



Mark Your Calendars

by Noel Smith



On August 2nd, Reverend Aaron Janklow will begin his ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach. On that Sunday, Reverend Janklow will be joining Dr. Theodore Bush for the morning service at 10:00 a.m. His arrival concludes a national search for the Associate Pastor position created with the retirement of Reverend Joan Abell.

When called to Delray Beach, Reverend Janklow was a Pastor in Residence at the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan. A Phi Beta Kappa at Temple University, Reverend Janklow continued his studies at Edinburgh University and then went on to earn his Master of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary.

In an earlier *Spire* article, the story was told of how "Reverend Aaron" saw the church steeple from the beach and was drawn to this historic property. He initiated a process that culminated in his "call" to the church.

The call process itself is involved and comprehensive. A Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) must be designated by the congregation. Those who are asked to serve give a significant commitment of time and energy to the process, along with their best wisdom. Election to the PNC is considered a "sacred trust". Those accepting this responsibility for the church were Jerry Barding, Tom Elliott, Dr. Jim Fisher, Dr. Beth King, Tim Knapp, Pat Moss, Mary Jane Sickel, Rob Tanner and Bob Teninga. Kellen Smith, currently enrolled at Princeton Theological Seminary, assisted in the interview process. Senior Pastor Theodore Bush was available for advice and counsel.

Much of the call process is not apparent in a casual review. There is extensive paperwork required of the church. There are ads to be written, a CIF (Church Information Form) to be completed, applications to be collected and responded to, interviews to be conducted, references to be checked, meetings to be held, and ultimately a selec-

tion to emerge; a selection that must meet the approval of the congregation. The PNC appreciates the efforts of the church staff that assisted in the process, namely our Office Manager, Nancy Fine.

Additional thanks should be directed to the pastoral staff who have been there when needed over the last few months; Reverend Jo Garnett, Reverend Linda Harper, and Reverend Happy Kinnear. Credit should also be given to our Christian Educators, both volunteers and staff members, who have provided programming and continuity at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach.

On May 3rd, a Special Congregational Meeting was set up for the sole purpose of approving the call. Church members were provided with Rev. Janklow's resume and Personal Information Form (PIF). At the meeting, the selection process was chronicled and the members of the PNC were thanked. Special recognition was directed toward Dr. Bush for his support of the Pastor Nominating Committee. In addition, it was also noted that this year the church will celebrate twenty-five years under the leadership of Dr. Bush. That event is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th.

The Special Congregational Meeting ended with a unanimous decision to approve a call to Reverend Aaron Janklow, to serve as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach. Rarely do Presbyterians speak with one voice, but that was the result of the secret ballot administered by our Clerk of Session, Bob Moss. (Reverend Janklow was given the paper with the final tally as a memento of the occasion.)

A remembered quote from the Special Congregational Meeting is repeated, "First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach has not had a losing season. In fact, we've had 25 years of winning seasons. However, this morning, we are getting a first round draft pick!" That observation brought smiles and applause from the congregation. The biggest smile might be coming from the elder Mr. Janklow, father of Aaron, who has spent years providing the audio for the National Football League.

The Installation of our new Associate Pastor, Reverend Aaron Philip Janklow, is scheduled for the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday August 16th. Please join us for this happy occasion. ❖

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Reflections...

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

"to it"

For about as long as I can remember, I begin every summer with the resolution that I am going to clean out my garage. During the 25 summers that we have lived in the same Florida home, I confess that I did clean out the garage once. It stayed clean for about an hour until one of our daughters moved her things back from California.

Now, I sit on the precipice of another summer, telling myself that this year I finally will get around to cleaning it out for sure. Ha! Who am I kidding? Why would this summer be any different from most other years?

Goodness, as I told Mary, we can't even move into the old folks home yet because our garage isn't cleaned out. Of course, if putting off cleaning it out would postpone the aging process then we would be in great shape. However, I don't think that this will happen.

So it is that all of those empty Coke bottles, the historic magazines and everything else imaginable to man, woman and garage critters remains. I even have suggested to some people that if anyone looked hard enough, they might find Jimmy Hoffa hiding among the boxes in my garage.

Of course, I have no one to blame for this except myself. This is a solo guilt trip that I must assume full responsibility for now and for the foreseeable future.

All of this reminds me of how much time each of us spends not doing those things in life that we know and keep saying we should do. Instead, we tend to postpone doing many things until we finally have time to get around to it.



Such things include telling the people who are closest to us how much we love them and how much they mean to us. They include writing letters or making phone calls to people we know while there still is time left to do it. It means vis-

iting with someone whom we have known long enough that we keep telling ourselves we want to see them, yet never get around to doing it.

Putting things off also is something that we may find ourselves doing with God. We know we should pray, but it can wait until tomorrow. We know that we should go to church more often, but let's play golf while the weather is nice and attend church when the climate is rainy. Then, when it rains, we don't want to get wet so we stay home.

Life is filled with putting things off until we finally get around to it. Well, I know that if I pass away before my garage gets cleaned out, like it or not, Mary and our children will take care of emptying it out and cleaning it. But, if I pass away without getting my life straightened out with God, now that is another story completely, isn't it? How about you? ❖

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Our Deepest Sympathy as a congregation is extended to the families of the following members upon the death of their loved ones:

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Deacons' Corner

Amber Forrest Receives Deacons' Scholarship

by Kim Winker

The Board of Deacons recently bestowed its first-ever scholarship award to a deserving graduating senior, Amber Forrest. Amber received the \$1,200 scholarship from the Deacons during the church service on May 31st. The Deacons' Scholarship Committee, comprised of Chairwoman Alexandra Harris, Sid Breman and Grant Winker, reviewed Amber's application for the Deacons' Scholarship and was impressed with her commitment to God and our church as well as her academic record. They presented her application to the Board of Deacons which voted unanimously to give Amber this scholarship for her studies at the University of Florida.



