

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

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Lent: A Season for Penitence!

I spoke with Belva, who was at our home in Diamondhead, MS, just before she embarked on a cruise from New Orleans to Cozumel. She said New Orleans is WILD! Well, why not? After all, we are closing in on Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras), and it is time for Party City's grand finale! When Ash Wednesday comes, it is time to set aside the ways of this world and begin acting like the children of God we are. Ash Wednesday is the first day in the Season of Lent.

Lent marks the period of 40 days, not counting the Sundays, before Easter. During Lent, we are called to be aware that we are on the final leg of our journey with our Lord Jesus Christ to Calvary Hill, for His, and our, destiny with the cross. Lent is a time for serious self-reflection. Life is limited. As God's people, we know we have not lived lives in which we have always been pleasing to Him, or kind to our neighbors and loved ones. Scripture tells us:

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness!”

(1 John 1:8–9)

Thus, the Church has set aside the 40 days of Lent as a time for *penitence*, and a time for *penance*. *Penitence* is when we come to ourselves, seeing ourselves as we truly are, sinful and in need of forgiveness...by God and by others. Penitence is when one comes to the sad and humble realization of our personal failing, when we own our regret for our misdeeds and for the ways we have hurt or wronged others.

Penance is an act of contrition, a concrete way of “doing something” as a way of acknowledging *penitence* and doing something about it as a response. “What have you given up for Lent?” is how we light-heartedly refer to what we are doing for *penance* in Lent.

March 6th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. On this evening we will gather in the Fellowship Hall, as we usually do, for WATCH, and have dinner together at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief service of worship and communion by intinction. As we come to the table to receive communion, we will then go to a second “station” to receive the mark of the cross on our foreheads, a mark made from the ashes of our palms from last Palm Sunday. Receiving communion and the ashes is a *penance* we do, actions flowing from our state of *penitence*, our regret and sorrow for our sins. After this brief service, we will all go outside and drape the cross in the front yard of the church with a purple cloth, the color and sign of our confessions and God's forgiveness.

Ash Wednesday is coming up quickly! Plan to join us for a meal and a service that will be a very meaningful beginning of this Season of Lent for all.

“When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem!”

(Luke 9: 51)

Who among us will go with Him?

Dr. G.

CONCERNS

Immediate Concerns

*Patty June (Mission trip to Bangladesh) *Allen Chandler (Shirley Chandler's son) *Bob Norris *Jane Fraser
*Glenda Bivins (Ricky Griffin's mother) *Justin Williams (Rhonda Blanton's cousin) *Ben Harrison
*Phil Keeny *Joanne Harsh Meredith

On-Going Concerns

*Joyce Laabs *Anne Carlton *Mitch Britt (Alice Griner's son)
*Luna Chappell (Verna Moon's great granddaughter)

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6 6:30 After WATCH Supper
Communion by Intinction and
Imposition of Ashes
No programming for adults, children or youth.
Nursery will be open.

WATCH & PLAYGROUND

HELP!!!

To supervise the huge playground that we have, it takes 2 adults. We do not have enough parents who are here in time to eat and supervise the playground. Parents work late or are taking children from one activity to another. We need the help of other adults who will watch children playing from 6:00-6:30. All you need is good eyesight and the sense to know when to tell children to stop before they hurt themselves or others. See Miss Susan to sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 3, 8:30 AM

Presbyterian Women Executive Board

Monday, March 4, 10:00 AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, March 6, 4:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 5:00 PM

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, March 10, 8:15 AM

Ladies' Evening Circle

Monday, March 11, 7:00 PM

Home of Joan White

Tuesday Morning Circle

Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 AM

Missions Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 PM

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 PM

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 3, 8:30 am

The speaker will be Liz Savage, Colquitt County High School Band Director. All men and guests are invited to come for breakfast and the speaker. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, and biscuits. The Men of the Church meet the first Sunday of the month October through May. If you would like to be added to the Men of the Church email list, please call or email (1stpres@moultriega.net) the church office.

