



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.*

MOCK'S MUSINGS

Rev. Stephen A. Mock, Pastor

"It's always wonderful to experience a miracle"

It's a miracle! The Cleveland Browns won the Super Bowl! Right...! Now that would truly be a miracle. But miracles do happen. The Saints won the Super Bowl!

We have experienced many miracles here at First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda, especially after Hurricane Charley. It's always wonderful to experience a miracle. When I had the privilege of watching both our children born, I experienced a miracle, the miracle of life. Some miracles just happen unexpectedly. Others happen because we believed they are possible. One cannot read the Gospels and not believe in miracles and in our "all things are possible" God.

I'd like to invite you to be a part of a miracle. With the final pieces of our old property sold, we have the opportunity to become debt free again. After the net proceeds from the sale, we will have approximately \$65,500 left on our SBA loan. The Session has approved a capital fund drive to raise that balance. We're calling it Miracle Sunday. On March 13th, we will be asking those led by God's Spirit to make a donation or pledge towards paying off the \$65,500. A letter will be sent out to all members and friends explaining this and will include an envelope for the donation or pledge to either be returned that Sunday or mailed to the church office.

We are so blessed by God and Miracle Sunday is a chance for us to honor and bless Him. It will help us be debt free and move closer to a balanced budget.

Join us in making a miracle on Sunday, March 13th with your donation or pledge. "Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8b TNIV

In Christ,

Steve



Pastor Steve

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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDAY

Continues at 4pm through March 30th

Our Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study continues at 4pm at the church weekly through March 30th. Pastor Mock is leading the study, *An Introduction to the New Testament*. This study will help us understand the Gospels, the letters of Paul and others, and the Revelation as well as how we got our New Testament. Pastor Mock will provide outlines for each session and there is no cost.

If you missed the first part of the study, you can still attend and grow in your understanding of God's Word.



COME ONE!!! COME ALL!!!
You are invited to a **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on March 16th at 6pm.** This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor who has never been to our church to come and meet some or our church family. We are asking for a \$7 donation per person. Hope to see you and a friend on the 16th. Please sign up so the cook knows how much to cook and you all have a place to sit.
Your Fellowship Team

Thank You!

We can't begin to express what your gift meant to St. Paul's. The money is most definitely helpful and appreciated. But more than the value of the gift itself is the kindness and support shown by your church members. Please pass to the congregation our sincere gratitude, not only for the gift, but also the prayers and concern. In Jesus name.

St. Paul's Session

SESSION NOTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 21ST SESSION

- Opened meeting with an extended time of prayer for the needs of the church and the congregation.
- Approved and welcomed Cheryl and Verner Laird as affiliate members and Helina Churchill as a full member.
- Discussion of a letter received from a member on the need to enlarge our membership.
- Session had in-depth discussion on our finances, including our current deficit budget, reserve funds, and our options after the mortgage is paid off.
- Sunday, March 13th, has been approved as “Miracle Sunday.” See Pastor Steve’s “Mock’s Musings” for details.
- Art Koon has agreed to be our Publicity Coordinator. We appreciate his willingness to fill this important and much needed position.
- The combined session and deacon meeting was approved for March 20th after second service at 12 noon.

Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SERVICE SEMINAR 201 (C.L.A.S.S. 201)

Growing In Christ

Sunday, March 13th from 2pm to 5pm

Pastor Mock will be offering the C.L.A.S.S. 201 *Discovering Spiritual Maturity* on Sunday afternoon, March 13th, from 2pm to 5pm at the church for anyone interested in learning about the habits that create spiritual maturity. For more information, please contact Pastor Steve at 639-1959. A sign-up sheet can be found on the sign-up table by the west entrance.



Our prayers and sympathy are shared with:

- † Frank and Sue Gready on the passing of his mother, Ruth Gready, on February 13th.
- † Walt and Joy Kiser on the passing of her mother, Bernice Alice Irthum, on February 14th.

