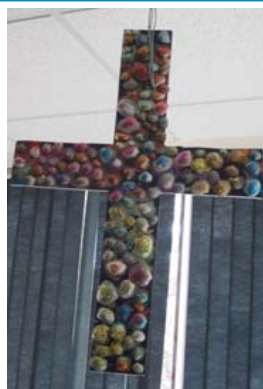
Through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) office, \$100,000 has been sent in conjunction with our partner, Church World Service to assist with basic needs like food, potable water, blankets, batteries and other essentials. There are two ways you can add your personal support to this enormously devastating disaster. Your personal check can be mailed to: Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Please include DR000117 on your check for your contribution to be dedicated specifically to the Japanese effort. Alternatively, you can call 800-872-3283 to donate by telephone.

If you are the hands-on type of supporter, we will be sending Hygiene Kits to Japan, as we did for the earthquake in Haiti. Items to be included in the kit are 1 hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no finger tip or bath towels), 1 washcloth, 1 wide tooth comb removed from package, 1 nail clipper (remove from package – no files or emery boards, 1 bar of soap, 1 toothbrush in original package, and 6 band aids or bandage strips. Tooth paste will be added later, before the kits are distributed. Place items listed above in a 1 gallon plastic bag with zipper closure.

*PS: You can make both types of donation if your heart is really hurting for these desperately needy people.*



1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School #2



1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School reverse side



Carolyn Guerrin

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"Our Handrail"  
Wilson Pickren



All God's Children  
Marilyn Flynn



## New Members Are Joining

### WELCOME

Benjamin Schimek is a First Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy, stationed at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Originally from Minnesota, Ben currently lives in Middleburg, FL with wife Meredith (Tinman) and their 3 month old daughter Lillian Jean who was recently baptized at First Pres.

Dear All,

How can Roland and I ever express our thanks to so many who have kept us in their thoughts and prayers since his stroke November 8. We have felt your loving arms and prayers every day and so many times that has kept me going. We so appreciate all who helped build the ramp or provided food. Roland will be home March 28, and I know would enjoy a short visit. Thank you again and God bless our wonderful, caring church family.

Charlotte Knight

## Bag Ladies



Because of your generosity, our Bag Ladies ministry for Micah's Place, under the leadership of DeAnn Johnson, has given over fifty (50) bags

to the children at our county's domestic violence center.

Special thanks go to the children's Sunday school classes for decorating the bags for the children at Micah's Place. Listed here are the items needed to fill these beautiful welcome bags:

- Children's shampoo (Dollar Tree)
- Mechanical pencils—5 pack (Dollar Tree)
- Fleece for pillows—one yard (Wal-Mart Fabric Department)
- Polyester filling for pillows (Wal-Mart Fabric Department)
- Flashlights, with batteries (Wal-Mart on the back wall)
- Plastic travel soap holders (Wal-Mart)



Helmut Albrecht



Nealey Daniels, age 8



Jesus Loves Me & You  
Youth



Fix our eyes on Jesus  
Geo & Charlotte Collins



Blooming w/Thanks  
Pre K & Kindergarten  
Sunday School

## Update on General Assembly Actions

Last year the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met in Minneapolis, MN, with Elder and Minister Commissioners from all 173 Presbyteries attending. (I was there as an Observer, that is, a non-voting attendee.) A brochure summarizing the actions of the General Assembly was made available to all FPC members a few weeks following the meeting. Three particular actions of the General Assembly that require approval from the Presbyteries have garnered most of the attention in these past few months. Some of you, I'm sure, have been very attentive to all or some of these actions. For others, though, I would like to remind you of what these actions are concerned with.

1. **Amendment 10A** - This amendment would replace the current paragraph in the Book of Order dealing with ordination standards for Deacons, Elders, and Ministers with new wording.

The current paragraph reads:

*"Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among those standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament."*

The proposed new paragraph reads:

*Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240, G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.403). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.*

As of this past Monday (March 14), 67 Presbyteries have voted for the change; 46 have voted against the amendment. A total of 87 Presbyteries must approve this amendment in order for it to pass. Compared to the voting on an attempt to replace the current paragraph two years ago, 13 Presbyteries have switched their vote from opposition to that change and to support for this amendment, while only one Presbytery switched from support to opposition. The Presbytery of St. Augustine voted on this amendment at its February meeting, and the vote was 87-For, 66-Opposed, 1-Abstain.

