



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

I had the honor and privilege of conducting the memorial service for my second Mom, Joanie's mother, Grace Woodbury, the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd. Losing a parent is always so hard and the grief is deep because the love is great. But I am so thankful that I married into such a wonderful family. All her children, grandchildren and great-children and their families were there. The love we have for each other brought God's comforting presence to one another. I am so blessed to be a part of three wonderful families. My own, Joanie's and God's.

"Thanksgiving is a time to remember all the blessings God has given, is giving and will give."

Thanksgiving is a time to remember all the blessings God has given, is giving and will give. And one of those great blessings is family. Now I know not everyone is blessed with good families, but no matter what our family life has been or will be, we have God's family. Like all families, God's isn't perfect, but the love and care we can find in His family can fulfill the needs family brings for each of us.

Friends, who are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? Who in your life has loved you and cared for you? Who has been there when you had needs? Who was a listening presence to you when you needed to talk? Whose shoulder did you cry on in times of loss and grief? Who reached

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out to you when you were lonely or depressed? Who came when you called for help? Who are the people in your life who love you? Thank God for all of them. Especially thank God for being in all of them.

I thank God for all of you. I thank you for your support and care. I thank you for your concern and prayers. I thank you for being there when I need encouragement and wisdom. I thank you for letting me share in your life.

God's word says "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7 NIV). He cares

for us through our church family. Thanks be to God for giving us to each other as family.

May you all have a wonderful, love-filled Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Steve

Gestures of Gratitude

In 2005, a female humpback whale became entangled in a web of crab traps and lines just east of the Farallon Islands, off the San Francisco coast. Hundreds of yards of line rope were wrapped around her body, tail, torso and mouth, weighing her down so much that she struggled to stay afloat.

A fisherman spotted the whale and radioed for help. Rescuers determined that the only way to save the creature was to dive in and untangle her. This was a dangerous proposition, as one slap of the tail could be deadly.

Rescuers worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed the whale. What she did next surprised the divers: She swam in what seemed like joyous circles, coming back to each person, one at a time, nudging them gently, in what rescuers assumed was a beautiful gesture of thanks.

May you and those you love be surrounded by people who help you get untangled from whatever is binding you and may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

Attention all sitting Elders and Deacons —

On Wednesday, November 2nd, from 10am to 11:30am, there is a scheduled get together for sitting elders and deacons and all their committee members. We will be discussing what is happening in our church and what may happen in the future. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the church entrance if you plan on attending. Call me if you have any questions.

**In Christian Love
Laurel Aumend, 625-5238**

SESSION NOTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 17TH SESSION

Session meeting opened with a time of prayer for our congregation and the future of our church. Thanking God for his many blessings.

- Approved motion to accept new contract for property on corner of Harvey and Marion in Punta Gorda, presented by Rachel Pfaender & Marguerite O'Brien.
- Gail Thornton - Reported on the meeting held by the Presbytery Trustees on the 2012 budget for Peace River Presbytery.
- Approved - After a discussion the proposed budget for 2012.
- Personnel - All but one of the personnel reviews are complete and all are satisfactory.
- Elder concerns - Date for Fellowship of Presbyterians gathering in Orlando has change to January 18th through the 20th.
- Communion teams are being developed to take communion to our members who are unable to attend services. Marguerite O'Brien, Phyllis Botticelli, and Nancy Beasom have agreed to be on a team. Pastor Steve will be contacting other elders and deacons who might be interested in serving in this way. Training sessions will be scheduled.
- Deacon & Elders Gathering will be November 2nd, 10-11:30am. All sitting elders & their committee members are invited to attend a meeting to celebrate what the Lord has done this past year. They will be sharing what they have done and discussing the future.
- Approved - The sale of Nancy Beasom's book of poetry for \$10 here at the church. Money will go to Missions for the Genesis House project through the Homeless Coalition. Book should be ready by end of November, first part of December.