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

CHURCH WORK DAY



Nancy Smith, Ella Sifferd, Andy Smith, Barb Woods, Don Burr, Dave Sifferd, Dave Woods

Living as a Christian

It isn't easy to live the Christian life. Some years ago, Dom Helder Camera, Brazil's Roman Catholic bishop, said: "When I gave food to the poor, they called me a saint; when I asked why there were so many poor, I was called a Communist." Do good consistently, and you will pay a price sooner or later.

Jesus was sometimes considered radical. He talked to a Samaritan woman at a well. He healed and ate grain from a field on the Sabbath. He hung out with sinners.

The Pharisees and the Sadducees didn't work to get rid of Jesus because he spoke of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Rather, it was because he denounced the unjust leaders he called hypocrites (see Matthew 23).

Lent is a good time to recall these words of Jesus: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24, NRSV).

HELPING HANDS

REACH OUT YOUR HANDS
YOUR HELPING
LET OTHERS KNOW
THE LOVE YOU SHOW.

GIVE THOSE YOU PASS
ALONG THE WAY
THE HEALING LOVE
FROM UP ABOVE.

LET OTHERS KNOW
YOUR HANDS TO GIVE
TO THOSE IN NEED
YOUR SPIRIT FREED.

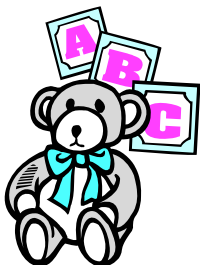
GIVE A SOFT TOUCH
UPON A BACK
AND SPEAK OF LOVE
FROM UP ABOVE.

LET HANDS DO WORK
AND SAVE OUR BROTHERS
TO CHANGE A LIFE
SO FULL OF STRIFE.

TO SHOW OUR CARE
ACROSS THE WORLD
LET HANDS JOIN HANDS
TO COMPLETE OUR PLANS.

DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN
PLEASE USE OUR HANDS
TO DO YOUR WILL
YOUR WORK TO FULFILL.

-- NANCY BEASOM



Congratulations to:

- ♥ Bob & Joyce Kiskaddon on the birth of their 9th great-grandchild (4th great-granddaughter), Laney Ella Kiskaddon, on January 11th in Orrstown, PA. Her proud parents are Scott & Amy Kiskaddon.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women held their Valentine's Tea on Saturday, February 12th. The ladies sported their most lovely hats and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Our next meeting will be **April 9th at 11am**. All ladies of the church are invited. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share.

“Priceless Treasures” Table — Beginning March 1st we will again have our “Priceless Treasures” table 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.

Church Women United — Presbyterian Women (PW) will host the Church Women United World Day of Prayer meeting on **Friday, March 4th at 9:30am** in Fellowship Hall. PW will be serving coffee before the meeting and would encourage women of the church to attend. Goodies for the table would also be appreciated. See poster in narthex.

Chrismon Project — The Presbyterian Women's Chrismon project for our next year's Christmas tree is progressing but we need more HANDS and BEADS. If you're a “Yard Sale” or “Flea Market” fan, please look for gold or pearl beaded jewelry of various sizes for us to re-purpose into our beautiful Chrismons. Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold. White, the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to our Lord's purity and perfection; gold, to His majesty and glory. Making Chrismons can be an act of worship of our Lord and God. Let it be so for you.



Come join us on **Wednesday, March 2nd, at 10am** and we'll be glad to help you make one for our tree. You can do it!

Bible Study — The Presbyterian Women's Bible study will continue to study *Esther – A Woman of Strength and Dignity*. The meetings will be held at the Cuzner home at 2615 Rio Grande, PGI at 10am. Each study is about an hour and a half, with time for fellowship and refreshment. As in the past, we will meet the first and the third Tuesday of the month – **March 1st & 15th**. I hope to see you there.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN VALENTINE TEA



Barbara Shinn, Joan Hoffman, Dianne Sizemore, Sharon Cuzner



Dianne Sizemore



Elaine Schultz



Nancy Smith



Kay Callahan

A MESSAGE FROM THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM

What are we to be doing in the last quarter of our lives? The psychological field of study proposes that this is the Age of Generativity, defined as the time in life in which we can achieve a sense of well being by giving what we know to others.

