



The Messenger

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OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

LOVING.... GROWING.... GOING.... in JESUS!

*Loving... God and others through worship and fellowship.
Growing... in our understanding Jesus and God's purposes for us through Bible study, and developing our ministries to serve God and others.
Going... into God's world with His message of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, and with His ministries of compassion and mercy.*

Stay connected when you're away. Watch our worship service LIVE! Go to our website at: www.fpcpunta.org and click on the link "Watch services LIVE here" on our homepage.



MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor

"As people of faith, we have hope because we know that all things are possible with God."

The sky is falling!!! The sky is falling!!! Don't we feel that way sometimes? The economy is tanking. The war on terror seems to be endless. The political scene is getting uglier and nastier. The price of gas is skyrocketing. The cost of basic foods is going up. Insurance rates are out-of-sight. Foreclosures don't seem to be going down. Doctor visits are becoming too frequent. The denomination has lost its Biblical way. The world as we know it seems to be getting worse. The values we cherish seem to be fading away. It is a depressing time to live. Or is it?

As people of faith, we believe in a sovereign God. He is in control and as bad as the world may seem, He is still on the throne and is still working out His purposes in this world. As people of faith, we have hope because we know that all things are possible with God. As people of faith, we know that "nothing can separate us for the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." As people of faith, "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." As people of faith, we can see problems as opportunities that God can use. As people of faith, we can have a peace that "...transcends all understanding..." As people of faith, we are never alone or have to face life without any help, for Jesus is with us always through the Holy Spirit. As people of faith, we know the final outcome for this world and where we're going to end up.

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Friends, the sky isn't falling because our denomination now allows anyone in sexual sin to serve as an officer of the church. The sky isn't falling because the economy is so bad. The sky isn't falling because God is with us and God will help us face whatever may come.

What we need to do is trust God and look for the opportunities God is giving us to bring good from the bad – to share love with the hurting – to be with the lonely – to encourage and build up the discouraged and depressed – to help the poor, unemployed and homeless – to support each other when we're going through tough times – to believe God has a place for our church we have yet to discern.

We have a choice. We can choose to believe God and His Word, to believe in His love and promises and have hope. We can choose to see God working in ways to bring something new and good from the bad. Jesus said if we had faith the size of a mustard seed we could do just about anything. No, the sky isn't falling. Instead, God is calling us to trust Him. When we do, life looks a lot better.

In Christ,
Steve

SESSION NOTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 17TH SESSION

- Ron Rand of Upbuilding Ministries shared about his ministry. We are having a weekend conference here at the church in March of 2012.
- A discussion concerning the approval of Amendment 10A, the fidelity & chastity amendment, by a sufficient number of presbyteries was had. We are asking for prayer for the session as we begin to look at what it is God would have us to do next.
- Pastor Steve will be attending a Fellowship Gathering Conference in Minneapolis, MN in August. This gathering of the leadership of other Presbyterian Churches will help to seek some options we as a church may have in making our decisions for our future.
- Gail Thornton to look into the purchase of a stand or case to hold our Memorial Book. Hurricane Charlie destroyed the case at the old church, but the book was saved and has been kept updated since.
- Approved Personnel's recommendation granting Steve and Randy one extra week of vacation for 2011 only.
- Approved the following guideline for the annual Nominating Committee of First Presbyterian Church that may be elected at future times: "Committees should consider and propose for election as officers of this congregation those who are living in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a woman and a man, of chastity in singleness."
- Approved vacation & study leave for Pastor Steve as follows: Vacation: June 20-July 3 (14 days) and August 11-15 (5 days). Study Leave: June 13-19 (7 days) and August 24-27 (4 days).
- Approved Laurel Aumend as commissioner to May 26th Presbytery Meeting to replace Gail Thornton, who is unable to attend.

Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session



To the Ladies of the First Presbyterian Church,
My wife and I are fairly new members of your congregation, and we want you to know how lucky we feel. I am suffering from pancreatic cancer and we are receiving help from Tidewell Hospice. We are also receiving food, and much love and support from you, including a recent gift of a prayer shawl. It feels as if it were made by angels doing God's work.
Thank you and God bless,
Bob Blakey

Words inadequately tell of my appreciation for the expression of sympathy, concern and love from my church family for our loss of Barbara. The memorial service was a touching tribute to her. I have received many cards, meals, flowers and hugs, all of which have helped me through some low moments. Thank you for being there for me.

In Christ,
Stan Smith

"A tisket, a tasket, what is in that wonderful gal, Kay Callahan's basket? Why she's delivering homemade food to a fellow church member from her 'Loves and Fishes Ministry.' And who is that lady on the phone, visiting at the hospital, or coming to your aid? Why it's our very own parish nurse, Debbie Carney. And that's Pastor Steve praying day and night for all his people. Wow! We folks at First Presbyterian Church are the luckiest people in the world."

Thank you from the bottom of my heart again for prayers, love, care, cards, calls, and food during my last hospitalization. None of us know what is before us health wise, but to know we have wonderful prayer warriors protecting us, and a terrific church body of believers, how wonderful it is that God sent me to this church family to serve and to meet such great people to love and know. I love you all so much and each of you have so many talents and gifts and share them with so many. I am praying now to thank GOD for all of you. xoxo

Blessings and much love,
Elaine Schultz

To our friends at First Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers for our daughter, Dawn, during her illness. What a wonderful gift we received on Mother's Day when God answered those many prayers. He is so great! We will always remember your kindness and prayers.

In His love,
Nancy & Andy Smith

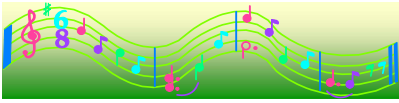


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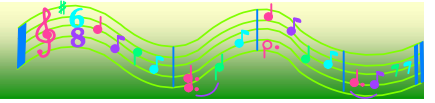
Beginning June 5th
through August 28th
there will be one
blended (contemporary
& traditional) Sunday
worship service at
10am.



NOTICE
THE CHURCH
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
FRIDAYS



MUSIC NOTES



As we approach another summer, I would like to take time to thank the many faithful servants who make our music program a success. Laurel Aumend took over as our choir librarian a few years ago and does a great job of keeping all of our music filed and works weekly making sure everyone has copies of all the music. Thanks Laurel for spending your time doing all this for us. You make my job much easier.

To all those who sing in our Sanctuary Choir, whether all year long or for a few months, thanks for volunteering your time and talents so that we can share our gift of music in bringing glory to our Lord. You are both a very talented and sometimes challenging group of individuals that I enjoy working with very much.

Also a big thank you to the members of our Praise Team. We normally sing all year long but with the changes to one service this summer we will be singing about half of the weeks for the next three months. Please remember that we are making the change to one service for June, July, and August at 10am. The music will be a combination of traditional and some contemporary music.

The biggest news of the last month is that we now have our services on the Internet where you can watch them live. The link for watching them live is on the home page of the church's website, www.fpcpunta.org. If you are out of town or feeling a bit under the weather, you can still worship with us. Please feel free to share the link below to family, friends, and potential members. If you can't catch us live, you can watch each service through Saturday at the following link.

<http://www.justin.tv/fpcpuntagorda/videos>

You may also share the link to all the music of our church. The following link has sections for the choir, Praise Team, organ music and other selections.

<https://public.me.com/rpc1220>

We truly enjoy bringing all our music to you and hope that you not only enjoy it, but that it brings us all into a closer relationship with our God.

For His Glory,

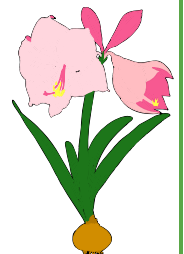
Amaryllis

Early one spring, I planted a couple of dozen amaryllis bulbs. With great anticipation, I watched for blooms. But weeks turned into months before the first sign of life appeared. By the end of summer, the bed of pink flowers I'd envisioned was nothing more than a scattering of green leaves.

So I pulled them all up to make room for other plants. I wasn't about to waste another growing season.

Imagine my surprise the following spring, when a single delicate amaryllis blossom appeared. My delight quickly turned to dismay — for I realized I'd given up too soon. Had I the least bit of patience or a little faith, I might have had a glorious garden.