FLOWERS 2019

The following dates are still available for flowers: June 2, June 16, July 14, August 4, August 11, September 1, September 8, September 29, November 10, December 1, and December 29.



If you are interested, please call or text Holly Beard at 229-798-0669. You may also call the church office at 229-985-3158.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18

Again this year we will join with the Methodist church to present Vacation Bible School. This year we will host VBS here at First Presbyterian. It is time to start planning for VBS. Yes, we need to start 5 months before the event. We already have a leader, Beth Cannon. She is looking for some good Christians to help plan VBS. What are your talents? We need leaders to register participants, decorate, lead art projects, lead story telling, lead science projects, lead recreation, teach preschool children, and supervise children in different age groups. Contact Beth to volunteer.

CORNERSTONES

Grand Ole Opry Salute to Veterans—Saturday, March 2—Meet at the church to eat supper before the show at 5:00 pm. Cost: \$20. Signed up: Susan P., Ben, Lynn, Jim, Anne, Peaches, Rich

“Arsenic and Old Lace” in Tallahassee—Sunday, March 3—CANCELLED

Lunch on the Road to ???—Thursday, March 14, 11:00 am—Signed up: Susan P., Virginia, Molly, Art, Peaches, Bea

Gardens Trip—Saturday, March 16, Leave at 8:00 am—First stop will be the Birdsong Nature Center’s Old Timey Plant Sale. Then on to Alfred B. Maclay State Park to tour the azalea gardens and picnic. Cost: \$6

Cornerstones Lunch Meeting—Monday, March 18, 11:30 am—Quiche by Alice Griner and Hummingbird cake by Beth Sheahan. Cost: \$5

Movie Night—Thursday, March 21, 5:30 pm—We will have pizza, popcorn, and candy and watch “The Wheeler Dealers” with James Garner and Lee Remick. Cost: \$5

“A Little Murder Never Hurt Anyone”—Thursday, March 28—Leave the church at 5:00 pm to dine in Valdosta before the play. Cost: \$20

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019

“Here’s My Heart”

Be a part of Flint River Presbytery's Delegation to Triennium 2019 July 15-July 21 at Purdue University. These dates include travel time.

Get Ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium--a gathering held every three years for the high school age students in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Youth from all churches across the sponsoring denominations come together for this lifechanging, life-giving, faith-growing gathering! Five days that help form a younger generation of active Presbyterians. Five days that shape the leadership gifts and deepen the discipleship awareness for a generation who are achieving a strong presence in this church and this world!

For more information about the event check out
www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

To be a part of our FRP's Delegation you will need to sign up today through our Registrar: Anghaarad Teague Dees at
pastor.dees@trinitypresval.org

Once you have notified her of your intent to attend Triennium and you have paid your \$100 deposit to the Presbytery office she will send you all of the registration forms required to be a part of the delegation.

The total cost for participants is \$610...this covers your registration fee, room & board, and transportation. Limited scholarship help is available on first come first served basis.



FLOWERS

The flowers in the church on Sunday, February 24 were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gloria Duggan by Gail, Jan, Kim, Holly, and Robert

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FROM THE KITCHEN

It was great to see Pearl Grandy’s sweet smile at WATCH this week. I am so glad that she feels like coming back. We fed 123 last week and 120 this week.

MENU for MARCH 6, 2019

EVERYONE: Bacon, Link Sausage, Sausage Egg Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Biscuits, Strawberry Bread, Jelly, Syrup, Honey, Juice

MENU for MARCH 13, 2019

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Oven Fried Buttermilk Chicken, Twice Baked Potatoes, White Peas, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls, Blueberry Gelatin Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fruit

DESSERTS: Peach Dumplings, Apple Dumplings, Cookies, Ice Cream

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Just like people taking in stray cats and loving them until they respond, God reaches out to us and takes time to draw us to Him. When we become His, He feeds us with the nourishment we need from His Word.

In Christ, Faye