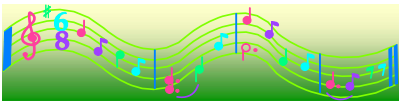
Gail Thornton, Clerk of Session

TWO FREE LUNCH 'N LEARNS THIS MONTH

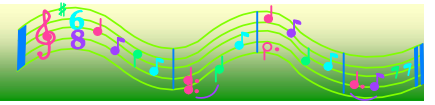
We will have two FREE LUNCH 'N LEARNS this month. Our first LUNCH 'N LEARN will be on **Tuesday, November 8th at 11:30am**. Deborah Walsh, independent representative for Ameri Life and Health Services of Charlotte County will speak to us about "Medicare 2012, Making an Informed Choice."

Our second LUNCH 'N LEARN will be **Wednesday, November 16th at 11:30am**. Christine Hause from Charlotte State Bank will be our speaker. Her topic will be "Learn about Last Wills & Testaments, Trusts, the new Power of Attorney law (as of 10/1/11) and important health care documents that help you and your family."

Please sign up in the church entrance or call the church office to be sure to get a seat for either one or both LUNCH 'N LEARNS.



MUSIC NOTES



It is good seeing many of our northern friends coming back this year, some who add to the numbers in our choir and fill out the empty seats in the sanctuary. We have such a great group of servants in our choir who are here all year round and adding some additional voices adds much to our service.

Your choir is busy working on several new numbers for the month of November and will also have some new Anthems for December as well. I have purchased some new music with the money that many of you so generously donated in memory of former choir member, Barbara Smith. I know that Barbara would have enjoyed singing these new Anthems and rejoice that we are able to keep her memory alive through our music.

The Choir Cantata this year is scheduled for **December 11th at the 10:30am service**. We will be repeating a Cantata we did several years ago when we were holding our service at Burnt Store Presbyterian. This Cantata is filled with many of the traditional melodies we all love to hear at Christmas time. The Praise Team will also be presenting a music program at the 9am service on the same Sunday. If you love Christmas music, come to both services and you will not be disappointed in all the wonderful music that glorifies our Lord.

Thanks to Ron and Dave who filled in for me on October 23rd. It's such a great joy to have such capable substitutes in our midst. I was in Pennsylvania that weekend with my Dad and his friend who were doing a piano and organ duet concert at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville. Here is a link to the FPC in Greenville, which is my church home where I grew up: <http://www.fpcgreenville.com>. My parents have been members there for over 45 years.

Thanks to all for your generous comments about our music program. It is a pleasure leading our music programs and working with such a great group of people in our choir and Praise Team who are dedicated to worshipping our God through our music.

In Christ,

A GRAND SING-ALONG WITH THE CHARLOTTE CHORALE

Sunday, November 20th

Refreshments at 3:30pm

Concert at 4pm

First Presbyterian Church, Harriet St., Port Charlotte

Doors open at 3pm—Open seating

A love offering will be taken

A MESSAGE FROM THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM

They are here again! Yes, the holidays. As women, we spend more time caring for others than we do for ourselves. Add a passion for volunteering and centering others' needs before our own and this spells S-T-R-E-S-S! Try and follow some simple rules for quelling the stress blues:

