

# Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

February 7, 2019

## “Hearing with Fresh Ears”

In 1983 our PCUSA denomination formed when, to state it most simply, the Northern and the Southern Presbyterian Churches reunited for the first time since the opening shots of the Civil War. Reunion was, in my opinion, an amazing testimony to the often extremely difficult work of personal and communal reconciliation to which God is constantly calling us in Jesus Christ. The first Moderator of that 195<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 1983 was the very highly respected southern pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA, the Rev. Dr. Randolph (Randy) Taylor.

Randy was a close personal friend to my family. As a young man, and a very green pastor, I had the privilege to know him from a close distance. Randy was one of the great preachers in North America during the 1970's and early 80's. I remember hearing him preach in chapel at Columbia Seminary when I was a student. On that occasion he said something to us students I will (can) never forget:

“If you don't read, you are no better off than if you can't read!”

That comment has rung in my ears since that day. In the intervening years I have come to realize that derivative maxim is also true:

“If you don't study the Bible, you are no better off than if you can't study the Bible!”

This is my rather abrupt way of encouraging you to give our WATCH Bible Study a try, if you are not a part of another WATCH group. We have a wonderful group of committed disciples who are hungry to hear God's Word for us in this chaotic, confusing and stressful time. Come join us! The format is that I will select the Old and New Testament passages I aim to preach on in the coming Sunday. We read through the texts together in an effort to hear what they are saying to us. I make every effort to get you to help me decide what the focus of the sermon should be, but to this point the group has been of minimal help ☺. Just kidding! Oh yes, we do have lots of laughs. This week the group actually helped me confirm a sermon title. Our Bible Study is designed to help prepare you to hear the Bible lessons for each Sunday with fresh ears!

Here are the texts for February 10<sup>th</sup>: O.T. = Isaiah 6: 1–8; N.T. = Luke 5: 1–11. The Isaiah text tells of the call of the prophet, Isaiah. The Lucan text tells of Jesus' call of his first disciples. The sermon title will be: “Epiphany with a Catch”. Read those texts and let me know if you have any ideas! Do you remember your call to discipleship? Have you ever thought of church membership as your call? These are the kinds of questions we ask. Oh, one other important point: with some valuable nudging, I have committed to wind up the study by 7:20 p.m. With this encouragement, once again, COME JOIN US!

Blessings to all!  
Dr. G.

## CONCERNS

### Immediate Concerns

\*Jane Fraser \*Glenda Bivins (Ricky Griffin's mother) \*Justin Williams (Rhonda Blanton's cousin)  
\*Sonny Hall family (Doug Hall's father) \*Ben Harrison \*Joyce Laabs \*Phil Keeny \*Joanne Harsh Meredith

### On-Going Concerns

\*Anne Carlton \*Mitch Britt (Alice Griner's son) \*Baby Max Herndon  
\*Ann Vereen (Jerry Vereen's daughter-in-law)  
\*Bill Acuff \*Luna Chappell (Verna Moon's great granddaughter) \*Sherry Rentz

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ICE SKATING & JACKSONVILLE ZOO TRIP



Due to lack  
of interest!

### INSTEAD.... WAKULLA RIVER TRIP

Monday, February 18

Leave church at 10:00 am.

Bring your own lunch or buy something at the Soda Fountain. Play on the playground & take a boat ride down beautiful Wakulla River.

This trip is open to children and youth.

Cost: Child 3-12—\$5 Ages 13-64—\$8

### WORSHIP STREAMING

Sunday morning worship services will now be live streamed on YouTube. Search for Moultrie First Presbyterian Live.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, February 10, 8:15 AM

#### Ladies' Evening Circle

Monday, February 11, 7:00 PM

Home of Joan White

#### Tuesday Morning Circle

Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 AM

#### Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 5:00 PM

#### Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 17, 8:30 AM

#### Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 PM

#### Friends of the Church Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 5:00 PM

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2019-2020

Preschool registration is now open for church members and current preschool families. We have programs for ages 1-4. Registration forms are available in the church office. Be sure to sign up now if you are interested as spots go quickly and registration will open up to the public after February 15.

## PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

The Presbyterian Preschool program is seeking applicants for the 2 year-old teaching position. Melanie Rykard is retiring at the end of this school year, after many years of service. If you are interested in the position, please leave your resume in the church office marked to the attention of Katie Jenkins, preschool director.

## FLOWERS 2019

The following dates are still available for flowers: March 31, 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.

## BACKPACKS OF HOPE

There seems to have been a misunderstanding concerning the Backpacks program. Word had gotten out that the principal at Cox Elementary did not want them. Not so—Stephanie Hardy, the social worker, has had to do other jobs. We have finally gotten started with 7 bags feeding 32 children the last two weeks. This week we are up to 20 bags feeding 72 children. We appreciate your continued support of this mission.

Dianne Posey and Alice Griner

## CORNERSTONES

**“The Games Afoot or Holmes for the Holiday” in Valdosta**—Saturday, February 9

Leave at 5 pm for supper before the play. Cost: \$20. Signed up: Susan P., Lynn, Vickie

**Cornerstones Meeting** —Monday, February 11, 11:30 am \*\*\*Please note change!\*\*\*

Hot potato bar at the church. Signed up: Susan P., Virginia, Bea, Peaches, Jane, Molly, Art, Lynda, Beth

**Movie Night**—Thursday, February 21, 5:30 pm at the church with pizza, popcorn and movie candy. Cost is \$5.

**Lunch on the Road**—Thursday, February 28, Leave at 11 am

### TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE

Calling all women! Please join our Tuesday Morning Circle on February 12 at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Continuing our study of Proverbs, we will talk about hiding God’s word in our hearts. Dianne Klar will be the teacher and Lynda Harris and Joyce Laabs will serve as hostesses.



Thank you for your generous donations on “Souper” Sunday! We collected \$1,573.73 for Crossroads Mission and Life Under the Son!

### HELPING HANDS COLLECTION BOX

From January through March, we are collecting food for the Food Bank. Especially needed are canned goods: peas, soup, mixed veggies, potatoes, spaghetti sauce, fruit, and mixed fruit.

### MFPC Treasurer Report

Month of January:	2019	2018
Receipts	\$43,917	\$43,295
Expenses	(\$39,899)	(\$43,190)
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,018	\$105

## YOUTH NEWS

**FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY SPRING YOUTH OUTING**—Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, First Presbyterian in Columbus is hosting the 2019 Flint River Presbytery Spring Youth Outing for grades 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>. This year's gathering focuses on reaffirming in our youth (and adults) the CONFIDENCE in the promise that they ARE ENOUGH, that they BELONG and that they are GOD'S OWN. The day will be full of fellowship, white water rafting, music, food, and worship with a keynote address from Catherine Albert. The \$30 registration fee is all inclusive. Items to bring: All release forms, Bible, Swimwear for Rafting, Change of Clothes, Towel, any required medications and snacks for the community table.

**We will need adults to volunteer to help with this event!** Let Diane know if you can attend. Sign up sheet will be in the social hall, deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## FLOWERS

*The flowers in the church on Sunday, February 3 were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Van Staton by Norma, Tammy, Teressa, and Randy*

