FROM THE KITCHEN

It has been a busy week at First Presbyterian. The building rings with excited voices of the boys and girls at Vacation Bible School. I want to use this article to thank people who have helped me in the past several weeks.

First, I would like to thank the ladies who made the Fellowship Hall look so festive for our Hugh Ward/5th Sunday Covered Dish day. Thanks to Nancy Coleman for organizing this project. Thanks to Holly Beard, Suzanne Chris-tensen, Melody Jenkins, Dianne Klar, Debbie Peters, Evelyn Pionessa, Susan Reagin, and Janet Sheldon for helping decorate.

Secondly, I would like to thank Frank Harrison, Ron Reagin, and Roscoe Stallings for enduring the sweltering heat to grill the chicken that we had at WATCH on July 10. You did a super job.

Thirdly, I have had many people helping with Vacation Bible School. A big thanks to Bonnie Newsome. As always she has gone above and beyond the call. Thanks also to Norma Staton for coming each night to assist in preparation and serving. On Monday I had to go to Tallahassee to the doctor with my husband. Dianne Herndon was gracious to come help until I could get back. I have had several people assist with serving the younger children. Thanks to Deryl Beadles, Bea Chastain, Virginia Lowman, Emily Strickland, Dottie Ward, and Hugh Ward. Thanks to Susan Turner for staying after the meal to help with the clean up. We had a young man come into the kitchen tonight and took the heavy trash cans from Bonnie. He took them outside and emptied them. THANKS to Landon Griffin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| AUGUST 7 | Teacher Appreciation Dinner |
| AUGUST 11 | Missions' Fund Raiser |
| AUGUST 14 | First WATCH |
| AUGUST 19 | Cornerstones' Anniversary Dinner |

IN CHRIST, JAYNE

NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES

It was the theme for the 2019 Montreat Worship and Music Conference in June. Tom, Laura, and I would like to thank you, the congregation, for sponsoring our attendance this year. It was a week filled with music workshops, worship services, renewal, and friendship building. What a spiritual emersion in such a beautiful mountain retreat. Each day was filled with a sense of learning something new about God and his work in this world. Reminding us that all we are and all that we do is rooted in the worship of God.

The singing of hymns, old and new, was one of the elements of worship that we studied over the week. Hymns play such a vital role in the worship service and the education of the congregation, young and old. Hymn singing is a gift to God as a tribute to and thankful expression of what He has done for us and what he continues to do in the future. I must admit, some of the “newer” hymns are growing on me.

An important part of the week was centered on the worship services each day. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, a wonderful and gifted pastor, spoke on the Peace of Christ. He crafted a thoughtful week-long series on the importance of recognizing the peace God grants us through the most trying times of our lives. How we deal with the impact on our lives reflects what we believe about God and His son Jesus Christ. I thought his sermon titles sum up it up best:

- Peace is not the absence of chaos; it is the presence of hope.
- Peace is not the absence of evil; it is the boldness of righteousness.
- Peace is not the absence of pain; it is the presence of compassion.
- Peace is not the maintenance of the status quo; it is the courage to seek justice.
- Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the embodiment of love.
- Peace is not the absence of darkness; it is the presence of light

So, I left the mountain and returned to life in the valley. However, not a valley of darkness but one of light, hope, righteousness, compassion, courage and above all - love.

“And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.” Colossians 3:15

Doug Hall

CONCERNS

Immediate Concerns
- Ann King (Rexanne Yarbrough’s mother) *Gerry Webb *Betty Tauber
- Beverly Morgan (Michael Crawford’s mother) *Skyler Moser (Connie Fritz’s great-niece)
- Kim Duggan Flowers *Tom Crawford (Josh Hancock’s grandfather)
- Glenda Bivins (Ricky Griffin’s mother) *Justin Williams (Rhonda Blanton’s cousin)
- Phil Keeny *Joanne Harsh Meredith

On-Going Concerns
- Mitch Britt (Alice Griner’s son) *Robert Aultman *Jane Fraser *Art Ellis *Bill Acuff *Joyce Laabs
- Anne Carlton *Luna Chappell (Verna Moon’s great granddaughter)
**FLOWERS**
The flowers in the church on Sunday, July 7 were given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Wylene & John Rhodes and Annie B. & Boots Ward by Dottie & Hugh Ward.
The flowers in the church on Sunday, July 14 were given to the glory of God and in celebration of Tripp’s 5th birthday by John, Rebecca, and Audrey Peters.