Charles Stanley, a renowned minister in Atlanta, views the last quarter of our lives in this way. Give yourself away by sharing knowledge and wisdom you possess to others. Gain in understanding of others while helping others in the process. Be prepared to face death by doing God's will and keeping the faith. Keeping the faith sometimes involves being critical of wrong, opposing the unjust, confronting evil, bearing trials and tribulations and not giving in to our feelings that are not in sync with what God says we must do. Stanley urges each of us to rid ourselves of bitterness, anger, and unforgiveness and in the end to commit each day to God. In these ways our days and lives will end well.

We must constantly be cognizant of the rewards waiting us in eternity. If we do this, we cannot fear death but live life obediently to His will.

Titus: 3:1: Be ready (do) every good work.

With spring comes the renewal of our spirit. God bless all of you.

Joy Kiser



When we sing the music in worship, do we do it just singing the words and the notes; or are our hearts filled with the love, joy, and adoration that our God deserves? It is very easy to go through the motions, especially when singing familiar songs. Our music should be praise to our Heavenly Father. We are performing for Him and He deserves all that we have. I truly hope that he is pleased with what He hears from us and is wanting more of our praise.

I will admit that there are Sunday mornings when I wake and really don't feel like getting up and going to church. But once I am here and start singing for Him, I know that I am doing what He wants me to do. Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Praise the Lord." We praise Him by how we sing in worship. Let us remember to notice the words we are singing and let them speak to each of our hearts. Next Sunday, pay special attention to those things we sing weekly, like the Gloria Patri and the Doxology. Let us sing each and every song so that Jesus is shouting to us, "Encore!"

Remember that all are welcome in our choir. Whether here for a few weeks or a few months, we welcome you to come and sing with us.

For Him,
Rudy

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,
They will soar on wings like eagles;
They will run and not grow weary,
They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:29-31

I try to commit a verse to memory and this is the one I am currently working on from Isaiah 40:29-31. It's great fun and good for our brains. Why not try it...you'll like it!

What do you know about shingles? Shingles is an outbreak of rash or blisters on the skin caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox, the varicella zoster virus (VZV). Everyone who has had chickenpox is at risk for shingles as the virus stays quiet in the nerve tissues of your body for the rest of your life. Studies show that more than 99% of Americans ages 40 and older have had chickenpox, even if they don't remember getting the disease.

Risk Factors for Shingles:

Increasing age Caucasian Psychological stress
Physical trauma Weakened immune system

Symptoms of Shingles:

Burning or shooting pain, mild flu-like symptoms
Numbness, tingling or itching in one area of the body or face
One - fourteen days after the pain begins, a rash or cluster of blisters appear on the skin

Treatment:

Antiviral medications such as valacyclovir or acyclovir lessen the length of the outbreak and its intensity if started quickly. In otherwise healthy people, the rash may disappear without major consequences in 2-4 weeks; however 1 in 5 may go on to develop a complication known as postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) or after-shingles pain. PHN is the result of nerve fiber damage. It is vital that this pain be treated immediately to prevent prolonged pain and suffering and greatly impact one's quality of life. A pain management specialist is the best doctor to treat this condition.

There is Hope:

While shingles affects one million people per year, 500,000 are over the age of 60. One out of two people over age 85 will develop shingles. In 2006, the FDA approved a vaccine called Zostavax for use in people age 60 and older. Medicare Part D may pay for the vaccine which typically costs about \$225. At present, the vaccine is hard to find and the Health Department expects a supply to arrive in April. Some physician offices and the Veterans Administration may have a supply.

Good web sites: www.shingles.com; www.aftershingles.com

Please let me know if I can help!

Sign up for our FREE **Lunch 'n Learn on Thursday, March 10th at 11:30am**. The topic will be, "Improving Brain Function (your memory) While Preserving Precious Memories (family history)." Besides a free lunch, there will be door prizes!

Blood pressure screening will be **Sunday, March 13th from 9:45am-10:45am** in the Conference Room.

