



Earthquake Relief

Upon the recommendation of our Mission Outreach Committee, our Session authorized giving \$10,000 from the Elizabeth Spoor Mission Fund to the Caring House Project Foundation in response to the January earthquake in Haiti. These funds were responsible for chartering a plane of 3,000 lbs of food which provided 15,000 meals. ❖



Be Yourself

by Rev. Aaron Janklow



What draws people to church? Why do adults, young professionals, and youth choose to spend their time participating in worship or different church programs? While a desire to grow in faith and learn more about the Triune God will certainly rank high on the list, another quality that we strive for is to be a community where people feel comfortable to do so. Each day, no matter the age, we each face different challenges and situations, and they don't always affirm us as a child of God. Integral in helping people grow in faith is affirming that they are valued and loved by God, regardless of what they encounter. This is what we strive for each week at Youth Group, or any other program that the church offers. No matter what the world tells them, which I hope is largely positive, we tell them that they are loved by Christ and that this is a place where they can relax, have fun, and grow in faith, all while being themselves. ❖

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Reflections...

Theodore A. Bush, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

"Easter is Coming"

Easter is coming! When it arrives, will we be adequately prepared to celebrate the beauty and enjoy the excitement that accompanies this holiest of Christian days?

Or, will we become so preoccupied and distracted by the fluffy rabbits, chocolate bunnies and colorful marshmallow "Peeps", that we forget the hope-filled promise that accompanies the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Can we take the time necessary to realize the importance that God's gift of everlasting life has for our own lives and the lives of our loved ones?

Soon, Holy Week will come to an end. It will culminate with the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

As much as we are encouraged by the Church and tradition to make sacrifices during the Lenten season, my guess is that most of us, including me, have made very few. We probably would have done



well if we set aside more time than usual to reflect upon the life, teachings, suffering, and death of our Lord.

In this world, no one cannot escape the sorrow and pain that accompanies death. Whether it comes naturally or unexpectedly, death makes its mark and takes its toll on everyone. Still, as Christians, we are reminded by the wonderful news of Christ's resurrection that God continues to give life to the mortal soul. For this, we must be eternally grateful. Regardless of whatever may happen to us or to our loved ones, God always has the final word. Ultimately, that word always is "life".

This Easter, let us celebrate the joyous news of Christ's resurrection and God's promise that our own resurrection eventually will come. Let us do so with grateful hearts. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Happy Easter. ❖

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Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday Services

In the Sanctuary
March 28th – 9 & 11 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Communion

In the Sanctuary
April 1st – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Taizé Prayer Service

In the Sanctuary
April 2nd – 8 a.m.

Easter Sunday Services

In the Sanctuary
April 4th – 9 & 11 a.m.

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please notify the church office. Even if you give the name of the church upon admission, the hospital will NOT notify us.



Youth Sunday was a Success

On Sunday, February 28th, the youth of our church led our congregation in worship during both worship services. Maxx Esteves designed the bulletin cover with true artistic skill. Amanda Tidmore thrilled the congregants with her piano Prelude and Postlude. Bailey Warren brought tears to everyone's eyes as she performed a Musical Mediation on violin.



The Liturgical Dancers of Siena Del Mastro, Taylor Dykstra, Olivia Gaudree, Lauren Hammett and Anika Kinnear brought smiles to everyone's faces. Siena Del Mastro wrote and directed the

Drama, "God is With You" and the actors, Siena Del Mastro, Taylor Dykstra, Olivia Gaudree, Miles Knapp, William Miranda and Katherine Owen performed their parts with real theatrical talent.



The Adult and Children's Time, led by Jesse Esteves and Siena Del Mastro, was enjoyed by the adults who sat on the floor and steps of the Chancel. Kurt Bagwell, Jr., Michael Miranda, Trent Talbot and Kate Tanner each gave personal and meaningful messages for the day.

