

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

January 24, 2019

“Come on in! The Water’s Fine!”

I am writing this week to inform, or remind you, of the three- or four-week Inquirer’s Class I will be teaching, beginning this Sunday Morning, January 27th, 9:45 a.m., in the Choices’ Sunday School Room on the second floor of the Vereen Building, across the hall from the Choir Room. The purpose of this class is to meet with folks who have been attending worship and fellowship recently and may be interested in the possibility of joining in membership with Moultrie First Presbyterian. Or, perhaps you may want to know more about Presbyterianism in general. The best part of this opportunity will be meeting with others, putting names with faces and getting to know people who may be at the same place as you with deciding on church membership.

Why is church membership important? Just as baptism with water is a visible sign of the invisible grace of God’s Holy Spirit, poured into all who come to believe in God through faith in Jesus Christ, so is church membership a visible sign of our Spiritual unity with one another. Becoming a member of the church, any church, is faith in action, revealing to those with whom you live, work and play that you are serious in your commitment to bear witness to what you believe as a disciple of Jesus Christ by joining others committed in this same way.

The Apostle Paul, the pre-eminent founder and builder of the very early, young church, had a great deal to say about church membership (check out 1 Corinthians 12).

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body --- Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free --- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”
(1 Cor. 12:12-13)

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it!” (1 Cor. 12:27)

Moultrie First Presbyterian is one congregational member of the greater Church of Jesus Christ, and each member of First Presbyterian is a member of this body, seeking faithfully to be Christ’s witnesses, continuing the ministries of compassion and service to which Jesus calls us.

One other point of importance: Being a member of Moultrie First Presbyterian puts both women and men in the position of voting on matters important to the entire congregation, as well as becoming eligible to being elected to serve in a position of leadership as an officer in the church. This is where one’s unique gifts typically become most effectively used in service to God and to others.

So, come study with us! Don’t hold back! Take the plunge ... The Water’s Fine!

Epiphany Blessings,
Dr. G.

CONCERNS

Immediate Concerns

*Sonny Hall family (Doug Hall’s father) *Ben Harrison *Joyce Laabs
*Phil Keeny *Anne Carlton *Joanne Harsh Meredith

On-Going Concerns

*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

ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM

MARCH 18-21, 2019

Register with \$200

\$400 cost covers Transportation, Hotel, and Tickets, Meals on your own.



Monday—Leave at 8:00 AM, 10 hour driving time

Tuesday—Creation Museum

Wednesday—Ark Encounter

Thursday—Return to Moultrie

Sponsored by the Methodist Church

Contact Susan Pearson for info.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Committee

Sunday, January 27, 8:30 AM

Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 3, 8:30 AM

Presbyterian Women Executive Board

Monday, February 4, 10:00 AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, February 6, 4:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 5:00 PM

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, February 10, 8:15 AM

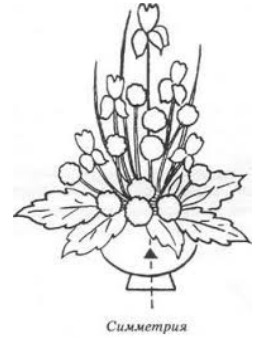
Ladies' Evening Circle

Monday, February 11, 7:00 PM

Home of Joan White

FLOWERS 2019

The following dates are still available for flowers: March 10, March 31, April 7, June 2, June 16, July 14, August 4, August 11, September 1, September 8, September 22, 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.

WORSHIP STREAMING

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH ICE SKATING & JACKSONVILLE ZOO TRIP

Monday, February 18

Leave church at 7:00 am.

Bring your own lunch.

Cost: Child 3-12—\$14 Ages 13-64—\$18

Sign up by February 10th!!

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church or simply knowing more about who we are? Dr. Richard Gillespie will be leading a class during Sunday School January 27, February 3, & February 10 at 9:45 AM. The class will meet in the Choices classroom upstairs in the Vereen building. Please call the office (985-3158) to get your name on the list.

Anyone interested in Church League Basketball at the YMCA? Let Susan Pearson know!



CORNERSTONES

Lunch on the Road to A.J. Moonspin in Thomasville—Thursday, Jan. 31, 11 am

Signed up: Susan P., Jane, Julia, Lynda, Bea, Susan T., Peaches

Paint a Bowl at the Arts Center—Saturday, February 2

This is for the Empty Bowl Soup Supper on Feb. 7 which benefits the Colquitt County Food Bank.

“The Games Afoot or Holmes for the Holiday” in Valdosta—Leave at 5 pm for supper before the play. Cost: \$20

Cornerstones Meeting on the Road—Monday, February 11

Signed up: Susan P., Virginia, Bea, Peaches, Jane, Molly, Art

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Presbyterian Women will be sending cookies to our college students for Valentine’s Day. **YOU MUST CALL** the church office with your student’s name and address by Wednesday, January 30 if you wish for them to receive cookies. Cookie boxes will be packed following the Presbyterian Women Executive Board meeting on Monday, February 4. Ladies, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please volunteer to bake some cookies by contacting Lisa Horkan (985-0807) or Susan Turner (985-1333) or see them at WATCH.



YOUTH NEWS

FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY SPRING YOUTH OUTING—Saturday, February 23rd, First Presbyterian in Columbus is hosting the 2019 Flint River Presbytery Spring Youth Outing for grades 6th–12th. 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 6th.

FOOD BANK

These wonderful folks recently stepped up to volunteer at the Food Bank! Thanks to them for helping our Church fulfill its mission to “Fight hunger and “Feed Hope”. Those who participated are; Carolyn Lodge, Jim Soos, Ann Foster, Click Peters, Debbie Peters, Terry Turner, Beth Cannon, Virginia Lowman and Susan Reagin. Our Food Bank is busier than ever and we’re grateful for these dedicated workers. Thank you!

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church on Sunday, January 20 were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura Duncan Beard on the occasion of her birthday by her children: Tom, Duncan, Jim, Becky, and David

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FROM THE KITCHEN

What a beautiful day we had on Wednesday. We fed 107. I would like to thank the 14 people who took time to call and cancel their reservations. I would like to remind the 20 who did not to please cancel next week if you find that you cannot attend.

MENU for JANUARY 30, 2019

REGULAR: Pork Loin with Raisin Sauce, Brown Rice, White Peas, Pineapple Casserole, Rolls, Cottage Cheese Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

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

CHILDREN: Hamburgers, Chips

DESSERTS: Watergate Cake, Strawberry Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

MENU for FEBRUARY 6, 2019

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Beef Tips with Gravy, Rice, Garden Peas, Carrot Pecan Casserole, Rolls, Confetti Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

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

DESSERTS: Mississippi Mud Pie, Pecan Bars, Cookies, Ice Cream

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

God does not tell us what we face tomorrow, next week, or next year. We can see only the next steps before us. If we keep walking with him, He will give us light enough to continue on our path. Step into His light, and keep following.

In Christ, Faye