Because He lives!
Debbie Carney, Parish Nurse
637-9389 or carneydeb@hotmail.com



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

By Craig Anderson



Sam & Carol Crockett

The Crocketts live in Alligator Park on Taylor Road in Punta Gorda. They divide their time between Punta Gorda and Roanoke, Virginia where they also have a home. They normally attend the early service on Sundays, and have been coming to First Presbyterian for about 3 years. They became associate members in 2010. We are so pleased to have them as part of our church family!

Sam K. Crockett

Born/grew up: Bluefield, Virginia.

Fond childhood memory: Riding horses on grandparents' farm.

Education: Undergraduate work at Concord, University (Athens, West Virginia); Master's degree in School Administration (Radford University in Virginia).

Spouse/family: Married to Carol. Daughter, Pat; son, Mike; and grandson, Jake.

How did you and Carol meet? We met at a dance at the college where Carol was a student.

When were you married? Where? August 24, 1958 at the Baptist Church, Princeton, West Virginia.

Vocation: Teacher, coach, school administrator (retired).

What caused you to move to Punta Gorda? Our visits to Alligator Park.

How did you happen to come to our church? Invited by Gail Thornton.

How you came to faith in Christ? Through church attendance and participation in Christian Crusade.

Great church memory: Baptism at the same time as my mother; also the influence of a favorite Sunday school teacher.

Service in the church: Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, Elder, member of the Pulpit Committee.

Favorite Bible passage: Galatians 2:20.

Favorite vacation: Family trips to the Smoky Mountains with our kids.

Book I'd recommend: *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith.

Hobbies/interests: Gardening, fishing, and Virginia Tech football.

Carol N. Crockett

Born/grew up: Born in West Virginia; grew up in Traverse City, Michigan.

Fond childhood memory: Learning to ice skate and swim on/in a lake near our home.

Education: B.S. in Education, Concord University, Athens, West Virginia.

Vocation: Classroom teacher (retired).

Spouse/family: Sam and I have a daughter, Pat, and a son, Mike. We met at a college dance after he was discharged from the Navy. We were married August 24, 1958 in Princeton, West Virginia.

Favorite vacation: Our trips to Myrtle Beach with our children and friends; our first cruise.

What brought you to Punta Gorda? We camped at Alligator Park several years and bought a home there.

How did you come to faith in Christ? Through family and many loving friends.

Great church memory: Several lay-witness programs in the '70s.

What brought you to our church? Gail Thornton invited us.

Service in the church: Sunday school teacher and also SS secretary. Circle leader and program leader.

Favorite hymn: *How Great Thou Art*.

Book I'd recommend: Anything by Max Lucado

Hobbies, interests: Reading, exercising, computer (games).

MISSION MINISTRY NEWS

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, established in 1976 in Wimauma, Florida, now reaches out to Immokalee (Misión Peniel), Arcadia at the Presbyterian Church, and Ft. Meade at their Presbyterian church.

Their varied programs help farmworkers achieve self-sufficiency through open opportunities to worship, extensive educational programs, and many services to meet basic needs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Work with your mission work team the fourth Friday of each month.
- Donate long-sleeved shirts up to X-large and men's pants up to size 36.
- Donate food.
- Collect toiletries (hotel sample sizes are great).
- Lead a vacation Bible school program in June and July.

Financial investments help to continue to expand programs and serve the marginalized communities that they serve: to send children to summer camp at Cedarkirk, college scholarships, pinto beans and rice for families receiving food each week to add to their protein needs, and DVD movies to be sent to supporting churches and private donors. Also, to upgrade their technology to tie in all missions with the same systems, which were set up in 2003.