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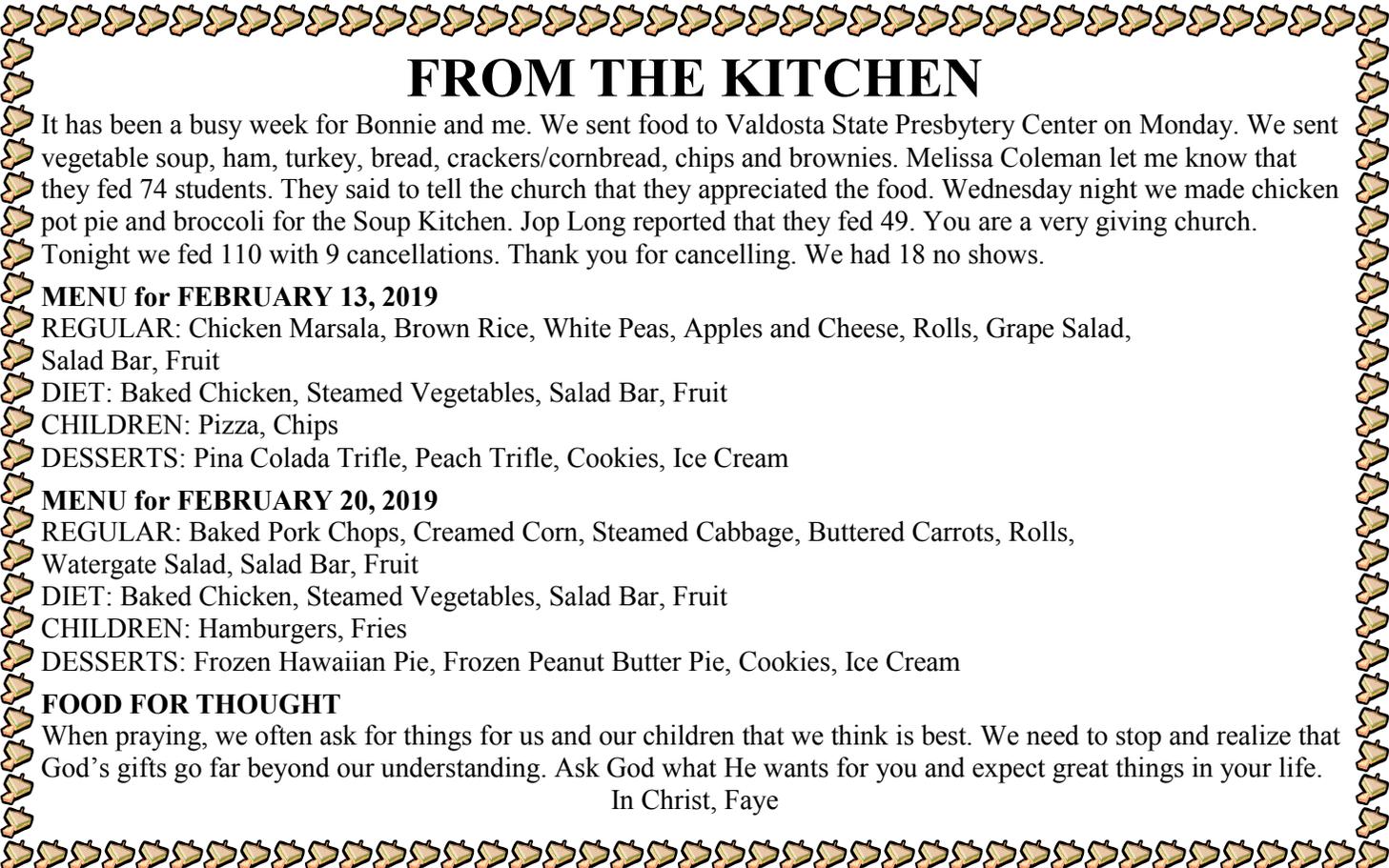
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**FROM THE KITCHEN**

It has been a busy week for Bonnie and me. We sent food to Valdosta State Presbytery Center on Monday. We sent vegetable soup, ham, turkey, bread, crackers/cornbread, chips and brownies. Melissa Coleman let me know that they fed 74 students. They said to tell the church that they appreciated the food. Wednesday night we made chicken pot pie and broccoli for the Soup Kitchen. Jop Long reported that they fed 49. You are a very giving church. Tonight we fed 110 with 9 cancellations. Thank you for cancelling. We had 18 no shows.

**MENU for FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

REGULAR: Chicken Marsala, Brown Rice, White Peas, Apples and Cheese, Rolls, Grape Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

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

CHILDREN: Pizza, Chips

DESSERTS: Pina Colada Trifle, Peach Trifle, Cookies, Ice Cream

**MENU for FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

REGULAR: Baked Pork Chops, Creamed Corn, Steamed Cabbage, Buttered Carrots, Rolls, Watergate Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

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

CHILDREN: Hamburgers, Fries

DESSERTS: Frozen Hawaiian Pie, Frozen Peanut Butter Pie, Cookies, Ice Cream

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

When praying, we often ask for things for us and our children that we think is best. We need to stop and realize that God's gifts go far beyond our understanding. Ask God what He wants for you and expect great things in your life.

In Christ, Faye