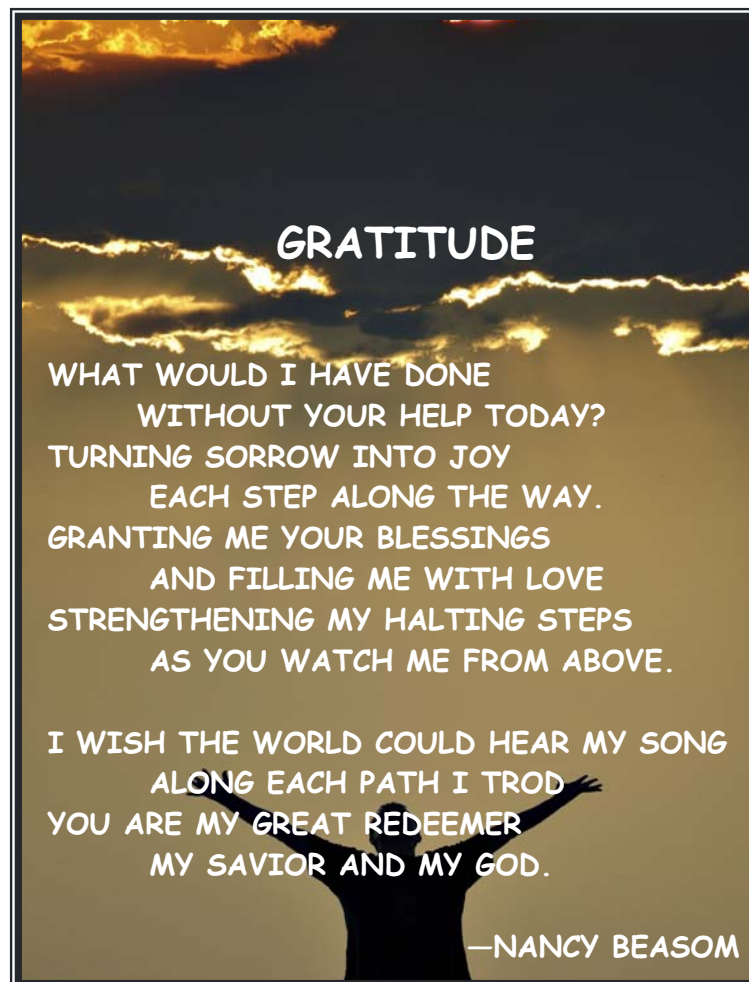
1. Eat well and hydrate - a drop in body fluid causes fatigue, headaches and decreased energy.
2. Exercise - dance, swim, golf or walk.
3. Laugh - look for humor. It boosts the immune system.
4. Delegate & divide responsibilities. Who said you must do it alone?
5. Recognize your limits - don't overwhelm yourself.
6. Play - morning coffee breaks, nap, TV - pamper yourself.
7. Spend time with friends - chats, bridge, games.
8. Say "No" - no overextending.
9. Surround yourself with positiveness.
10. Get a hobby - piano, photography, knitting, etc.

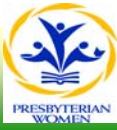
Guys: Define your rules and top 10.

All: Be thankful for what you have and think less of what you don't have.

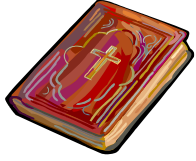
Bereavement Meet & Chat will meet **Friday, November 4th at 10am.**

Blessings,
Joy Kiser





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will continue to meet the **first and third Tuesday of each month through December 6th at 10am**. Our study of Deborah is by Judith Couchman and is titled "Daring to Be Different." As in the past, the Women's Bible Study will be held in the home of Sharon Cuzner, 2615 Rio Grande, Punta Gorda Isles. All studies are about 1½ hour in duration with time for fellowship, cookies and coffee. All women of our church are invited and visitors are welcome. Please join us and learn about the women of the Bible. If you haven't attended prior sessions, don't let that stop you, all studies are able to stand alone.

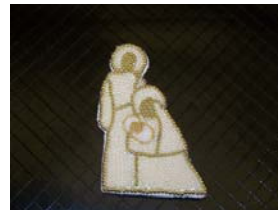
Finishing Touches Being Put on Chrismons

As Thanksgiving approaches and the Fellowship Team's "Decorating Saturday" looms on the horizon, the ladies making Chrismons are ever so busy putting finishing touches on their ornaments and trying to get "just one more" made so they'll be ready. Many of us have been working every other Wednesday morning on these ornaments since January 2011, not to mention the hours and days that were spent working at home. It is our hope that these beautiful Christian symbols will be a statement of faith, emphasizing the true meaning of the Holy Christmas season.

We recently had an idea that it would be nice to make a Chrismon representing music (the lyre), medical (the Greek cross...or "red" cross, only they're pearl or gold), education (the lamp), secretaries (the scroll), etc. We're just in the beginning process of researching, but we're on it for next year! Let Kay Callahan know if you have any suggestions.