TIMELINE FOR LEGAL IMMIGRATION

- If you have family in the USA and are skilled, a genius, star athlete, or an investor with \$1,000,000 you can get a green card in 12—18 months and a citizenship in 5—6 years.
- If you have a college degree or are in a specialty occupation and have a job offer and your employer is willing to file necessary paperwork, this will get you into the country.
- If your relative is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, there is no cap on the number who can enter, and after 5 years, or 3 years if you are a spouse, a green card holder is eligible to become a citizen after filing naturalization papers and passing a language and civics test...this will take 6—7 years. Adult children and siblings can apply for a green card but wait time depends on home country and

marital status. The time line for single adult children may be 6—14 years, or for married adult children 7—15 years, or siblings of U.S. citizens 11—22 years.

- If you are the spouse of a lawful permanent resident, you can apply for a green card, which may take 9-14 years and an additional 6 years after they receive the green card to become a U.S. citizen. A minor child wait time depends on your home country (9—14 years) for a green card and an additional 5—7 years before a U.S. citizenship can be obtained after getting the green card.

ONLY LEGAL CITIZENS get any benefits from our government and so most of the migrant population is ineligible for any services, while they still pay social security and a non-refundable tax on their wages.

This is why the mission is so important in their lives - to help when there is a need and to give them food to nourish their bodies. Please help support Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.

Cents Ability

CENTS ABILITY, or three-cents-a-meal program, is doing wonders throughout the world. Our generous gifts to the Presbyterian Hunger Program inspires the root causes of poverty and hunger. Your gift has grown and multiplied - just like seeds, and has made an impact in the world.

Isn't it amazing how God uses metaphors to teach us throughout our lives? Now, as I thank you for your generous gift to the program in 2010, I am reminded of the seeds planted and grown in communities to feed the hungry making a great impact on the whole world — a true statement of concern for God's people in need. You understand that fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. Jesus knew that hunger is a complex phenomenon with economic, political and social causes. If we are following Jesus' example, we respect the dignity of all people by building relationships to act on root causes of hunger. We respond with compassion, "feeding His sheep," while working together to eliminate its causes. So whether our money goes to a local cause or to one in another country, WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE one penny at a time.

Souper Bowl Sunday

A BIG!!! THANK YOU!!!! from your Mission Team for your generosity on Souper Bowl Sunday. We received 98 cans of soup, some peanut butter & jelly and \$156 in donations. St. Vincent DePaul was thrilled. Let's strive to make every Sunday a Souper Bowl Sunday and bring a few canned goods each week. You all are GREAT!! Blessings!!

2011 Feed the Harbor March 20, 9am—3pm

"Now all glory to God who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." (Eph. 3:20)

In 2010, God used the first annual "Feed The Harbor" event to accomplish all we expected and more. Eleven churches joined together as the "hands and feet" of Christ in a common purpose. Approximately 100 volunteers and more than 1,000 shoppers from local churches participated, kids and grandkids learned about giving back, and twenty-two food pantries were stocked with an estimated 12,000 pounds of food. Our awesome God provided abundance through you, his children.

What is "Feed the Harbor"? Feed the Harbor is a one-day opportunity for churches of Charlotte County to come together and fill local food pantries while

providing the community with a picture of what it means for Christ-followers to be the "hands and feet of Jesus."

How does it work? A list of non-perishable items will be provided for you to take to your local grocer on **March 20th from 9am to 3pm**, where there will be a drop-off site in the parking lot. The list and participating grocers will be in the church entrance prior to March 20th. Look for it on the Visitors Welcome Table.

Music On a Winter's Eve

We had a wonderful "Music on a Winter's Eve" concert with Leon Petrus, Mitchell Vines, & Susanne Hess. We would like to thank Leon and his friends for the wonderful music-filled evening. Besides those in attendance, we had our new guide dog puppy-in-training, "Baron."

Our love offering was \$567. It will be appreciated by the Homeless Coalition Genesis House to help the homeless and misplaced in Charlotte County.

Thank you again Leon, Susanne and Mitchell. The Mission Team would also like to thank all who came, those who donated goodies, and those who helped us in any way. A good time was had by all.