2. **The Belhar Confession** - This confession was written in 1982 as a Statement of Belief in the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. It was recently adopted by both the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church. To add it to our Book of Confession requires a two-thirds (116) of the Presbyteries and then must be approved by the 2012 General Assembly. Forty-six Presbyteries have voted for adding this confession; 29 have voted against it; and 70 of the 98 Presbyteries yet to vote must approve it for it to be voted on at the 2012 General Assembly. The Presbytery of St. Augustine will vote on the Belhar Confession at its meeting on May 3.
3. **The New Form of Government** - A Task Force was commissioned by the 2006 General Assembly to prepare a revised Form of Government section in our Book of Order (Rules of Discipline and Directory of Worship are the other sections). The new document is divided into two parts: Foundations of Presbyterian Polity which lays out the principles that are foundational to government, worship, and discipline for the PC(USA). This preserves the vast majority of the material in the first four chapters of the current Form of Government; Form of Government which, in six chapters, spells out the constitutional framework for government of the PC(USA) as it seeks to respond to God's call to a life in mission. The current vote by Presbyteries on this action of the General Assembly is 49-For; 38-Opposed. A simple majority of 87 Presbyteries is needed for the adoption of the New Form of Government. The Presbytery of St. Augustine voted by voice at its October, 2010, meeting and it was deemed a positive vote FOR.

Let me assure you that your Pastors and the Session are very aware of the issues and concerns raised by these actions of the General Assembly. We will continue to monitor the voting results and will proceed in the Presbyterian way of doing things "decently and in order." More than anything, though, we will remain steadfast in our prayers, our conversations, and our commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. And I ask that you do the same.

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

**1st Cafe**  
April 6th - April 27th  
5:30-6:15p.m.

**April 6**  
Roast Pork  
Loin

**April 13**  
Baked Ham

**April 20**  
Jambalaya

**April 27**  
Herbs Famous  
Burgers & Dogs

**Weekly Dinner:**

Adults/Youth-----\$7.00 each  
Children----\$3.00 each (7-11)  
(6 and under-No Charge)  
Family-----\$20.00

Reservations may be made on a weekly basis by phoning the church office (261-3837) no later than **Tuesday** at 4:30 PM. A sign up sheet will be available each week for the following Wednesday Dinner and between services on Sunday.

**6:15 – 7:15**

**Wednesday Night Programs:**

**Discipleship**

“Prayer for Busy People”

Pastor Doug continues this study on practical and purposeful prayers, including dealing with our desires, guilt and temptations.

Through April 27<sup>th</sup>

**Faith Book Club Discussion Group**

Led by Sandy Neal  
Stones into Schools

Promoting peace through education in Afghanistan and Pakistan

By Greg Mortenson  
April 6, 13, 20 & 27

Copies of book available for \$9.50

**JUBILATION!**

Music & Fun for Children K – 5

Middle School Youth

**Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY  
RETREAT**

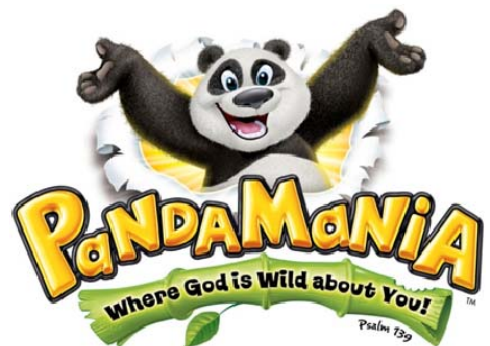
**at Camp Montgomery**  
**Friday, Saturday & Sunday**  
**April 15-17, 2011**

There is still time to get in on the best weekend of the year at FPC's Family Weekend Retreat at Camp Montgomery. Hurry! Don't miss out! Cabins are filling fast with retreat repeats and new campers. For only \$55.00 per person you get two nights lodging, five scrumptious meals, cabins with heat and AC, swimming, boating, hiking, napping, games, reading, swinging, rocking, relaxing, volleyball, campfire & s'mores. (WHEW!) There is something for everyone at Camp Montgomery. Bring a friend, a relative or come alone. Worship together on Palm Sunday morning in the beautiful outdoor chapel, enjoy God sightings and sacred moments surrounded by the natural beauty of God's creation.