Then I wondered: Are there other things or people I give up on too soon? What might a little patience and faith do for a difficult relationship or troublesome circumstances?



—Kari Myers (adapted from Homiletics)

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Compliments of Kay Callahan

Greenbrier Bread Pudding

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Loaves Plain White Bread | 8 Ounces Heavy Cream |
| 4 Ounces Melted Butter | 2 Pounds Sugar |
| 6 Whole Eggs | 1 Cup Raisins |
| 24 Ounces Milk | Vanilla to taste |

Cut bread slices into one inch squares and toast in a hot oven. Place in the bottom of a casserole and drizzle with melted butter. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over bread. Bake at 350° until custard is firm, approximately 45 minutes.

(To prepare Peach Bread Pudding: Add sliced peaches on top before baking.)

Vanilla Sauce

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 Cups Heavy Cream | 1 Tablespoon Flour |
| 2 Cups Sugar | 1 Tablespoon Vanilla Extract |
| 4 Egg yolks | 3 Teaspoons Salt |
| 2 Scoops Vanilla Ice Cream | |

Combine cream and sugar in a two-quart saucepan and bring just to a boil. Remove from heat. Beat egg yolks, flour, vanilla and salt; stir in a little of the hot cream. Add this mixture to the rest of the hot cream. Cook, stirring constantly (do not overcook) until just thickened. Remove from heat and add ice cream, stirring until melted. Strain. Serve with Pudding.

To prepare Brandy Custard Sauce:

Add brandy to taste after vanilla sauce is ready.

To prepare Grand Marnier Sauce:

Add Grand Marnier to taste after vanilla sauce is ready.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women (PW) will meet **Saturday, June 11th at 11am** at Sharon Cuzner's home. All ladies of the church are invited. A picnic is planned with hotdogs, hamburgers, and dessert provided. Please bring a salad or finger food to share. Also bring a favorite Bible verse to tell. A sign-up sheet can be found on the PW table in the church entrance.



HAND MADE Chrismons for our Christmas trees THIS Christmas!

We need more people who can handle a needle and thread or glue and glitter to join us at our Chrismon Construction Workshops on **Wednesday, June 1st and 15th and Wednesday, July 6th and 20th.**

Please come and join us so that our Christmas trees at First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda will be a joyful statement of worship of our Lord and God for all to see for many years to come. It will be our pleasure to share our new skill with anyone willing to spend a couple hours.

Chrismons by Betty Stroth



CHRISMON MEANINGS

TRIANGLE: An equilateral triangle is a figure made up of three separate but equal sides. A design of three equal parts may symbolize the Holy Trinity, one God in three Persons.

PEACE DOVE: A dove carrying an olive leaf is a symbol of peace. The dove with an olive leaf in its mouth refers to the story of the flood recorded in Genesis 8, and symbolizes the deluge, victory and an expectation of new life. Jesus told his followers to be "innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16).

BUTTERFLY: The butterfly is a symbol of the resurrection and eternal life because it emerges with a glorified body able to soar into the sky. Symbolizes the transformation.

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24

The information below is a continuation of an all-day conference I attended in April titled, "Protecting the Aging Brain: Focus on Nutrition and Mind/Body Health," presented by Gary W. Arendash, PhD (Florida Alzheimer's Research Center and USF).

Do I have Alzheimer's disease (AD)?

Have you ever asked yourself this question? Our brains age naturally and this is called age-associated memory impairment or AAMI. AAMI begins between the ages of 40-50 and is a relatively small cognitive loss such as...where did I put my keys or what did I walk into the bathroom for? This is a normal sign of aging and is not a sign that AD will occur.

AD starts decades before symptoms appear. There are 3 stages of AD:

1. Latent Period - no symptoms but B-amyloid plaques beginning.
2. Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) - Short term memory impairment similar to AAMI, but MCI is progressive. This is the inability to remember events over a few minutes/hours and precedes AD. There are many Alzheimer's plaques in the brain now. It is thought that treatment or clinical trials should begin at this point to keep the folks in this stage longer.
3. Alzheimer's Disease - 10-15% of MCI patients develop AD each year.