Coordinated by Rev. Janklow, Jim Poch and Rev. Happy Kinnear, this very special and memorable Youth Sunday service was enthusiastically received by the congregation, which is proud of what the youth produced. ❖



Church Improvement Committee

by Barbara Vanderkay

Having deposited \$22,000 from our Step-Above-Rummage Sale (an all-time record!), we are ready to turn our attention to the next item on our yearly calendar, the Holly House workshops which lead toward the Holly Days Bazaar next November. Beginning on **Tuesday, April 6th**, all women of the church, and their friends, are invited to gather at Holly House (39 Gleason Street) to make the crafts we plan to sell at the bazaar.

Our first meeting is always "Show and Tell", when we are glad to learn what different ideas members of the group have gleaned in their travels. We like to see samples of possible new products for our line. (Samples will be returned if desired). We will start the actual work on **Thursday, April 8th**, and continue



through the summer, with usually a two week vacation as agreed by the group.

Each session runs from **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**, although some women generally stay longer and enjoy lunch together. This is the friendliest group in the church, and we welcome craft experts, novices, sewers, flower arrangers, artists, and just plain congenial women. We don't require any commitment, just come when you can. If you want to take something to work on while you are away, we can usually find an unfinished kit or some other thing that appeals to you. If you don't get it done, just bring it back when you return for somebody else to take over.

Our jewelry ladies request that you check your collection of costume jewelry and bring in your unwanted pieces. "Old to you, to others, new." A corny quote, but still true.

Come join the group and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are doing something that will directly benefit our beautiful church, while you have a pleasant morning with old and new friends. ❖



Deacons' Corner

*by Kim Winker and
Richard Schaublin*

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. —1 Peter 4:10

The "Meet Your Deacon Sunday" reception may have been last month, but here you can meet and read about some of the new Deacons recently installed to serve you, our church and God.



For new Deacon **Don DeMarco**, joining First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach was a spiritual journey. Growing up a strict Roman Catholic in a prosperous suburb of Baltimore and

attending Catholic school shaped his formative years.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Don received his appointment as a commissioned officer from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. After serving two years, he was honorably discharged as an LTJG.

Then his career took him to IBM and UNIVAC which gave him 15 years experience in sales and in computers. Don's entrepreneurial streak led him to found Eastern Data Products Corp., a successful computer company with offices in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, which he ran for 23 years. Don married his college sweetheart and has two beautiful girls.

Seemingly, Don's life was blessed and he had it all, but Don found himself asking, "Was I really happy?" He says, "My morals were very high but the motivation was out of fear not out of love. The Catholic's 'Blood and Thunder' teaching of the 'Thou shalt nots' was just too extreme for me to handle."

In 1972, his 16-year marriage ended in divorce, so Don joined a movement called the Divorced Catholic Group where he became part of its board of directors. After a few years, the group faded

away as the movement was suppressed by the Vatican, but it was there that Don realized love was a more powerful motivator than fear.

Following this revelation, Don found himself without an organized religion and acting as a "Cafeteria Catholic." That changed when Derryl Kasler, who sings in our choir, invited Don to our church about ten years ago. Don recalls, "I liked what I saw. Here is an organized Christian church that preaches love as the motivator in life not fear."

Now, Don has become a Deacon and says, "I have gleefully (gratefully) accepted this opportunity and look forward to offering my experience, my love and my enthusiasm to others in the Name of Christ."



Each year the Board of Deacons gets a makeover with new Deacons being installed. One of those fresh-faced Deacons is **Jeane Forrest** who happens to be the queen of makeovers. Jeane is a successful Mary Kay Sales Director and has been helping people look their best for over 13 years.

Jeane, who was originally from the Philippines, met her late husband George in Belize and then moved to Florida in 1990. She and George became members of our church after their daughter Amber was born 19 years ago. They wanted Amber to be baptized and raised as a Christian.

As an active member of the congregation since she joined, Jeane has helped with Holly House, taught Sunday School for many years and participated in the Presbyterian Women's Organization, among many other activities. She also does mission work outside the church with Gawad Kalinga, an organization that builds homes for the poorest of the poor in the Philippines.

As a Deacon, she will chair the Special Events Committee and appreciates that she will be "able to do more of God's work and really make a difference."