Amber has been a member of our congregation since she was a toddler and has grown up with the love of God and the love of our church family in her life. With guidance from her proud parents Jeane and George (deceased), she has grown up with solid Christian values, knowing the importance of mission work and volunteering to improve our local and international community. She has been involved with several of our church's youth group activities, taught Bible Bunch classes and cared for children in our weekly nursery care. Outside of church, Amber has volunteered for the Caridad Center's Homework Enrichment Program and even traveled to her mother's homeland in the Philippines last summer to continue her mission work, and along with her mother, is setting up a feeding program for the impoverished children of the high school her mother attended.

At school, Amber was a stellar student at Atlantic Community High School where she recently graduated with an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma and will enter the University of Florida as a sophomore in the fall! She was quite active in school activities including her high school's marching band color guard, National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society tutoring program. Additionally, she is a gifted singer and pianist.

Amber believes, "God has blessed me with multiple talents that I am not only grateful for, but that I also have used and plan on using in hopes of bettering my community. I feel that sharing the gifts God gave you is a great way to show your appreciation for them."

Congratulations, Amber! We pray for your bright and successful future. ❖

2010 Deacons' Scholarship News...

The purpose of the Deacons' Scholarship Fund is to assist deserving members of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach who are pursuing full-time higher education and have been involved in church and mission activities. The Deacons voted to pass the revamped requirements recommended by the Scholarship Committee for the 2010 scholarships and upped the individual awards to \$2,000. The deadline for applications is March 21, 2010.

The Deacons would like to send a call to the many generous members of our church who might be interested in donating or bequeathing to the Deacons' Scholarship Fund. Another option is to be a matching donor for funds raised by the Deacons. If you would like more information about eligibility requirements and how to apply or to donate to the Deacons' Scholarship Fund, please contact Alexandra Harris at 276-1998. ❖

Church Improvement Committee

by Barbara Vanderkay

Inexorably, the summer days roll by and soon fall will be upon us. It's hard to believe that the Holly Days Bazaar is just around a couple of corners – on November 13th and 14th, to be exact. Holly House is now busy every Tuesday and Thursday meeting at 9:30 a.m., with eager crafters making articles for the bazaar. All women of the church and their friends will have a cordial welcome if they decide to join the group. Craft experience, fine; sewing experience, fine; nothing but willing hands and a friendly spirit, fine. This is the most active women's group in the church, and it is always open to new workers. Come when you can and try it out.

Our mango jam, chutney and zucchini relish are now available. Stop by to pick some up, or call Regie at 495-5376. These are special recipes and this is the only place to buy them.

Don't forget our jewelry table at the bazaar. We need good costume jewelry, old to you, perhaps, but new and different to someone else. The jewelry ladies appreciate your donations and their early arrival, so the items can be checked, cleaned and priced ahead of time.

One more thing, the loyal and stalwart summer workers have decided that a two week vacation at the end of August is appropriate again this year. Therefore, Holly House will be closed from Tuesday, August 25th until Tuesday, September 8th, the day after Labor Day. To help you remember, put a sad face on your calendar on August 25th and 27th, and September 1st and 3rd, with a big smiley face on September 8th when we meet again with renewed vigor for the final push toward the bazaar. What we do is important to the church, and a source of gratification and pleasure for us. ❖

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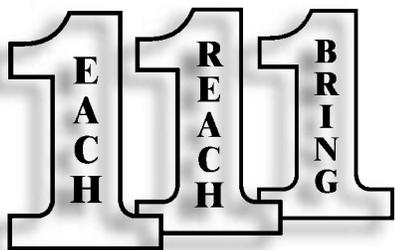
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Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 a.m.

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



More Life Lessons...

by Leslie Horenburger

As many of you know, I recently had hip replacement surgery. Yes, it was "Hip Hip Away" on June 1st, followed by my first real hospital stay and extended recovery at home. I guess you could say I've been blessed with fairly good health up to this point and having been very active all my life, this event forced me to face a whole new lifestyle... at least temporarily.

As with other events in my life, I've come to view most experiences as events from which I must learn a lesson, or two, or three. I used to say to myself, "When will I ever graduate? When will I know



everything I need to know?" Well, I've discovered that "Graduation Day" is the day you take your last breath and until then, life provides us with many opportunities to learn and to enhance our spiritual life. So I will be, as we all are, a lifetime student.

Having never experienced surgery of this caliber before, I was very aware that there were many lessons to be learned. But I was very surprised at the most meaningful lesson that this event offered.

How would I ever have known how important the cards, flowers, calls, gifts and visits from friends and loved ones would be? It was such a joy to open my mail and see get well wishes and messages of love and prayers. As my "wings" were clipped, no driving

temporarily, and I was feeling fine, I was more than happy to have visitors stop by to pass the time and socialize. My house was filled with beautiful bouquets and thoughtful gifts. I was overwhelmed and grateful. It made me think. I looked for the lesson.

I began to examine my own actions when others were suffering with illness or convalescence. Had I been as attentive and caring as I should have? Maybe yes; maybe no. In the end, I had to admit that I could do more to bring some joy to the lives of those who are suffering even if it is just sending a card or making that call. I'd rather be sending the cards than receiving them in the future! I'm going to try to stay healthy!

Yes, I learned a lesson and I suspect that I am going to be one of Hallmark's best customers! How about you? ❖