**SPECIAL THANKS**
Thanks to all those who took the lemons of the fire in the Parlor and made a wonderful pitcher of lemonade for all of us to enjoy.

**Roar—Life is Wild - God is Good!**

**Vacation Bible School**
It has certainly been quite wild this week at Vacation Bible School. We have had up to 77 children participating. Over 30 adult volunteers each night and up to 27 youth volunteers. The adult Bible study has had up to 38 participants. It has been fun learning, eating and playing with our neighbors at the Methodist Church. God is Good!

**OPERATION KID TO KID**
Participants in Vacation Bible school are giving to Operation Kid to Kid and World Vision. Each donation will help women and children in communities throughout Zambia. These donations provide:
- Community health worker visits to pregnant women to give them important information and help they need.
- Help monitoring children’s growth and nutrition.
- Vitamin A to prevent blindness and reduce risk of illness or death from common infections.
- Education for moms & dads on the food and nutrients their children need.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 11 — Rally Day and Missions Dinner**

**Wednesday, August 14 — WATCH Resumes**

**Sunday, October 13 — Fish Fry**

**Sunday, October 27 — Reformation/Scottish Heritage Sunday**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Stated Session Meeting**
Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 PM

**Christian Education Committee**
Sunday, July 28, 8:30 AM

**Finance Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, August 7, 5:00 PM

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

**MFPC Treasurer Report**

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**Year To Date:**

| Receipts    | $295,998    | $281,629 |
| Expenses    | ($237,539)  | ($255,943) |
| Net Income (Loss) | $58,459 | $25,686 |

**CORNERSTONES**

**Cornerstones Meeting Birthday Celebration** — Monday, July 22, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Cost: $5. Signed up: Susan, Beth, Joyce, Bea, Jim, Anne, Lynda, Virginia, Ponches

**Movie Night** — Thursday, August 8 — We will be showing “Parental Guidance” with Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. Serving pizza, popcorn, and movie candy. Cost is $5.

**Anniversary Dinner & Bingo** — Monday, August 19, 5:30 pm

**Lunch on the Road** — Thursday, August 22, 11:00 am

**SUMMER YOUTH NEWS**

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer so far. Thank you to all the youth who have helped with VBS this week. You Rock!!! There will be a parents and youth meeting on Sunday, August 11th at 5:00. We will plan out our fall calendar. So everyone needs to be in attendance. Remember the old saying: “Many hands make light work!!”

**FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

**THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Please bring the following items and put them in the marked tub by August 11th:
- Deodorant (Significant Need)
- Body Spray
- Dry erasers & Dry erase markers
- Clorox wipes
- Dish soap
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Sturdy backpacks for teens
- Copy paper
- Nail Polish & Nail files
- Index paper
- Paper
- Razor blades
- Body Spray

Does anyone know the good place the lapel mikes are stored? Please let Steve Fritz, Jay Ussery, or Susan Pearson know.

**MISSIONS DINNER**

Sunday, August 11, following church

Menu:
- Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll, Peach Cobbler

Donation: $8/plate

Tickets available in the church office or from Dr. June

Benefits FDP — Women & Children in Bangladesh

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children’s Sunday School and Children’s Church will meet in the Fellowship Hall through August 4.

**BULLETIN BOARD OF MEMBERS**

Thank you to Susan Turner and her helper Anna Carlton for putting up the Members in the Newspaper Bulletin Board. If you are in the newspaper, please cut your picture out and give to Susan Turner or Susan Pearson.

**HELPING HANDS BOX**

Thank you!! Hope House received items for their Mommy Mall.

Now it is time to collect toys for the Colquitt County Children’s Toy Shop.

These toys will be delivered to children for Christmas. New toys or gently used second hand toys are welcomed. Summer is a great time to clean out those toy boxes to get ready for the next year.