Deacon **Ed Jessell** and his wife Gail found their church home when they found First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach a decade ago. The spectacular music program, friendly congregation and Dr. Bush's "meaningful and to-the-point sermons" drew them in. They have been active members ever since. For Ed, doing his part to support God's work



is a necessity.

Ed currently is a member of the church's Property Committee and has been President of the Men's Club and also served as its Secretary/Treasurer. As a wood-working enthusiast, Ed enjoys making items out of wood for the Holly House. When his wife Gail served as a Deacon, he was happy to help her with many Deacon duties, including delivering flowers and the Deacons' Christmas Tree.

Ed is a Johnstown, Pennsylvania native, but a longtime Florida resident. He lived in Punta Gorda and Southwest Florida for many years before moving to Boynton Beach in 1984. Ed worked 27 years for Motorola before retiring. We are so happy and blessed to have Ed on our Board of Deacons!



We have Deacon Gayle Stevens to thank for introducing the congregation to **Garrie Thompson** who is a relatively newcomer to our church. In 2009, he was baptized here and then became a new member

in the fall. "I enjoyed the enthusiasm and Christian fellowship of Dr. Bush, Rev. Aaron, other Deacons, and the congregation of the church," Garrie says.

Garrie has been incredibly involved with our church right out of the gate. You may have seen him as a greeter or serving you punch out on the patio many Sundays. Now, as a Deacon, he looks forward to working on the Special Events Committee and contributing to the "positive energy" our church radiates.

When not serving our church, Garrie serves his community as clinical psychologist and a neuropsychologist in private practice in Boca Raton. This Chatham, Virginia native and Florida resident since 1984, is also on the board of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Boca Raton and belongs to the American Psychological Association and the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

Garrie looks forward to becoming more involved with the church and the community. He is already well on his way! ❖

Holy Week Music and Meditation

Monday, March 29th through **Friday, April 2nd** of Holy Week, our Sanctuary will be open for personal prayer and reflection from **noon until 1 p.m.** Our organists, Don Cannarozzi and Jim Poch, along with three other local, professional organists, will play appropriate music from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to deepen your spiritual involvement during Holy Week in preparation for Easter. ❖

Presbyterian Women Present...

Spring Fling Beauty and Fashion with Mary Kay



by Barbara Vanderkay

Mark your calendars. On Friday, April 16th at 2 p.m., the Presbyterian Women's Organization invites all women of the church to come and see what is new for spring in Beauty and Fashion, presented by Jeane Forrest, a church member and Mary Kay Sales Director. Jeane is donating her entire 40% commission on the proceeds to the PWO for the (Presbyterian) Thornwell Home for Children and the Milagro Center. Thank you Jeane. Call Nancy Freeman (278-2107) or Jeane Forrest (809-3862) to make your reservations. There is no charge for this event in Fellowship Hall and refreshments will be served. ❖

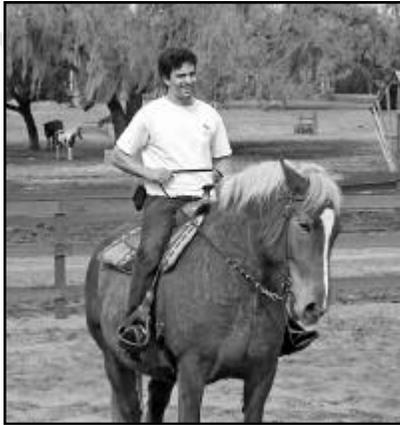
Celebration of Eternal Life...

Our Deepest Sympathy as a congregation is extended to the family of the following member upon the death of their loved one:

Patricia Owen - March 15, 2010 ❖

Circle F Dude Ranch 2010

by William Miranda



"Dude Ranch" is the title of an album by the teen music sensation Blink-182, but Dude Ranch is also the name of the place where the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach went for their retreat in January. Our theme for this

trip was how God wants us Dead or Alive. We used the Song Dead or Alive by Bon Jovi as our trip's theme song. Aaron Janklow, our Youth Minister, was the one who brought this all together and took 51 people from our church with him to the camp site. This was a great experience that everyone enjoyed.