To serve as a record and accompanying the Chrismons on the tree, there will be a picture album on display in the Narthex. The "Chrismon Album" will have a picture of each Chrismon with the meaning, the name of the "artist" and the year it was made.

The Chrismon Team will take the month of December off but will begin our task again in January so watch for meeting dates in the newsletter. Once finished, these ornaments should last for generations to come.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S OCTOBER MEETING



CHRISTMAS CARDS TO SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Christmas cards, created as a Presbyterian Women (PW) fundraiser for their outreach projects, will be available early November on the PW table in the church entrance.

The card front is of First Presbyterian Church pre-hurricane Charley. For a donation of \$5 you get a pack of ten cards and envelopes.

This year, help support PW by getting your Christmas cards from them.



Merry Christmas

Help Needed Decorating the Church



Help is needed to decorate Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and church entrance for Advent and Christmas on **Saturday, November 26th from 9am to 12pm**, followed by pizza for lunch. At least one person is needed who can climb a ladder. Please sign-up and come and join the fun.



Dear Members and Friends,

Craig and I are grateful for your concern, prayers, cards, and gifts of food during my days of surgery and recuperation. I appreciate everything so much. I am back in the hospital in Gainesville in November to have the same surgery on the other lung if all goes as planned.

Thanks again for your support.

Dotty Anderson

Dear Pastor Steve & congregation,

Thank you so much for your healing prayers of love & support! God is working wonders in my life, and it's been such a blessing to have all your support through thick & thin! God bless you all!

Many thanks & much love,
Jill Curtis



Congratulations to:

- ♥ Walt & Mary Stones on the birth of their 7th great-grandchild, Reagen Grace Milhelm, on September 20, 2011. Reagen's proud parents are Samantha & Chase Milheim.

THE PARISH NURSE HEALTH CORNER

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. James 1:2

We have heard the words MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) in the newspapers, television and even our church, but what does this scary word mean? Staphylococcus aureus is a very common bacteria that lives all around us. This germ lives on the skin of 1/3 of the population, without problems. If one gets an open wound or pneumonia, or enters a hospital, then one might acquire MRSA.

Antibiotics are given to kill Staph germs when they cause infections. Some Staph are resistant, meaning they cannot be killed by some antibiotics. This is the case of MRSA, where Methicillin is no longer effective. There are some antibiotics that will kill the MRSA germ.

The chance of contacting MRSA while visiting a person who has MRSA is very low. The old standby of GOOD HAND WASHING is your best defense! To find out more, pick up a handout titled "FAQs about MRSA" at the sign-up table in the church entrance.

November begins FLU SEASON. Here are ways to build your immune system:

- 1- Take Vitamin D. There is so much evidence to support this!!!!!!!
- 2- Drink plenty of water.
- 3- Avoid white sugar, dairy products, white flour, wheat and yeast.
- 4- Take a good multiple vitamin.
- 5- Take antioxidants including beta carotene, vitamins C and E, zinc and selenium.
- 6- Have a cup of green or black tea.
- 7- Use extra virgin olive oil (promotes digestion, lubricates mucous membranes, and is an antioxidant).
- 8- Garlic and Probiotics.
- 9- Get plenty of sleep.
- 10- Exercise.
- 11- Pray.

I go to Feger's Health Foods, 3058 Tamiami Tr., Port Charlotte for assistance with illness prevention. They have a wealth of knowledge.

I have 2 copies of a book titled, "90-Day Immune System Makeover" by Janet Maccaro, PhD, CNC. Let me know if you would like to borrow a copy.

It is time to review your healthcare coverage as open enrollment for Medicare is from October 15—December 7. To compare all your options and search for plans, go to www.medicare.gov (1-800-633-4227). For in-person assistance call 1-800-963-5337 and ask to talk to a SHINE volunteer counselor (www.FloridaSHINE.org).

Please call if I can be of help!

Because He lives!

Debbie Carney, RN, Parish Nurse 637-9389 or 456-6804, carneydeb@hotmail.com

P.S. We will have **two FREE Lunch 'n Learns this month**. Please see page 3 for detailed information.