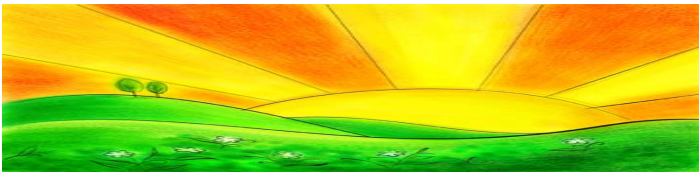
Fill in the Registration Envelope located in the pew rack. Place your check inside and then just anticipate your joy!!! You're in for a *sweet retreat*.

**VBS**

**June 13-18**



Volunteers & Students  
**Register NOW** online at  
[www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/pres](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/pres)



The Community Sunrise Service will be held at Ft. Clinch on Easter Sunday. Bring your chairs and greet the resurrection morning with the rising of the sun and shouts of Alleluia! Our Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast will be served in JTH following the Sunrise Service. Please bring flowers from your gardens to flower the cross in front of the sanctuary.



**Mission Trip: June 5-11, 2011  
Helping New Orleans Come Home**

It's now time to sign up for the trip. We still have about ten openings for people to serve. Project Homecoming is a rebuilding effort of The Presbytery of South Louisiana in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They are committed to rebuilding homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina that belong to families who are low-income, uninsured, underinsured, disabled, and elderly. With the help of volunteer labor, they make rebuilding affordable for those who would not otherwise be able to return home.

You can be a part of this year's mission team in New Orleans. We will stay at a former Presbyterian Church made into air-conditioned and dormitory-style living quarters. Food and accommodations are paid for. Out of what is called "Olive Tree" Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Village we will work to help in all kinds of reconstruction.

Any kind of construction experience is welcome of course, but one need not have such experience to participate. It's On the Job Training (OJT) for everyone. You may drive your own vehicle to the site in downtown New Orleans or hop a ride with someone. This is often a life-changing experience of caring and giving in the name of Jesus. We will return to the church on Saturday June 11th. Call Dr. Ganyo, 261-3837.

**Presbyterian Women Missions**

*There are many opportunities to support the mission work of Presbyterian Women, both near and far. Your generosity to these missions is greatly appreciated, so please give as you feel called.*

• **Diapers and Wipes—a ministry to the young families of our church.**

Please bring *Diapers and Wipes* to Jim Thomas Hall. A box, decorated with baby wrap, is waiting for your donations. The next new baby born to one of our church members will receive all of the diapers and wipes in the box. This will be an ongoing ministry of the Presbyterian Women.

• **Mother's Day Cards: Healthy Women Healthy Families** - Mother's Day cards, in support of the Healthy Women Healthy Families ministries, will be available at the April Circle meetings. Also, you may stop by Jim Thomas Hall on Sundays between services if you want to make a donation for these beautiful cards to send to special mothers in your life.

*Thank you to all the women of the church for the wonderful way you share the love and joy of Christ in support of our church family and beyond. May God bless each of you.*



## Presbyterian Women's News

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.*

—Philippians 4:4

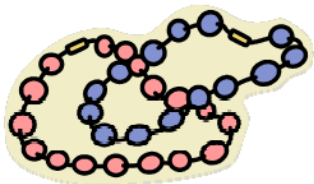


PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**WELCOME, LAFF!!!** - Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church welcome a new circle, LAFF (Love and Faithful Friendships). Led by Linda Laine, this circle meets in the homes of its members on the second Tuesday of each month. The group is studying *Horizons'* Revelation. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Linda, 261.0813. All are welcome!

• **Prayer Shawls Ministry** meets **Monday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.**, and **Friday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.**, in JTH. Thank you for supporting this wonderful PW ministry. In the past year, we have given about 35 prayer shawls to people in need of God's blessings. The supply of shawls is beginning to dwindle, so if you want to help by knitting and crocheting shawls for the people of our church and community, please join us for 'prayerful knitting' on the first Monday and third Friday of each month.

- The **PW Spring Retreat** at Camp Montgomery will be **Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30**. A group from First Pres will spend the day there on Saturday. If you want to be a part of this special event, please contact Trish Booton, 491.1814, tbooton@comcast.net.



• **Yarn Necklaces for the 2012 Gathering** - Work is continuing on the yarn/shell necklaces. When you have completed your yarn strands, please return to the PW table in Jim Thomas Hall.

• **Palm Crosses** - Plan to join in making palm crosses to be given to the congregation on Palm Sunday. Learn how (so easy!!) and help make the crosses on Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m., in JTH, just prior to the weekly Lenten service. Hope to see you there—all are invited!