There are tests that can diagnose AD other than autopsy. An autopsy shows a high number of neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles in the cerebral cortex and hippocampus. **MRI Scans** - Repeated over time, can show continued brain shrinkage. **Pet Scans** - A decline in brain glucose utilization precedes AD diagnosis by years and is now accurate in determining disease progression.

Risk factors for AD:

1. Aging
2. First degree relative - This is a 5-10% chance
3. Head trauma
4. Stroke
5. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
6. Depression - In a 17 year study, those with depression had a 50% increased risk
7. The ApoE4 gene
8. High Blood Pressure in midlife - especially the systolic or top number
9. High Blood Cholesterol in midlife
10. Low Leptin levels - Leptin is a hormone secreted by fat cells
11. High calorie/fat diet
12. Sleep loss - A short nap is helpful
13. Type 2 Diabetes in midlife
14. Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) - Started after age 65
15. Low testosterone levels in men

The next newsletter will contain ideas for prevention and treatments.

Because He Lives!
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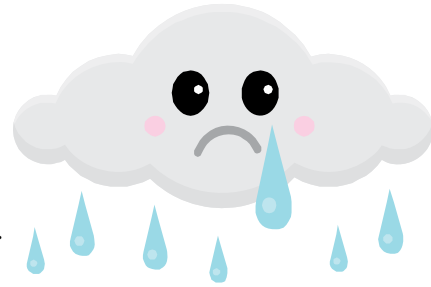
HUMBLE BUMBLE NEEDS HELP

HE LOOKS A LITTLE SAD
I THINK HE MIGHT BE FEELING BAD.

HE LOST HIS BROTHER A MONTH AGO
REALLY, HE WAS HIS BEST FRIEND ALSO.

HE SEEMS TO BE LOST
BUT DETERMINED TO GO ON WHATEVER THE COST.

I KNOW HE NEEDS SOMEONE
HIS THOUGHTS WEIGH A TON.



ON SUNDAY OUR PASTOR TOOK HIM ASIDE
AND MENTIONED HE MIGHT NEED SOMEONE IN WHICH TO CONFIDE

OUR CHURCH HAS A PROGRAM FOR THOSE WITH THIS NEED.
IT'S CALLED STEPHEN MINISTRY!

IT IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS WHO KNOW HOW TO SHARE
THEY HAVE HAD SPECIAL TRAINING SO THEY KNOW HOW TO GIVE CARE.

YOUR CARE GIVER WILL LISTEN, GIVE SUPPORT AND WILL PRAY.
"I GUESS I WILL TRY THIS" HUMBLE BUMBLE DID SAY!

A WEEKLY MEETING WAS ARRANGED WITH CARE
BY A CONFIDENTIAL CARE GIVER ALWAYS TO BE THERE.

NOW HUMBLE WAS NERVOUS HE WOULD SOUND LIKE A JERK
BUT INSTEAD HE FOUND THAT IT REALLY DID WORK!



TIME PASSED VERY QUICKLY AND THEN ONE DAY
HUMBLE NOTICED HIS CARE GIVER WAS "WALKING BESIDE HIM" ALL THE WAY.

SOON HE KNEW THAT HE HAD SOMEONE TO "BE THERE"
IT HELPED SO MUCH TO FIND A PERSON WHO CARED.

SO LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS MIGHT BE YOU
AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP TOO!

-- NANCY BEASOM



MISSION MINISTRY NEWS

DEACON FUND UPDATE

Due to the cuts in our Mission budget, the committee has decided that we need to identify some specific ministries we would like to financially support through your Deacon Fund contributions. It was decided to limit it to four ministries. We established a fund to specifically meet the needs of our congregation. A ballot was made listing the ministries we have helped in the past and each member voted on whom they would like to help for this year. The following three ministries are the ones we decided could benefit the most from our financial help: St. Vincent dePaul, Misión Peniel Christmas Gifting, and the new Back Pack Kidz ministry, which is being established this year.