MISSION MINISTRY NEWS

SHOEBOX GIFTING



Your Mission Team has decided not to do Samaritan's Purse shoebox gifting this year, but will instead do shoebox Christmas gifting for the migrant children in Immokalee. Last year, we gave toys to approximately 250 children.

Giftng in this manner will assure that all will get more uniform gifts rather than one little child getting a huge truck and maybe his brother or sister getting a small gift.

Fill either a regular or plastic shoebox, wrap it in festive paper if you like, and then put a tag on top saying gender and age. Please leave these boxes open so we can add things if necessary.

If you do not care to shop, or are unable to shop, please make out a check to the church marked "for Misión Peniel Christmas" and we will do the shopping for you.

The shoeboxes will be collected from **November 6th through December 11th.**

If you would like to go with us when we deliver the shoeboxes, please call Dianne Sizemore at 743-5637 or call the church office. It will be the most rewarding thing you have done this year.

Below is a list to help you shop.

CHRISTMAS GIFTING FOR MISIÓN PENIEL

12—15 Years Old

Small flashlights with extra batteries	Sunglasses	Disposable cameras
Small games, puzzles	Pencils & pencil sharpeners	Word search, Suduko books, etc.
Jewelry, watches	Nail polish & manicure accessories	Combs, small brushes, hair accessories
Socks, t-shirts, underwear	Diaries, books	Wallets, small purses
Tooth brush, tooth paste	Yo-yo's, harmonicas	Colored marking pens
Small sketch books, small notebooks	Small shampoos, soaps, deodorant	Body & hand lotion

6—12 Years Old

Pencils & pencil sharpeners	Small toys, jump ropes, Slinkys	Sunglasses
Small games, small etch-a-sketch	Small puzzles or Lego kits	Crayons, coloring books

THANKSGIVING GIFTING

We are collecting monies for Thanksgiving gifting for the many hungry of Charlotte County **through November 13th.** Your gifting is much appreciated and will give those who are less fortunate a great Thanksgiving feast. Also, it will let them know that God cares for even the littlest person in Charlotte County. Your dollars will help to send that message and make a difference. Envelopes are in the rear of the sanctuary and also in the church entrance, or you can use a pew envelope marking it as Thanksgiving offering. We can make a difference!!!!

HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Want to feel good about helping those less fortunate than you? Plan to come with us to Misión Peniel on **Friday, November 25th.** We have fun, we have laughter, and we work hard as we feed the hungry migrants and pass out clothes. We leave the church at 12:30pm. We always stop for a great meal and fellowship at Cracker Barrel on the return home. Please see Dianne Sizemore or call 743-5637 to reserve your seat for a rewarding trip.

FILL THE BLUE BIN

In November, fill the blue bin in the church entrance with macaroni & cheese dinners for the hungry in Charlotte County. Let no child go hungry!

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◆ **MISSION MINISTRY**

6—12 Years Old (cont'd)

Pencils & pencil sharpeners	Small toys, jump ropes, Slinkys	Sunglasses
Small games, small Etch-a-Sketch	Small puzzles or Lego kits	Crayons, coloring books
Blunt scissors	Small cars (boys), small dolls (girls)	Small stuffed animals
Plastic action figures	Play Doh	Books
Small notebooks & sketch books	Card games (age appropriate)	Tooth brush & tooth paste
T-shirts, underwear & socks	Combs, small brushes, hair accessories	Wallets, small purses
Watches, jewelry	Craft kits (age appropriate)	

2— 5 Years Old

T-shirts, socks, underwear	Small toys & stuffed animals	Coloring books, crayons
Books, puzzles	Play Doh	Age appropriate card games
Balls	Tooth brush, tooth paste	Age appropriate games

All Ages

Gum	Raisins, M & M's, hard candy	Small pkg. crackers or cookies
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Babies (Newborn to 1 Year Old)

Soft toys & balls, blocks	Teethers, pacifiers, rattles	Soft books
Sippy cups, snack bowls, bottles	Powder, lotion, baby shampoo, wipes	Socks, Onesies, bibs



Mission Project

Your Mission Team is selling Butter Braid Coffee Cakes. This project is to raise money for any special mission needs, such as Christmas for Immokalee children, school supplies, etc. The coffee cakes are frozen dough that you thaw, let raise, and then bake. They are of excellent quality and the cost is \$12 each, of which \$5 goes to the mission fund. Call the church office to order.

