

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

March 28, 2019

Up-Coming Congregational Meeting

At the request of the 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee the Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for **Sunday, April 14, 2019, immediately following our service of worship**. The congregation will act on two (2) items of business.

- I. First, we will elect our **2019 Congregational Nominating Committee**. The 2018 Committee is recommending **four church members**, not currently serving on the Session or the Diaconate: 1) **Beth Bates**, 2) **Diane Herndon**, 3) **John Peters**, and 4) **Susan Turner**. During the election, the floor will be opened for other nominations from the congregation. Should there be additional nominations, voting will be by ballot with the top four being elected. The four elected at-large members will join **two session members, David Kirkland, Frank Horkan** (or **Bud Stringer**), and **one deacon, Brett Johnson**, to complete our 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee. These currently serving officers were named to the 2019 Committee by virtue of their committee appointments on the Session and the Diaconate, in accordance with the church's Manual of Operations.

A word about nominations: If you wish, or plan to put an additional name in nomination for election, you must first check with that person to be certain they will serve if elected. Any nominee must be a currently active member of Moultrie First Presbyterian, a person of strong Christian character, someone who loves this church and will dedicate his or herself to the work of this committee. In order to place another name in nomination, you must be present at the meeting.

- II. Secondly, the congregation will act on the recommendation from the Session to elect **the Rev. Dr. Hugh B. Ward** to the status of **Pastor Emeritus of Moultrie First Presbyterian Church**. This is an honor conferred on Hugh by the congregation in gratitude for his twenty-two years of faithful service and leadership to this church. This is an honor for Hugh, the time for which has long since come. There are no responsibilities attached to this position, other than that Hugh agrees to continue to love us and pray for us. Unfortunately for Hugh, the pay is dismal!

If I had my druthers, I would schedule this meeting on any Sunday other than Palm Sunday or Easter, but time is of the essence. We need to elect the 2019 Nominating Committee in order for them to begin their work on nominations for our PNC, and it is already past time for us to say "Thank-you!" to Hugh. Please make your plans to be present!

The grace and peace of our risen Lord be with you,
Dr. G.

CONCERNS

Immediate Concerns

*Bill Acuff *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)

CHURCH PICNIC AND EGG HUNT

April 14 at Quailridge

John & Mary Norman welcome us back to Quailridge for our annual picnic and Easter Egg Hunt. A team of men will be grilling chicken for us. Faye & Bonnie will be bringing the drinks and extras. Bring your family, a side dish, and chairs or a blanket and enjoy a beautiful spring day in God's beautiful world. Parents bring a dozen plastic eggs stuffed with candy (not chocolate) for the youth to hide. Children bring your Easter baskets to put the eggs you find in them. Easter Egg Hunt starts at 4:30. We plan to eat at 5:30.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On Sunday we blessed Prayers Shawls. The current participants in the Prayer Shawl Ministry are Dianne Klar, Suzanne Christensen, Betty Loome, Beth Sheahan, Susan Pearson, Nancy Coleman, Jane Fraser, & Dottie Ward. You are welcome to join them on the first Wednesday of the Month (In April it will be the second Wednesday, April 10th) to knit or crochet prayer shawls. With every stitch they know God is also weaving His love and care into the Prayer Shawl. Prayer shawls are given to people in need of prayer. People who are sick, hospitalized, mourning a family member, or welcoming a new baby into the world. Prayer shawls come in all colors and have been given to people in Moultrie or people far away (217 in all). If you know someone who needs a prayer shawl, you are welcome to get one from the parlor and sign it out. Then wrap the shawl around your friend with prayer so your friend can also feel God's love and comfort.

CORNERSTONES

Dinner on the Road—Wednesday, April 3—Meet at the church at 5 pm. Signed up: Susan, Bea, Virginia, Ben

Lunch on the Road to Sale City Community Center—Meet at the church at 11 am. Cost: \$5. Signed up: Susan, Joyce, Carol

Church Picnic—Sunday, April 14—Contact Susan if you want a ride to the picnic at Quailridge.

Cornerstones Lunch Meeting—Monday, April 15, 11:30 am, \$5—Serving chicken soup & salad

Movie Night—Thursday, April 25, 5:30 pm, \$5—We will be watching "Pillow Talk" with Hudson & Day and will serve pizza, popcorn, and movie candy.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Madeline Norman

★ **Parents:** Carrie and Andy Norman

★ **What are your plans after high school?:** Attend The College of Coastal Georgia

★ **Best High School Memories:** I really enjoyed being a part of the high school play, "Tarzan," with Brenna, Isabella, and Mary Madelyn.

★ **Best Youth/Church Memories:** My best memory was during the ski trip with all of the youth this year. I picked up the wrong pair of skis (so they would stay locked into my boots). So that made me fall the whole time trying to come down the mountain. Everyone was waiting on me. Finally, John Melvin and Brenna walked up the slopes and helped me walk down.

★ **Favorite Bible verse and or bible story:** Romans 5:3-4 - Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.



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FROM THE KITCHEN

Since next week is Spring Break for the schools, we will not have a WATCH meal. Make plans to join us during the month of April.

MENU for APRIL 10, 2019

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Cubed Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Harvard Beets, Rolls, Broccoli Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

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

DESSERTS: Hummingbird Cake, Chocolate Cake with Butter Cream Frosting, Cookies, Ice Cream

MENU for APRIL 17, 2019

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Beef Brisket, Rice/Gravy, White Peas, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Frozen Fruit and Nut Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

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

DESSERTS: German Chocolate Upside Down Cake, Banana Pudding, Cookies, Ice Cream

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Seeing the crosses around town, reminds us that an eternal battle has already been won on our behalf. We can now hopefully await the victory's manifestation at Christ's Return. Christ has died; Christ has risen; and Christ will come again.

In Christ, Faye