Our collections of food, clothes, and thanksgiving offering, etc. will continue as in the past.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU!!! for your generosity and giving spirit in sharing your abundance with those who are in need. YOU ARE A BLESSING!!!!

BACK PACK KIDZ PROJECT

More than 50 percent of Charlotte County's elementary school students were on federal free breakfast and lunch programs in 2010. Many of these children have little, if any, food on weekends.

In November, after months of research, planning and fundraising, the Yah Yah Girls (a group of approximately 30 women whose mission is to help children in Charlotte County that are homeless, near homeless or are living in dire financial need) began their Back Pack Kidz Project at Sally Jones Elementary School and would like to expand it to 5 more.

On Fridays, the Yah Yahs deliver backpacks full of healthy, non-perishable, child-friendly food to the school to be distributed to children who have been identified by the principle and school nurse likely to be hungry on the weekend. The empty backpacks are picked up early the next week and the process starts all over again.

Volunteers are needed. A variety of ways to help are listed on a sign-up sheet that is in the church entrance.

JUNE MISSION PROJECTS

In June, we will be collecting **school supplies for Sallie Jones Elementary**. Sallie Jones Elementary will begin a new school year right after the Fourth of July, so we need to help to get them ready with school supplies for those children whose families may not have the means to properly get them ready for their learning experiences. Some suggestions are: crayons, notebooks, composition books, notebook paper, pencils, rulers, blunt scissors, ballpoint pens with black or blue ink, highlight pens, glue sticks or Elmer school glue, folders with pockets, Kleenex, graph paper, erasers, and also backpacks. Children learn better if they have the proper tools. Let's help the children learn each and every day all the wonders that are provided for them. Please place your donations in the green basket that is in the church entrance.

We will collect boxes of **macaroni and cheese dinners for St. Vincent de Paul**. Let us help the less fortunate and fill the blue bin to overflowing each week so that no child in Charlotte County goes hungry.

JULY MISSION PROJECTS

In July, we will work at filling the green basket to overflowing with **sneakers for Sallie Jones Elementary**. All sizes are needed, but the smaller sizes go first. These shoes are much appreciated and will be used as needed, whether it be right away or throughout the year.

We will fill the blue bin for **St. Vincent de Paul with peanut butter and Jelly** for the Charlotte County hungry in July. This is one of their fastest disappearing products and is always a big hit with them. Peanut butter and Jelly is not only a big number one favorite of kids, but also a number one favorite of adults - and it is healthy. Let no child go hungry.

If for any reason you cannot or do not know what to purchase, a check made out to the church designated for these projects will let us do the shopping for you.

HELP SERVE A MEAL

If you would like to volunteer on a Friday afternoon to help with serving the meal at Misión Peniel,

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◆ MISSION MINISTRY

talk to Dianne Sizemore. Our next trips will be on **Friday, June 23rd, and Friday, July 22nd**, carpooling from the church at 12:30pm.

I want to thank all of you who have helped out this year and in years past. It makes my job a Joy. Bless you all. May everyone have a blessed summer and those of you who have traveled north, we pray traveling mercies as you return. Hurry back, we miss you already.

Dianne Sizemore, chair; Gail Thornton, Elder liaison; and your Mission Team: Dave & Beverly Doupé and Baron, Bill & Elaine Schultz, Laurel Aumend, Ron & Nancy Beasom, and Mary Vincent.

Pentecost Celebrates the Birthday of the Church

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church, when the Spirit of God descended on the throngs like tongues of fire, when Christ’s disciples experienced the Holy Spirit simultaneously (Acts 2). “Pentecost” comes from the Greek, meaning “50th that time had been Jews, it was natural for significant Christian event.

Pentecost is one of the great days season for reflecting on how God’s The special emphasis of the Pentecost Holy Spirit in our lives.

Pentecost is symbolized by the **Pentecost Sunday, June 12th**, come something red.



day” (after Passover). Because the Christians, until them to adopt this word to designate this

of the Christian year. It begins an extended people live under the guidance of God’s Spirit. season is the reality, guidance and power of the

color red, representing the fire of zeal. On to worship at 10am and be sure to wear

This article has been shared by Bill & Elaine Schultz, as printed in the Community Presbyterian Church of Mount Prospect, Illinois newsletter.