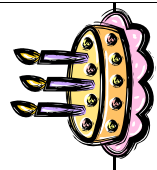
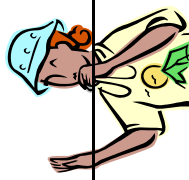



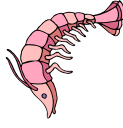


### April Circle Meetings

- ♥ Elizabeth Circle - Thursday, April 14, 1:30 p.m., Jim Thomas Hall
- ♥ Esther Circle - Thursday, April 14, 12:30, Home of Alice Payne
- ♥ Lydia Circle (Young Women) - Wednesday, April 13, 6:15 p.m., Faith Cafe
- ♥ Martha Circle - Wednesday, April 13, 10:00 a.m., Home of Jane Dickinson
- ♥ Ruth Circle - Thursday, April 14, 9:30 a.m., Home of Lynne Stafford
- ♥ LAFF - Tuesday, April 12, 10 a.m., Call Linda Laine, 261-0813

# April @1stPrqs

Easter Sunday Events  
 Sunrise Service at Ft. Clinch  
 Pancake Breakfast in JTH  
 Flowering of the Cross  
 Worship at 8:30 & 11a.m.  
 Sunday School at 9:50a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES</b> 8:30a Early Morning Worship 9:30a Coffee Break 9:50a Sunday School 11a Traditional Worship					1	2
3 5:30P FIRST SUNDAY Contemporary Worship-ANCHOR 6:30 SNL	4 9:30a Prayer Shawl 11:30a PW Lunch Bunch 4p Christian Ed 5:30p Teen CBS 6:15p Communication	5 9a Staff Meeting 10a Hand Bells 4p Member Care & Worship 5p Mission 7p Youth	6 9:30a MOM,ME Noon Lenten Service 5:30p 1st Café 6p Choir	7 Noon Wholeness/Healing 1:30p PW CT Mtg. 5p Stephen Ministries Supervision 6:30p Stephen Ministries Training	8 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry	9 Jim Thomas Bday JTH 2-4 pm 
10 Noon Evangelism 6:30 SNL	11 9a Staff Meeting 10a Hand Bells 6p Property Comm.	12 9a Staff Meeting 10a Hand Bells 6p Property Comm.	13 9:30a MOM,ME Noon Lenten Service at Memorial Meth. 5:30p 1st Café 6p Choir	14 5p Stephen Ministries Supervision 6:30p Stephen Ministries Training	15 9:30a Prayer Shawl Ministry	16  Camp Montgomery Family
17 Palm Sunday 5:30p Teen CBS 5:30p Teen CBS 5:30p Teen CBS	18 10a Hand Bells 4p Finance 5:45 Diaconate 7p Session	19 10a Hand Bells 4p Finance 5:45 Diaconate 7p Session	20 9:30a MOM,ME 3:30p Staff Meeting 5:30p 1st Café 6p Choir	21 5p Stephen Ministries Supervision 7p Maundy Thursday Service 7:30p Young Adult CBS	22 Good Friday Office Closed 	23 
24 	25 9a Staff Meeting 10a Hand Bells Interfaith Dinner Network	26 9a Staff Meeting 10a Hand Bells Interfaith Dinner Network	27 9:30a MOM,ME 5:30p 1st Café 6:30p Choir	28 5p Stephen Ministries Supervision 6:30p Stephen Ministries Training 7:30p Young Adult CBS Shrimp Fest Parade	29 Shrimp Festival 	30 Shrimp Festival 

### Flower Calendar

- April 3– Mary Jo and Cyril Higgs in loving memory of her daughter, Catherine L. Swann. Ann Quick in loving memory of her husband, Arley.
- April 10 - Ann Robas and daughters, Victoria, Annie, and Toni in loving memory of her husband and their father, John Robas.
- April 17 - Margaret Pinchback in loving memory of her husband, John.
- April 24 - Georgette Giles in honor of Theodore Giles and Darren Dalente on their birthdays.

### A Weekend in Switzerland!!

Now that I have your attention, pray about attending a special weekend, an "encounter with Christ", held at Camp St. Johns in Switzerland, FL!

Sonshine North Via de Cristo Coed #3 weekend is scheduled for May 12-15, and it is open to couples and singles.

For more information or applications to attend, please contact Sally or Bill Ericksen, 261-2329.

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