2011 Concert



Mitchell, Susanne, & Leon



Mitchell Vines



Susanne Hess, Leon Petrus, Marguerite O'Brien



Leon Petrus

MARCH 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.*

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

MARCH

- 1 Richard & Doris Lindsey
- 2 Cy & Marcia Ling
- 3 William Luchynsky
- 4 Myles MacDonald
- 5 Steve MacDonald
- 6 Larry & Shirley May
- 7 Edith McDonough
- 8 Gene & Janet McLemore
- 9 Martha McMahan
- 10 Jason Mock
- 11 Steve & Joanie Mock

MARCH

- 12 Gerry Morrison
- 13 Kay Nay
- 14 Edwina Norton
- 15 Robert & Eleanor Norton
- 16 Marguerite O'Brien
- 17 Bob & Bonnie Patterson
- 18 Edwin & Myrna Patterson
- 19 Scott & Sally Pazzar
- 20 Frank & Kay Perkins
- 21 Bruce & Myrna Peters
- 22 Dick & Donna Peterson

MARCH

- 23 Fred & Rachel Pfaender
- 24 Diane Pfiester
- 25 Jack & Beth Porter
- 26 Paul & Louise Quillman
- 27 Pete & Sharon Rehm
- 28 Thomas & Shirley Richey
- 29 Gayle Rosa
- 30 Jack & Patricia Rothley
- 31 Barbara Ryan

PRAY FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH



- Ernie Johansen 9
- Don Washabaugh 10
- Marjorie Tisdale 19
- Lynn Fermato 26
- William Luchynsky 28



- Robert & Sharon Cuzner 6
- Gerald & Margie Smith 26

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 April issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by **Tuesday, March 15th**.

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 Out Someplace) will be meeting for breakfast at 8am at Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport on **Thursday, March 10th and 24th**. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

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 FUNDRAISER

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.

LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY



Session has approved the re-establishment of the Loaves & Fishes Ministry here at the church. Kay Callahan has agreed to be the coordinator of this ministry and will become the Deacon of Loaves and Fishes.

This 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.





BIBLE QUIZ



Just before the Last Supper (John 13), Jesus took off his outer robe, poured water into a basin and began washing his disciples' feet. One disciple, however, protested having the Lord wash his feet. Jesus told the reluctant man that unless he allowed Jesus to wash his feet, he really had no share in Christ's leadership. The disciple then relented. He said Jesus could wash not only his feet but his hands and head, as well.



Choose the name of this disciple from the list below:

- A. Peter
- B. John
- C. Andrew
- D. Judas

Answer: A (See John 13:1-9)

Popsicle Stick Humor —

What do you get from a pampered cow?

Answer: Spoiled Milk

What happened to the cat who ate a ball of yarn?

Answer: She had mittens

The Truly Successful Life

According to the Bible, true success comes when we do what God requires of us, namely "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly" with him (Micah 6:8, NRSV). God wants us to use the talents and gifts he's given us to pursue his kingdom on earth.

Success comes when we share our achievements, blessings and wisdom with others, especially people who are hurting or in need. Success comes when our family is tied together with love, prayer and worship — and when we share one another's struggles, successes and goals.



MEET OUR OFFICERS

ELDERS

Laurel Aumend — Ministry	625-5238
Nancy Beasom — Fellowship	505-9383
Phyllis Botticelli — Fellowship	637-0445
Joe Cherny — Discipleship	575-2186
Marguerite O'Brien — Administration	639-7226
Elaine Schultz — Worship	505-8339
Gail Thornton — Mission/Clerk of Session	639-5510
Don Washabaugh — Worship	255-8616
Dave Woods — Administration	456-4876

DEACONS

Debbie Carney — Parish Nursing	637-9389
Paul Gebel — Helping Hands	637-8655
Nancy Julius — Communication	575-7491
Joy Kiser — Bereavement	575-9745
Elaine Schultz — Flowers	505-8339
Margie Smith — Prayer Shawls	833-0185
Barbara Ryan — Communion	575-8141
Kay Callahan — Loaves & Fishes	916-9252

MEET THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN STAFF



Pastor
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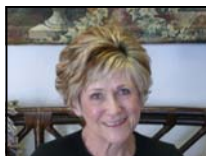
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