God is like an airline—He makes the going great!
God is like the power company—He lights your life!
God is like a wonderful drug—He works miracles!
God is like Scotch tape—you can’t see Him but He’s there sticking with you!
And God is like a greeting card—He cares enough to send the very best!
(from the "Gasoline Alley" comic strip)



Our prayers and sympathy are shared with:

✝ Joan Hoffman and family on the passing of her husband, George, May 22, 2011.

*“Because I live, you also will live.”
John 14: 19b*

JUNE-JULY 2011 CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders - We pray for....

The elderly, the infirm, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, the homebound and lonely, and all those who have requested our prayerful support.

Pray for the men and women who serve our country, especially:

- *PV2 Alexander Fogg, grandson of Bob & Carol Fogg, deployed to Afghanistan.*
- *Captain Ryan Hobert, grandson of Mel & Rose Anne Hobert, deployed to Iraq.*

Each month we remember church members and friends on a rotating basis

JUNE

- 1 Jean Cleffi
- 2 Sam & Carol Crockett
- 3 Irene Csontos
- 4 Randy & Diane Curtis
- 5 Jill Curtis
- 6 Daniel Curtis
- 7 Michael Curtis
- 8 Robert & Sharon Cuzner
- 9 Donald & Annabelle Deblauw
- 10 Len & Connie Diller
- 11 Chris, Laura, Jonathan, & Timothy Epperly

JUNE

- 12 Dave & Beverly Doupé
- 13 Don & June Drake
- 14 Millie Drum
- 15 Kathryn Duke
- 16 Elizabeth Dunn
- 17 Helmut & Phyllis Ehrhardt
- 18 Lois Faber
- 19 Fran Farris
- 20 Sarah Ferry
- 21 Dick & Sandy Fisher
- 22 Bob & Carol Fogg

JUNE

- 23 Ray & Cheri Foley
- 24 Helen Fowkes
- 25 Mary Fulwiler
- 26 Fred Galati
- 27 Arnold & Lois Anne Galbraith
- 28 Paul & Arlene Gebel
- 29 Ron & Neta Gensemer
- 30 Jack & Mary Gilbert

JULY

- 1 Margaret Giner
- 2 Frank & Sue Gready
- 3 Guy & Linda Greenfield
- 4 John & Hazel Hames
- 5 Robert & Carolyn Hansman
- 6 George & Adelaide Hauck
- 7 Doris Henning
- 8 William & Sine Herold
- 9 Jason Hill
- 10 Richard & Anna Hill
- 11 Mel & Rose Anne Hobert

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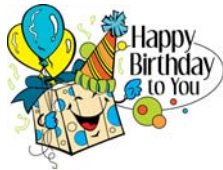
- 12 George & Joan Hoffman
- 13 Stanley Hoinacki
- 14 Bob & Jean Humphreys
- 15 Christina Hutchinson
- 16 Pat Ihrie
- 17 Linda Insley
- 18 Ernie & Connie Johansen
- 19 Jerry & Nancy Julius
- 20 Mary Kasbohm
- 21 Carl & Mary Kimberly
- 22 Walt & Joy Kiser

JULY

- 23 Bob & Joyce Kiskaddon
- 24 Art & Fran Koon
- 25 Verner & Cheryl Laird
- 26 Ethel Larsen
- 27 Earl & Jane Lee
- 28 Richard & Doris Lindsey
- 29 Cy & Marcia Ling
- 30 William Luchynsky
- 31 Myles MacDonald

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE



Laurel Aumend	1	Rich & Jan Wilkinson	5	Craig & Dotty Anderson	18
Gail Thornton	2	Bob & Jean Humphreys	6	Bob & Dorothy Blakey	19
Connie Diller	7	John & Diane Truby	7	Don & Annabelle Deblauw	25
Lorraine Sisson	10	Dick & Phyllis Botticelli	10	Steve & Joanie Mock	26
Bill Schultz	16	Ron & Nancy Beasom	13	Mel & Lorraine Sisson	28
Walter Scott	22	Helmut & Phyllis Ehrhardt	14	Art & Fran Koon	30
Frank Perkins	23				
Linda Insley	27				



PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY



Stephanie Anderson	3	Doris Henning	20	Ernie & Connie Johansen	6
Carol Crockett	4	Dave Woods	20	Bruce & Myrna Peters	7
Jerry Julius	8	Bruce Peters	20	George & Adelaide Hauck	25
Barbara Shinn	16	Ron Beasom	23		
Kay Perkins	16	Edith McDonough	24		
Sandy Fisher	18				

THIS 'N THAT

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

We welcome material for our church newsletter. All contributions are subject to editing with regard to the subject matter and space requirements. Articles for the August issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by **Friday, July 15th**.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE CHANGE

Beginning June 5th through August 28th, there will be one blended (contemporary and traditional) service at 10am.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join your church family in the Conference Room Sundays at 6pm. Come and share in this experience of God's people praying together.

SPONSOR SUNDAY FLOWERS

The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35. To sponsor the flowers, please sign up on the sheet in the church entrance or call the church office. If you sponsored flowers for a Sunday and would like to take them after the service, please let the church office know before the date sponsored, or stop in the kitchen after the last service and see the deacon in charge that day.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our church music is available to you on the internet at <http://public.me.com/rpc1220>. Click on one of the folders to view Organ Music, Choir Music, or Praise Team Music and a list of the music will appear by song title. Then click on the arrow at the right of the song to download and listen. Music from the February 15th concert, *Music On a Winter's Eve*, is also available. Feel free to share with friends, family or potential members. Questions or comments may be directed to Randy Curtis at rpc1220@me.com.

R.O.M.E.O.S. BREAKFAST MEETING

R.O.M.E.O.S. (Retired Old Men Eating Ot Someplace) will be taking a brief hiatus for the summer. They will begin meeting again in September.

EMAIL UPDATE

Please advise the church office when you change your email address. Thank you.

COMPUTER AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE



We've set up a computer in the Conference Room for those of you who need the use of one. It has high-speed internet access and is available during office hours. We suggest you call to reserve the time before coming to use it.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISERS

Presbyterian Women (PW) are selling note cards as a fundraiser. There are 5 cards in a set for a cost of \$2.50. A sample & an order form are on the PW table in the Narthex.

PRICELESS TREASURES TABLE

Our "Priceless Treasures" table is set up in Fellowship Hall. Please – no clothing. You are encouraged to bring household goods and appliances in good working order, toys, general-interest books, CDs, DVDs, and decorative items. If you find a "Treasure" that you would like to take home, just put your donation in the container provided. This is an on-going Presbyterian Women fundraiser for their use in outreach projects.

LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY



Loaves & Fishes Ministry is a great opportunity for those of us who like to cook to share a meal with a church family in need after surgery or illness. Having a familiar, friendly face at your door with cooked food when you return home from the hospital is a very loving experience for both the cook and the recipient. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the table in the church entrance or contact Kay Callahan.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet again until October.



BIBLE QUIZ



June is a popular month for weddings. The gospel of John tells about a wedding Jesus attended at Cana. At the reception, he offered a special gift. What was it?

- A. Money
- B. Pottery
- C. Healing
- D. Wine



Answer: D (see John 2:1-11).

Popsicle Stick Humor —

What do you get if you cross a sheep and a porcupine?

Answer: An animal that knits his own sweaters.

What insect is the most slippery?

Answer: The butter-fly.

Fishing Advice

The topic for the children's message was Matthew 4:19, when Jesus told his disciples to become fishers of men. The woman giving the message asked the children if they'd ever been fishing — and what they used for bait.

"Worms!" the children answered.

Then the woman explained that Jesus wants his friends to follow him and tell others about him. "How would you catch men?" she asked.

One little girl piped up, "With cologne!"

—Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and my entire Sunday school class?"

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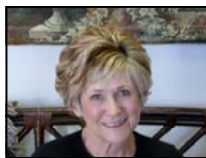
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