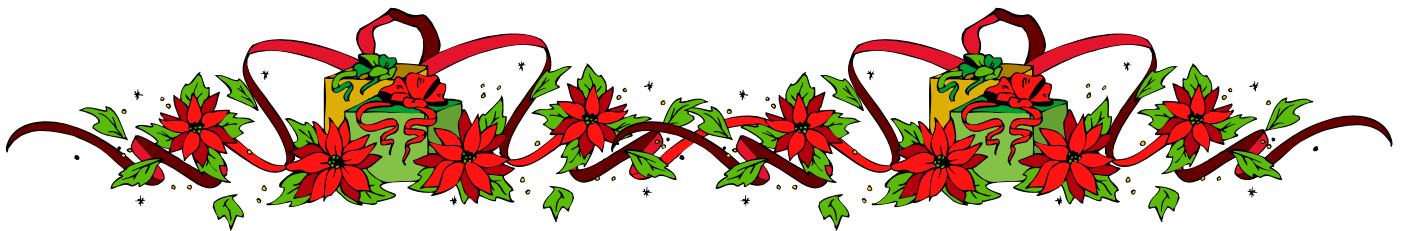


CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUPPER

The Fellowship Team invites you to their 2011 Christmas Gathering Potluck Supper on **Saturday, December 17th**. We will start gathering at 5:30pm and eat at 6pm.

The meat, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish for the buffet table.

The Jubilee Singers with Betty Lane on piano will entertain us. So put on your favorite Christmas outfit and bring your favorite dish and join us for a time of fellowship and cheer. Please sign up in the church entrance so we have an idea of how many will attend.



A Time to Share

"Whenever you get a blessing from God, give it back to him as a love gift. ... Offer the blessing back to him in a deliberate act of worship. If you hoard a thing for yourself, it will turn into spiritual dry rot, as the manna did when it was hoarded. God will never let you hold a spiritual thing for yourself; it has to be given back to him that he may make it a blessing to others."

—Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest*



Our prayers and sympathy are shared with:

† The family of Bernie Vander Meulen. Bernie passed on to the Lord October 3, 2011.

"Because I live, you also will live."

John 14: 19b

NOVEMBER 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.

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

NOVEMBER

1 Fran Farris
 2 Lynn Fermato
 3 Sarah Ferry
 4 Dick & Sandy Fisher
 5 Robert & Carol Fogg
 6 Ray & Cheri Foley
 7 Helen Fowkes
 8 Arnold & Lois Anne Galbraith
 9 Paul & Arlene Gebel
 10 Ron & Neta Gensemer
 11 Jack & Mary Gilbert

NOVEMBER

12 Frank & Sue Gready
 13 John & Hazel Hames
 14 Robert & Carolyn Hansman
 15 George & Adelaide Hauck
 16 Doris Henning
 17 William & Sine Herold
 18 Jason Hill
 19 Richard & Anna Hill
 20 Mel & Rose Ann Hobert
 21 Joan Hoffman
 22 Stanley Hoinacki

NOVEMBER

23 Bob & Jean Humphreys
 24 Christina Hutchinson
 25 Pat Ihrle
 26 Linda Insley Northcott
 27 Ernie & Connie Johansen
 28 Jerry & Nancy Julius
 29 Mary Kasbohm
 30 Carl & Mary Kimberly