On the first night, we got to know everyone by playing a name game, and then we settled down for s'mores by the camp fire, where we gave thanks for the food and that everyone arrived safely. After the prayers, the kids broke off into their



own groups and so did the adults, though it wasn't long until everyone went to bed. Aaron once said that when you are with other people you learn more about yourself. For example, everyone who went on the camping trip knows now that Aaron talks in his sleep because all the guys in the boys' cabin woke up and heard him talk about how exercising is great at 4:30 in the morning.



The next day we ate breakfast, a meal of cereal, pancakes, grits, and eggs. We then played a little volleyball outside the cafeteria, went to our first worship there, we sang songs like "Sanctuary", "Open the Eyes of My Heart" and "Dead or Alive" by Bon Jovi. Aaron then had us break into our age groups and gave us things to do - the teens worked on giving a skit for prayer to



everyone. Later we dispersed into our groups and kayaked, played on the playground, and tried archery. We all then got back together for horse-back riding. Next,



we played a huge game of kickball, a sport that Aaron is really good at, and in my opinion, takes very seriously. We had dinner and a hayride after that. When everyone seemed exhausted, we settled down for some entertainment from

our group's talent show. Almost everyone participated and had a good time. Once it got dark, we gathered around the fire and made s'mores. We then broke off into our small groups once more. That night in the boys' cabin we learned a new thing about our Youth Minister - he snores really loudly. When we told him in the morning, he was in disbelief, denying that he talks or snores - but he's not the one who stayed up listening to him.



The next day, our last day, we ate breakfast and then we went to our version of Sunday church. It was a beautiful day where we sat outside on benches and sang our songs, and performed our skits for the group. We all then said goodbye, wishing that it would never end, but asserting that we would all meet next Sunday. ❖

Monday Morning Bible Study Retreat



On Monday, February 22nd, Dr. Cal Jackson led the members of the Monday Morning Bible Study at a retreat at the Quail Ridge Country Club. The discussion on "The Grace of Receiving and Giving" was enjoyed by all of the participants. ❖



Presbyterian Women's Tea



On Friday, February 26th, the Presbyterian Women hosted a Tea at the St. Andrew's Club. This fundraiser for the Achievement Center for Children & Families, was attended by almost 100 women. ❖



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Sunday Morning Worship Services

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Please join us on Sunday mornings as we worship the Living God together.

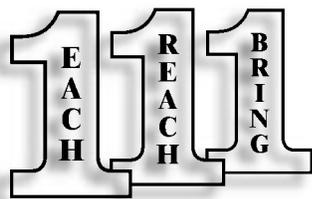
Adult Church School 10 a.m.

Children's Church School 10 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 11 a.m.

Middle School Youth Fellowship 5 p.m.

Senior High Youth Fellowship 6 p.m.



Stephen Ministry - Calling All Men

by Bob Foster

As a man who has been a Stephen Minister for almost thirty years, I am well aware that many men, including me, are not very good at sharing feelings or asking for help. Consequently, when hit by one of life's difficult challenges, we too often elect to go it alone.

Why is this so? Perhaps it is somewhat inherent in the male gender as a survival of the fittest instinct. It may also be reinforced by our training in sports, business, or other competitive endeavors not to reveal our weaknesses by letting down our guard.

Whatever the reasons, when facing a life crisis, often brought on by a significant loss, it is neither necessary nor in our best interest to try to struggle through

it on our own. Such burdens can be made lighter when shared.

That is the concept and purpose of Stephen Ministry: to provide a trained Christian caregiver to listen to, understand, and support with prayer and compassion, someone experiencing a difficult time, in a highly confidential, one-on-one relationship. A man is paired with a compatible male Stephen Minister. The caring relationship may last as long as the crisis exists or the care receiver feels it is helpful.

Men, there is no need to be concerned that you will be made to feel like Job when his "friends" came to see him, or told to "get over it ...it could be worse."

If you are a man who is currently going through a difficult time, or know such a man, ask me in confidence about my experience with Stephen Ministry, or contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Rev. Garnett or Dick Walgrove, or fill out the pew card and drop it in the offering plate. ❖