- PV2 Alexander Fogg, grandson of Bob & Carol Fogg, stationed at Fort Polk, LA.
- Captain Ryan Hobert, Army-23rd Infantry, grandson of Mel & Rose Ann Hobert, 2nd deployment to Iraq.
- CW5 Donald L. Washabugh, Jr., Army, son of Don & Mary Anne Washabaugh, stationed in the Pentagon.
- Sgt. Ian Hendricks, Marines, grandson of Dianne Sizemore, stationed in Jacksonville, NC.
- 1st Lt. John McPherson, Air Force, grand nephew of Marguerite O'Brien, stationed in Scott Air Force Base, IL.
- Capt. Ryan Swisher, Army Ranger, grandson of Fred & Rachel Pfaender, stationed in Ft. Benning, GA.
- 2nd Lt. John Mock, Army, nephew of Steve & Joanie Mock, stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord in WA - slated to be deployed to Afghanistan late spring, early summer 2012.



Nancy Beasom	2	Mary Kasbohm	8	Dorothy Blue	26
Diane Truby	5	Pam Williams	8	Myrna Peters	26
Diane Curtis	6	Stanley Hoinacki	13	John Truby	28
Ed Williams	6	Gerald Smith	17	Vern Wilson	28
Jack Gilbert	8	Elizabeth Dunn	19	Millie Drum	30



Jack & Mary Gilbert	1
Mel & Rose Anne Hobert	19
Vern & Marlene Wilson	21

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 December issue of *The Messenger* are due in the church office by **Monday, November 14th**.

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, Praise Team Music, or *Music On a Winter's Eve* concert. 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 meet for breakfast at 8am at Sky View Café, Punta Gorda Airport on **Thursday, November 3rd and 17th**. 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



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

If you like to knit or crochet, please gather with us in Fellowship Hall **Monday, November 14th at 10am**.



Do you have a family member serving in the military? If so, we'd like to add them to the newsletter prayer list. Fill out the form that's on the sign-up table in the church entrance and place in the HELMET or let the church office know.



BIBLE QUIZ



Some churches observe National Bible Week in November. According to 2 Timothy, which of the following are ways that God intends for us to use Scripture?

- A. Teaching and training in righteousness
- B. Equipping God's children for good works
- C. Reproof and correction
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.)

Popsicle Stick Humor —

What kind of dance does your mother do?

Answer: The "mom" ba.

Why wasn't the mouse a tattle-tale?

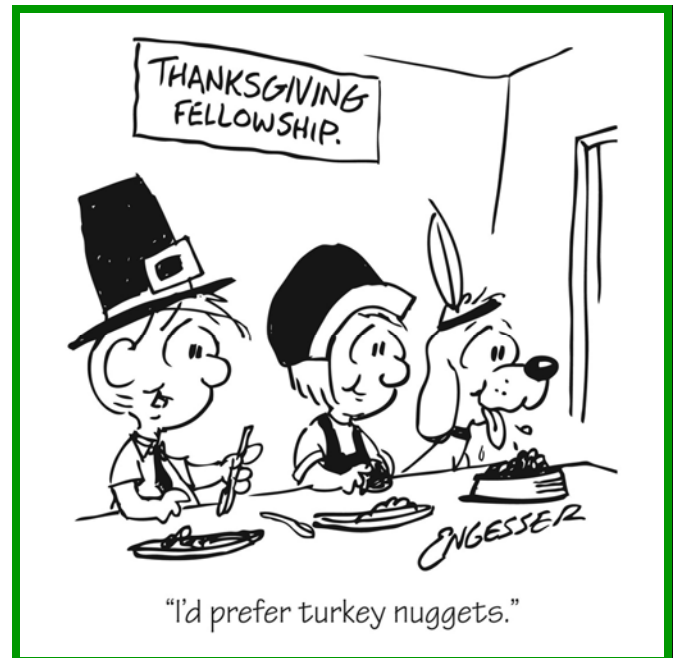
Answer: It didn't want to be a rat.

Happy Thanksgiving



"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey



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

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Paul Gebel — Helping Hands	637-8655
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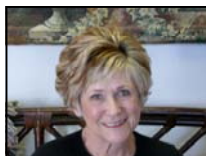
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